

Concrete Chamber of Commerce

Meeting Notes – Oct 9, 2014

- Ghost Walk – Every Saturday night at 6:00 pm plus Thursday, Oct 30 at Concrete Theatre. Attendees MUST purchase tickets online prior to 3:00 pm on the night they are attending. Tickets available through Chamber or Theatre websites which link to Brown Paper Tickets. \$10 each
- Skagit Eagle Festival
 - Interpretive Center lost Kelli as an employee but gained Rose Oliver
 - Kevin Ebi, eagle expert and author from Kirkland, can be available for talks during the festival. He will be at the Interpretive Center on 12/27. His book will be sold at the Center.
 - Marblemount Community Club's Native American themed weekend is scheduled for the 2nd weekend
 - Sponsors for Eagle Festival include Peace Health, Concrete Herald, PSE and Concrete Theatre. Sponsorship cost is approximately \$1000 whether given in money or “like kind” donation.
 - New event this year: Story Time at the Upper Skagit Library each Saturday from 11:00 – 11:45 am.
 - Cindy K will contact a company who does GeoCaching
 - Ovenell's will be doing hayrides, as usual, and the 2nd Annual Salmon Run. Merdith from PeaceHealth will help organize the Salmon Run as a part of their sponsorship.
 - Concrete Center – Information booth will be relocated to the main room rather than the foyer.
 - Event applications are due by Oct 24 in order to publish the brochure in a timely manner.

Round Table

- Concrete Chiropractic – Business is slowly picking up. \$25 per visit. No insurance needed.
- Annie's Pizza Station – Best of Western Washington voting is open. Annie's is currently at #12, competing against multiple location stores for Best Pizza

- Ovenell's Heritage Inn – Over 650 people visited for the Festival of Family Farms.
- North Cascades Institute – Campaign for Youth is on until October 25. The program raises money to provide youth scholarships for Mountain School or Youth Leadership Adventures. Donations can be made on the NCI website.
- Pat Buller Photography – working on completing a 2015 calendar
- Valleys West Realty – Doug will begin taking on the role of ambassador and visiting local businesses to encourage them to join the Chamber. Suggested updated brochures about Concrete.
- Economic Development Task Force report – Concrete has lost its identity. We need to redefine it and market it for business investment and tourist attraction. Discussed the possibility of marketing Concrete as an art center for display, work and sale.
- Concrete Museum – The new roof is completed but still needs to be funded. Donations are always welcome.
- Concrete Laundromat (Don Payne) – The plaza is under construction but funding is at a stand still. The Town has offered funding for lighting and cedar. Suggested trimming trees on SR 20 so Main Street can be seen.
- **Harvest Hoedown** October 11 at Marblemount Community Hall at 6:00 pm. Potluck and live music (two bands) This is a fundraiser for KSVU and the Concrete Museum. Costumes are encouraged.