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Leaders in business, education, and the professions with a common dedication to living and doing business in Montana and furthering the best interests of the state.

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Get ready.....It's time for the
MONTANA AMBASSADORS
6th ANNUAL MONTANA BUSINESS OPEN!
August 19th, Old Works, Anaconda, MT

Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to enjoy superb networking, great golf and wonderful food. Plus, Dale Mahugh and Heather Bellamy, Co-Chairs of the Montana Ambassadors 6th Annual Business Open, are already negotiating with Mother Nature to ensure great weather.

Even if you do not golf, plan to join us for a day of fun at the Old Works, in Anaconda. Wednesday evening, August 18th, a social is being planned for those that are arriving the day before the tournament. Following the tournament, enjoy a reception with Governor Schweitzer (invited) and members of the Governor's Office of Economic Development staff. On page three and four of this newsletter is an invitation from Governor Schweitzer and a registration page. Just print out the page and fax to 406.563.5476.



"We were thrilled with our MT Ambassador partners and consider this Governor's Arts Awards season a smashing success!"
Cinda Holt,
Business Development
Specialist
MT Arts Council



Left:
Bozeman
Chapter V.P.
Heather
Bellamy
Addresses the
audience for
the Bozeman
Hometown
Celebration

Last but not least....

BOZEMAN HOMETOWN CELEBRATION

The last of the Governor's Arts Awards Hometown Celebrations was organized single-handedly by Montana Ambassador Chapter V.P. Heather Bellamy. The event was held May 27th at the Gallatin Gateway Inn to honor arts awards recipients Kelly Roberti, Deborah Butterfield and John Buck. Sponsors for the event included Montana Ambassadors, the Montana Arts Council and NorthWestern Energy. Heather Bellamy was a gracious host to over 100 attendees. Thanks to our Montana Ambassadors in the other host cities that organized the Hometown Celebrations: Missoula (Tyler Disburg, Chapter V.P.) and Billings (Melanie Schwarz, Chapter V.P.)

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DISCOVER how Montana Ambassadors support the efforts of other groups to contribute to the economic vitality of the state.

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Message from your President:

CHANNING HARTELIUS



Your Montana Ambassador Board had a very productive meeting in May, in Lewistown, MT. The Executive Committee held a conference call this past week and was introduced to Jackie Williams, Governor's Office of Economic Development, who will serve as our GOED Liaison. She is simply fantastic and has some great ideas to engage Montana Ambassadors with activities within the Governor's Office and Cabinet. One example is that Chapter V.P.'s and area members could be called upon to assist government officials who are traveling with transportation, meeting arrangements, etc.. Jackie is also involved in assisting with setting a date for Governor Schweitzer to meet with key business representatives in San Francisco.

Liz Marchi has agreed to Chair our 2011 Annual Meeting. The Executive Committee held a brainstorming session and discussed a theme involving technology. Governor Schweitzer likes the idea and if we could utilize our Microsoft-connected Pacific Northwest Chapter I have no doubt we are going to have another incredible Annual Meeting. Please contact Liz or myself with ideas and we can further discuss.

I would encourage local chapters to recognize involvement of Ambassadors in the community and share that recognition with Gloria for the next newsletter. Check out page five under Chapter Updates and learn what our Montana Ambassadors are doing as they serve as core business leaders, educators, and Montanans interested in promoting their communities and our state. If an Ambassador is up to something good—let's hear about it!

The Governor asked us to support Race to the Top, which we did. It was encouraging that at last report 94% of school districts supported the application for a grant. Let's keep our fingers crossed that we receive the grant because Montana schools definitely deserve it. Governor Schweitzer knows the Ambassadors are ready and willing to get more involved with him in keeping Montana as the last best place!

Have a good summer and please contact me at any time to discuss how to keep the Ambassadors fulfilling the goals of this truly outstanding organization!

Channing Hartelius

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

- Susan Hay Patrick, CEO, United Way of Missoula County.
- Mark Kuipers, MAK Direct of Missoula.
- Nicole Hagerman, Project Manager, Montana World Trade Center, Missoula.
- Kellie Danielson, CEcd, President of Montana West Economic Development Corp, Kalispell.

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LEARN why Montana Ambassadors are a vital constituent to furthering the state economically and put the best interests of the state before their own.

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR STATE OF MONTANA

BRIAN SCHWEITZER
GOVERNOR



JOHN BOHLINGER
LT. GOVERNOR

July 2, 2010

Dear Montana Ambassadors and Colleagues,

It has been my pleasure to take an active role in the partnership between my administration and the Montana Ambassadors organization. Together, we have furthered the best interests of the state and improved our business environment. As a result, the *United States Department of Commerce and the Kauffman Foundation ranked Montana as the #1 State for Entrepreneurship and Overall Business Start-up Activity for 2009.*

I am pleased to extend a personal invitation to you to participate in the Montana Ambassadors' 5th Annual "Open for Business" Golf Tournament at the beautiful Jack Nicklaus Signature Old Works course in Anaconda, Montana on Thursday, August 19th. In addition to serving as a fundraiser for the Ambassadors program, the tournament is a valuable opportunity to build business and policy relationships that will undoubtedly contribute to a bright future for Montana.

The Montana Ambassadors play a unique role as advocates for Montana and all it has to offer. I want to thank you for all the time and energy you have given to our efforts to spread the word that Montana is more than a place to visit, and hope you will continue to help me spread the message about our favorable business climate, our educated workforce, and the tight knit communities that make us unique in the nation.

A reception at Old Works will directly follow the tournament as an opportunity to continue the networking conversations that began on the course.

A registration form for the tournament is enclosed. Register today to ensure your place at tee off. Together we will strengthen Montana...and have some fun while we're at it!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "B. Schweitzer".

BRIAN SCHWEITZER
Governor

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You are Invited to the

2010 6th Annual Montana Ambassadors' Business Open

Connecting Business, Higher Education and Government for a better Montana



Immediately following golf, a reception hosted by the Governor will take place at the Old Works and tournament prizes will be awarded.

When: Thursday, August 19th, Shotgun Start, Scramble format at 9:00am

Following golf, a reception hosted by the Governor will take place at the Old Works and tournament prizes will be presented.

____ Yes, I plan to attend the Wednesday evening social in Butte. Details pending. \$20

Where: The Award Winning Jack Nicklaus "Old Works" Course in Anaconda, Montana



Who: The Montana Ambassadors, their invited guests, key out-of-state business executives, representatives from Montana's University System and State Government will be participating.

Cost: 18 holes of golf, cart and a special gift included for \$175

Hole sponsorships are available for \$150 to highlight your business. This includes your signage at a hole and on the sponsor board at the clubhouse. Save when you sign up for golf and a Hole Sponsorship (see below).

Easy sign up:

Name _____

Business/Affiliation _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

HANDICAP _____ (If you don't have an established handicap, how often do you golf in a year) _____

Yes, I want to sponsor a hole!

Business or Individual's name as you want it on the sign _____

Bring A Friend: We encourage you to bring a guest(s) and create a team!

Name (Team Captain): _____	Team Name: _____
Business: _____	Other Team Members:
Address: _____	1) _____
Phone: _____	2) _____
Email: _____	3) _____
Montana Ambassador Chapter represented (needed to award the Chapter prize) _____	

* Round of Golf and Cart.....\$ 175.00 * Hole Sponsorship Only.....\$ 150.00

* Hole Sponsorship plus Golf\$ 300.00

* Guest(s): number ____@\$175.00 \$ _____

TOTAL.....\$ _____

Number attending the Governor's Social: _____

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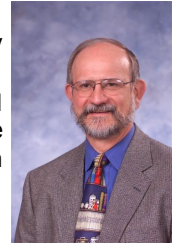
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- OR Invoice me at the above address _____
- OR mail payment to: Montana Ambassadors, P.O. Box 722, Anaconda, MT 59711
- OR pay online at <http://www.montanaambassadors.com> – go to the current events link.

**Fax this form to: (406) 563-5476 or mail to:
The Montana Ambassadors Business Open
P.O. Box 722, Anaconda, MT 59711**

*** MEMBERSHIP AND CHAPTER NEWS ***

Great Falls

- ⇒ Montana Ambassador Brett Doney is the incoming President of the Great Falls Chapter of Rotary International.
- ⇒ Former Great Falls Chapter V.P. Donna Hartelius has been selected to be a delegate to the National Patient's Advocacy Congress in Washington, D.C., June 28-30, 2010. Donna is a critical care nurse and teaches nursing at MSU-COT which is the #1 ranked nursing program out of more than 800 in the United States.
- ⇒ Montana Ambassadors Channing Hartelius and Pat Galvas are now serving on the Board of Directors of MSU-COT, one of the fastest growing two year colleges in the country.



Dr. Pat Galvas

Missoula

- ⇒ Chapter V.P. Tyler Disburg has been contacting Chapter Members to encourage them to pay dues and hopes to have a Chapter meeting soon involving Governor Schweitzer.
- ⇒ Montana Ambassador Brent Campbell, WGM Group, was accepted to be a part of Leadership Class 2011.

Kalispell

- ⇒ Past Montana Ambassador President Liz Marchi is completing her term as President of the Polson Chapter of Rotary International.

Billings

- ⇒ Montana Ambassador Jim Duncan, Billings Clinic Foundation, was accepted to be a part of Leadership Class 2011.

Bozeman

- ⇒ Bozeman Chapter V.P. Heather Bellamy wowed the crowd during the Bozeman Hometown Celebration. Thanks to Heather for being the "hostess-with-the-mostest" on behalf of Montana Ambassadors.

Butte

- ⇒ Montana Ambassador Todd Tregidga, PPL Montana, was accepted to be a part of Leadership Class 2011.
- ⇒ Chapter V.P. Dale Mahugh is working hard with his committee to make the 6th Annual Montana Ambassador Business Open a great success.



Dale Mahugh

Sidney/Glasgow

- ⇒ Along with all of the other Chapter V.P.'s Craig Herbert agreed to make himself available to assist the Governor, Lt. Governor, GOED staff and/or members of the Governor's Cabinet when they are in eastern Montana.

Bay Area

- ⇒ As soon as the Governor's travel arrangements can be figured out, Lynda Colucci will hold a meeting in San Francisco with Governor Schweitzer and key business leaders in the area.

Pacific Northwest

Kirk Van Alstyne, (Chapter V.P.), Joe Whittinghill, Sean Thompson, James Thompson, Todd Kenck and Marty Calvert recently met to discuss activities and plans for this out of state Chapter and how to build more business bridges to Montana. The PNW Chapter has been interacting with a number of companies in the spirit of promoting economic development opportunities for Montana. The businesses involve fly fishing products, clean energy water purification systems and solar energy products for consumers.

The PNW Chapter is recruiting new members as it lost several due to job changes or transfers. It is hoped that several will be able to attend the Business Open in August. The Chapter is also working on its Speaker Series and have several keynote speakers in mind for an event this fall.

This Chapter continues to serve as a model for newly forming chapters outside the state of Montana.

IWT GRANT: TRAINING DOLLARS AVAILABLE FOR YOUR EMPLOYEES

Montana Ambassadors assist BEAR Teams regarding IWT Grant Approval

The Department of Labor and Industry's Workforce Services Division, in partnership with several entities recently launched the Incumbent Worker Training Program in Montana. This program will provide job training funds for small businesses to re-train workers to meet changing market demands.

The Incumbent Worker Training Program can pay up to \$2,000 dollars each year for tuition, fees, books and related training costs per full-time employee, while part-time employees can receive up to \$1000 dollars per year. The small business employer must match the grant at 25%.

To be eligible, small businesses must have been in business in Montana for at least a year and be duly registered as a business with the Secretary of State. The employer must have no more than 20 employees in one location, and no more than 50 statewide. Eligibility can be determined by local Business Expansion and Retention (BEAR) teams, local Small Business Development Councils and the Montana Manufacturing Extension Center at MSU Bozeman. Businesses who are interested but have no direct contact with these business support and education entities can contact their local Job Service office for more information.

Montana Ambassadors around the state serve on BEAR Teams and provide input on the IWT applications. Thus far, over 50 applications have been processed and funded for a total of over \$100,000 dollars. For more information contact the Montana Ambassador office at 406.563.5353.

Your Montana Ambassador Board at Work



Save the Dates!

- ⇒ August 18th MT Ambassador Board Meeting, 11am—3:00pm, Anaconda
- ⇒ August 18th MT Ambassador Business Open Social—Time and Location TBD
- ⇒ August 19th Montana Ambassador Business Open, Old Works, Anaconda
- ⇒ February 24—25, 2011 Montana Ambassador Annual Meeting and Conference, Helena