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Promoting Strategic Economic Growth and Vitality

Everyone is Welcome at
the Three Forks

Business Dinner & Chamber Annual Meeting

Save the Date

March 28th, 2019
at
The Gathering Place
at the Lewis & Clark Motel

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CHAMBER MONTHLY MEETING
2nd Monday of the month.

2019 Three Forks Annual Rodeo will be held July 19th & 20th, 2019!
Please help spread the word!

Next TF Chamber Meeting
Monday, March 11th, 2019—at 12 pm (Noon)
Location TBA
All Members Encouraged and Welcome to Attend!

*Get Involved
For the
Greater Good!*

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE INFORMATION

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President—Brooke Leugers, Member
Vice President—Karen Walton, Member
Treasurer—Ranee Berg, Chiropractic Clinic of Three Forks
Secretary—JR Tonjum, Venture West Realty
Board Member—Tara Forsberg, Stageline Pizza
Board Member—Jeff Elliott, Three Forks Schools
Board Member—Chuck Wambeke, Industrial Automation Consulting
Executive Director—Connie Hussung
Website Administrator—Katie LaLiberty



Three Forks Chamber of Commerce Unapproved Minutes February 11th, 2019

The February Chamber meeting was held at the Three Forks City Hall Office. Present at the meeting were President, Brooke Leugers (Member); Vice-President, Karen Walton (Member); Treasurer, Rane Berg (Three Forks Chiropractic Clinic); Board Member, Tara Forsberg (Stageline Pizza); Board Member, Jeff Elliott (Three Forks Schools); Board Member, Chuck Wambeke (IAC); Executive Secretary, Connie Hussung; and the following Chamber members: Dave Tudor (Tudor & Associates, CPA); Christina Kamps (Main Street Office); Jack Berg (TF Chiropractic Clinic); Kelly Cooper-Bugland (Traveler's Ink); Tanya Gonzalez (Tanya Gonzalez, CPA); and guest, Melisa Jenkins ("The Voice" newspaper, President)

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Brooke.

Welcome Members and Visitors: Brooke welcomed the members and thanked them for their attendance. Those in attendance introduced themselves.

Approval of Minutes: The January 2019 unapproved minutes were sent prior to the meeting, for review. A motion to accept the meeting minutes was made by Tara Forsberg and seconded by Jeff Elliot. Motion carried.

Treasurer Report: Reports were sent prior to meeting. Rane reviewed the Profit & Loss, Budget to Actuals, and Balance Sheet. Expenses: Chamber General \$1342.89 [V.I.C. telephone \$38.46; Office Operations and Supplies \$60.97; Postage \$167.00 (Membership Renewal letters); Insurance \$1066.92]; Charitable contribution to Whitetail Ranch Center from Stroll Silent Tree Auction \$177.50; and payroll for Connie Hussung \$897.79 (Executive Secretary) and Katie LaLiberty \$119.36 (Website Administrator). Income: Late Christmas Stroll vendor payment \$25 and membership dues \$400. Discussion related to the budget is whether to provide some type of compensation for officers and board members. With the committee's in place, these individuals are now giving additional time and have expense associated with attending meetings. Compensation, such as a credit toward membership was discussed, and this will be further discussed at the March meeting.

Motion to approve Treasurer's Report was made by Chuck Wambeke and seconded by Tara Forsberg. Motion carried.

Executive Secretary Report: Connie reported that the month of January was busy with end-of-the-year reports and membership renewals coming in. Connie also got everything for 2018 filed. She has been receiving positive feedback regard-

ing membership invoices and being able to renew online. The V.I.C. grants were completed and mailed on February 10th. Connie & Rane got together to work on Treasurer Reports. The MT Chamber annual renewal will be placed in next month's payables (\$60.00). There were 57 calls received/returned, 116 emails, 0 visitor packets and 0 relocation packets sent, and 0 tent rentals.

Website Administrator Report: Other than the regular updates and maintenance, the big items I worked on this month were the start of the membership drive and promotion for the Annual Dinner. The website is ready to process 2019 Chamber Membership renewals and new applications. For renewing members, please fill out the shorter form at: <https://threeforksmontana.com/membership/renew/>. New members, please fill out the application on the Join page at: <https://threeforksmontana.com/membership/join/>. We have had a couple members use the online application in January and I have been monitoring the process and updating member's listings as necessary. Also included in January was my time spent creating the Annual Meeting & Dinner save the date advertisement for the Lewis & Clark Journal. Please respond to our Facebook Event and share it with your friends to help spread the word on social media. Feel free to contact me at tfchamber.it@gmail.com if you have any questions about any of our online resources.

Committee Reports: Civic & Economic Development Committee: Jeff Elliott and Chuck Wambeke - Chuck is putting something together for businesses that want to move to Three Forks through a Google spreadsheet. He suggested that the Three Forks Chamber engage with Three Forks businesses to mentor Three Forks high school students with internships for juniors and seniors (possibly including even sophomores and freshman). **Special Events Committee:** Rane Berg and J.R. Tonjum - Rane reported that the Rodeo Dayz is the next event coming up (July) and the committee plans to have a meeting in March. They are open to other ideas for additional events. **Ambassadors Committee:** Karen Walton and Tara Forsberg - The committee met on Feb. 8th at Stageline Pizza. The areas of committee responsibility that were covered were "welcome baskets" for new businesses, ribbon cuttings for new businesses, the Annual Dinner (March 28th) and the first quarterly After-Hours event. Welcome Baskets needing distributed: Be Lazy Quilting, Tear it Up, "The Voice" Newspaper, Headwaters Seat Covers, S & B Salon, Beauty & The Beast Salon (opening after Feb. 13th) After-Hours Event: Tuesday, March 19th from 5-7pm at Stageline Pizza; Theme: "Starting & Maintaining a Business in Three Forks" with two presenters Ribbon Cutting for new member- Be Lazy Quilting- on Saturday, March 16th at noon. Annual Dinner: Thursday, March 28th ALL Three Forks businesses will be invited regardless of

membership. There will be a brief business meeting at the beginning of the dinner, followed by a motivational speaker or a band (TBD). A Facebook event will be created, and it will be advertised among TF publications (website, weekly bulletin, newsletter) and in the *Lewis & Clark Journal*. Nominations will be sent out for the William Sebena Distinguished Service Award. Bids will be sent out for promotional materials and swag.

New Business: Resignation of Secretary: It was announced by Brooke Leugers (President) that JR Tonjum would be resigning as Secretary and would be submitting a letter of resignation in the near future. The Chamber will work on replacing that position as soon as the resignation becomes official. **Check Signing Privileges:** With Rane Berg replacing Tanya Gonzalez as Treasurer and the upcoming resignation of J.R. Tonjum (Secretary), there needs to be a transfer of check signing privileges so that there are three board members on the accounts at Stockman Bank and First Community Bank. Therefore, it was proposed that Rane Berg would replace Tanya Gonzalez and Karen Walton would replace JR Tonjum in these roles.

The motion was made by Chuck Wambeke and seconded by Tara Forsberg. Motion was carried. **Guest Attendee, Melisa Jenkins (President of "The Voice" Newspaper):** Melisa talked about the new weekly newspaper which is located at 608 S. Main Street (lower level of the Three Forks Community Library). The paper's contact information is always on page 4 of the paper. The "Community Calendar" reflects community events and meetings, but currently is only listing school sporting events. The papers are distributed at Three Forks hotels/motels, grocery store, Remuda Coffee, Senior Center, school and the Three Forks Library. They asked for sponsorship from the Chamber of \$20 a month, through December 2019, for the community calendar. Motion to approve this sponsorship was made by Christina Kamp and seconded by Rane Berg.

Old Business: 2019 Chamber Annual Dinner: The dinner will be held at "The Gathering Place" in the Lewis & Clark Motel on Thursday, March 28th. It was decided that the price of each dinner ticket (which includes one drink ticket) was going to be \$58 per person if purchased before March 18th and \$68 if purchased after March 18th. Jack Berg made a motion to accept the proposed ticket prices and Karen Walton seconded. The motion carried.

[*Directors' Stipend & Staff Annual Reviews: will be discussed at the next meeting.]

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held on Monday, March 11 at noon at a location TBD. **Motion to adjourn** was made by Chuck Wambeke and seconded by Tara Forsberg and the meeting adjourned.

Accepting Nominations for William J. Sebena Distinguished Service Award

Please submit your nominations and reason for nominating this individual for the William J. Sebena Distinguished Service Award by email (tfchamber@gmail.com) or by regular mail (PO Box 1103, TF, 59752) by our meeting on March 11th at noon. We will vote on the recipient of the award at the meeting.

"Did You Know"

Last year's TF Annual Rodeo dates (July 13 & 14) were the earliest dates that the Rodeo had ever been held. This year's TF Annual Rodeo dates (July 19 & 20) are the latest dates that the Rodeo has ever been held!!

2019 Three Forks Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting and Business Dinner!!

Here's what's going on at the Three Forks Chamber Annual Meeting and Business Dinner...

- No Host Social Hour & Silent Auction begin at 5:30pm at the Lewis & Clark Motels/The Gathering Place
- Brief Annual Business Meeting at 6:15pm
- Dinner at 6:45pm
- Entertainment at 7:30pm



On the menu: Prime Rib Buffet Style Dinner including yummy sides and Lewis & Clark signature salad.

For Dessert: Classic Cheesecake with raspberry coulis and vanilla bean whip cream. Coffee and Tea Bar will be available!

Before March 18th—Dinner Tickets \$58/person (includes one drink ticket).

After March 18th—Dinner Tickets \$68/person (includes one drink ticket).

Invitations will be in the mail very soon! Please RSVP with your reservations by March 24th.

Sixth Annual William J. Sebena Distinguished Service Award

The Sixth Annual William J Sebena Distinguished Service Award will be given at this year's annual dinner on March 28th, 2019.

This award has been created by Lisa Sebena and the Lewis & Clark Motel in memory of her dad, William Sebena. Lisa has requested that the Chamber seek nominations from its' members and decide on the recipient. Criteria for the award includes: he or she does not have to be a business owner to receive this award, he or she must embrace caring, charitable, and public-spirited values, and have a general regard and respect for the human race and fellow man of any background, without judgment, and can be described as an all-around good person who encompasses a generous spirit and inspires others.

Bill Sebena arrived in Three Forks in the early fifties. Through his many business adventures (including the Lewis & Clark Motel) and his family life, he added plenty of excitement and color to the town of Three Forks. The inspiration for this award is to honor the memory of Bill Sebena and his many years of concern and service to his fellow man, which was his priority throughout his life. Bill was often thought of as a humanitarian, where his primary goal was to recognize the need to help others. World Humanitarian Day is described as a global celebration of people helping people; this award highlights this very idea. It has been established to acknowledge and to recognize others who are also making a difference.

Please submit your nominations and reason for nominating this individual for the William J Sebena Distinguished Service Award by email (tfchamber@gmail.com) or by regular mail (PO Box 1103, TF, 59752) by our meeting on March 11th, 2019.

We will vote on the recipient of the award at the March 11th meeting.



Annual Dinner Auction Items and Goodie Bags

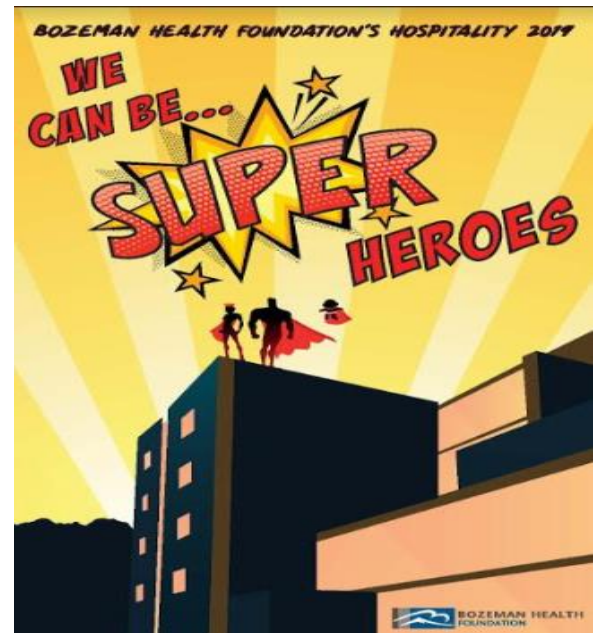
We are accepting silent auction prizes and/or business logo items for the Chamber Annual Dinner Goodie Bags!

Help promote your business by donating to the Silent Auction or to the chamber goodie bags.

For more information about the Silent Auction contact Pat Townsend at mtetnursing@yahoo.com or by cell (580-3164). Pat will be happy to stop by and pick things up!

For more information about the goodie bags contact Connie at 285-4753 or email: tfchamber@gmail.com.

We can pick things up!
We're excited to get the word out about your business!



Bozeman Health Foundation Event

Be sure to mark your calendars and plan to join the Bozeman Health Foundation on April 27 at 6:00pm for one of our region's largest, most celebrated charity galas. We Can Be Super Heroes: Celebrating the Hero in Us All will be held once again at MSU's Strand Union Ballroom, benefitting the NICU. Seats are \$150.00 each and sell out fast. Call the Bozeman Health Foundation at 406-414-1085 to purchase tickets today!

The event will be held at 751 West Grant Street, Bozeman, MT



Three Forks Chamber Committees

**Civic & Economic Development Committee
Committee Leads ~ Chuck Wambeke and Jeff Elliot**

Chuck and Jeff have been busy working with the City employees researching and tracking new businesses moving to TF. They started a Google Sheet in coordination with the City Office to populate the sheet and classify the types of potential businesses moving to our area. Jeff explained the mentorship/Internship possibilities that are being discussed with High School and Jr. High School students. The older students are very busy and most have jobs already, so the focus will likely move to the younger kids in Jr. High. Tanya mentioned the MT State Apprenticeship Program that may be available to sponsor this type of program. The committee is also keeping a pulse on the non-profit organizations in our town and what they have going on. They would like the Chamber to re-engage with these groups like we did last year and work together in all of our efforts. Good communication between all will help everyone involved.

Ambassador Committee

Committee Leads ~ Tara Forsberg and Karen Walton

The TF Chamber 2019 Annual Dinner is in the planning stages with the committee. The annual dinner will be held Thursday, March 28th at the Lewis & Clark Motel/The Gathering Place. The committee is currently working on getting a speaker/entertainment in place. The committee is also putting together welcome baskets to deliver to all businesses in Three Forks. A Business After Hours gathering is also being planned in the coming weeks. The date will be announced very soon.

Special Events Committee

Committee Leads ~ Rane Berg

The Special Events Committee is currently looking for ideas for more events for the community. If you have a great event idea, please get a hold of Rane Berg at the Chiropractic Clinic.

We're off to a good start to our new year! New officers are in place and new committee leads have been appointed. Everyone is ready to hit the ground running to help make our Chamber year one of the best ever!

A sense of enthusiasm and excitement was in the air again at the February meeting! Good things are in the works, and our membership is excited to reach out to all businesses in Three Forks and get them on board. Our community is growing, our community is changing, and our community is full of so much potential! We're ready to grab it by the horns and make the most of every event and every opportunity to help our businesses take advantage of every good thing!

As you all remember, last year we changed the way memberships are renewed. Members are now on a "date to date" schedule. This means that if you renewed your Chamber membership in March, your annual membership renewal will be due in March, 2019...if you renewed in April/May, your annual membership renewal will be due in April/May, 2019 and so on. Membership renewal invoices will be in the mail very soon for those who are due in March, April, and May.

Chamber membership can be renewed online too! Please visit the Chamber website at www.threeforksmontana.com. Follow all the prompts to renew. It can be paid online by using Pay Pal or you can choose the option of mailing a check to the Chamber. Renewing online is fast, easy, and convenient. If you have any questions about the renewal process, please let us know. We are here to help!

We're already off to a **GREAT** year!
Let's work together to make it the **BEST** ever!

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Supporting the Community One Partnership at a Time
Big Brothers, Big Sisters
Irish Celebration!
*A host of traditional Irish dishes, paired with local craft beers and spirits.
Always Ale Works casual. Always chef-driven. Always fun.*
Tuesday, March 12th · 6:00 - 8:00 pm

In support of
Big Brothers Big Sisters
OF GALLATIN COUNTY

Get your tickets now, lads and lassies! \$40
<https://bbbsgc.ejoinme.org/aleworks2019>

All proceeds go to BBBS to provide children with strong, enduring, professionally supported, one-on-one relationships that change lives for the better, forever.

Be Lazy Quilting
Ribbon Cutting Ceremony
Saturday, March 16th at
12:00pm noon
In Honor of
"National Quilting Day"



**The City still has a vacancy on the City Council.
Are you interested in filling the position?**

Every resident of the City of Three Forks who is 18 years of age or older, a citizen of Montana and a qualified elector pursuant to Article IV, Section 2 of the Montana Constitution is eligible to hold the office of council member. Interested candidates shall submit a letter stating their interest to the City Clerk at cturner@threeforksmontanan.us or via mail or hand delivery to City Hall (PO Box 187, Three Forks, MT 59752).

The City of Three Forks and the Three Forks Community Library Board are seeking applicants for the position of a permanent, full-time Library Director for the Three Forks Community Library in Three Forks. This position requires supervisory experience and good organizational skills in addition to knowledge of standard library practices and procedures, computers, budgeting and accounting, program development, and community outreach. A complete job description may be obtained from Melissa Christoffersen (406-285-3747). Wage is \$13.00/hour (or more), DOE and certifications. Position includes health benefits. Early closing date is March 14, 2019, or until filled. For more information contact the Bozeman Job Service (406-582-9200), or Melissa Christoffersen. Submit application/resume to tflibrary@hotmail.com or to the Bozeman Job Service.

Congratulations, Kelly Cooper-Bugland!!

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A-1 Wheatland Self Storage Inc	Horizon Insulation	Stockman Bank—Manhattan
Action Realty Solutions LLC	House of Clean	Tanya R. Gonzalez CPA PC
American Land Title Company	Hyalite Engineers PLLC	The Black Pearl (Nail Spa & Boutique)
American Legion Post #93 and Auxiliary	Imerys Talc North America	Three Forks Area Ambulance
BBG Contractors Inc	Indigo Healing & Massage	Three Forks Automotive Repair
Belgrade News	Industrial Automation Consulting	Three Forks Bible Church
Berkshire Hathaway Home Services	Iron Horse Cafe	Three Forks Christian Center AOG
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Gallatin County	JaMocha Junction	Three Forks Community Library
Blondie Bakes & Catering	J.R. Tonjum-Venture West Realty	Three Forks Family Dentistry
Bob's Plumbing	K & L Mortuaries Inc	Three Forks Market & RV Park
Bozeman Health Deaconess Hospital	Kanta Products Inc	Three Forks Motor Supply
Brooke Leugers	Karen Walton	Three Forks Physical Therapy Inc
Bunkhouse Designs & Embroidery LLC	Keller Williams Montana Realty	Three Forks Public Schools
Camo Heating & Air	K.O.R. Mechanical Inc	Three Forks Saddlery
Challenger Pallet	Land of Magic Steakhouse	Three Forks Storage
Chiropractic Clinic of Three Forks	Land West Real Estate	Three Forks Youth Rec Task Force
City of Three Forks	Legacy Trading	Three Rivers Medical Clinic
Chuteside Vet Clinic	Lewis & Clark Motel/The Gathering Place	Three Forks Rodeo Arena
CRH US Trident Plant	L&L Site Services	Three Valleys Insurance & Real Estate
D & K Excavation	Lone Mountain Flatwork	Thriftway Super Stops
Diane Fuhrman Realty	LRC Montana	Tim's Diesel & Auto Repair
Diane Phillips	M & W Machine Inc	Townsend Dental
Doctor Door	Main Street Office	Traveler's Ink
Farm Bureau Financial Services	Manhattan Bank—Three Forks Branch	Tudor & Associates, Inc
First Baptist Church	Marie Grimm Realtor	United Methodist Church of Three Forks
First Community Bank	McLean Plumbing & Heating	V-42 Fitness
First Security Bank	Missouri River Custom Framing & Studios	Wheat Montana Farms and Bakery
Friends of Three Forks Wrestling	Montana Insurance Inc	Whitetail Ranch Center
Frontier Club	Montana Mountain Massage	Wildflower Designs & Gifts
Gallatin College	Montana Pony Connexion	Willow Creek Schools
Gallatin Insurance	Pathway's Assisted Living Inc	Wilson Engineering PLLC
Gator Gutters	Plaza Bar	Yellowstone Country Food & Beverage
Harmon Enterprises Construction Inc	Ramsey Hardwood Floors	
Headwaters Area Food Bank	ReBoot Computers, LLC	
Headwaters Community Arts Institute	Red Tiger Drilling	
Headwaters Golf Course	Republic Services	
Headwaters Heritage Museum	Restoration Massage Therapy LLC	
Headwaters Livestock Auction LLC	Roadarmel Construction Inc	
Headwaters Storage	Rockin the Rivers	
Headwaters Trail System	Ron's Diesel Repair & Towing Inc	
Headwaters Veterinary Hospital PC	Sausage Equipment & Supply	
Helen's Critter Care	Seiler's Hardware	
Highland Log Homes	Sky View Storage	
Hilltop Electric	Stageline Pizza	



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