

Chamber of Commerce March Meeting Update from the Membership Committee

March 3rd, Wendy, Erika, Teshra, and Darci met with Jennifer Wright of the Bonners Ferry Herald for an interview and photo at the Bonners Ferry Visitors Center for an upcoming article.

March 3rd, Wendy, Erika, and Darci headed to Naples and S Bonners Ferry for a membership drive. We personally invited the following businesses.

Panhandle Door and Drawer

Alta Forest Products

Naples General Store

Deep Creek Farm Stand

Mirror Lake Golf Course

Farm Bureau Insurance

JRS Surveying

Rhoads Tax Service.

I have emailed the public and private **schools** invitations. Including: BCSD101, BFHS, BFMS, Valley View, Mt Hall, Naples, Cornerstone Christian, Badger Boosters, Boundary County 4-H and North Idaho Classical Academy. Mailing sent to Mtn View Christian School.

North Idaho Classical Academy (Jake Francom)- yes

BCSD (Kylee Guthrie) - yes

Evergreen Home Loans (Bill Hunter) -yes

SAR (Stephanie Rief) - yes.

I have invited Paradise Valley Grange #389. They will present invitation at next meeting.

I have also left flyers with the in town gas stations, Dollar Tree, O'Reillys,

March 9th, Met with Dottie Gray of the **Boundary County Museum**, They are ambassadors for the 250th anniversary Celebration. They have exclusive use of the logo.

John Becker meeting on March 25th at 6pm at Senior Center – 2nd planning meeting for the 4th of July celebration. Previous meeting attended by Farmers Market, Museum, VFW, Senior Center

July 8th Wed 3pm Reading of Proclamation and Declaration of Independence at the Court House by county commissioners. VFW will have color guard there. Boy Scouts in uniform will participate. BFHS Band asked to perform. Novinger asked to perform. Schools asked to provide sidewalk art. Val Thompson with city council checking to present the historical info. Consider honoring Kootenai Tribe.

250th Events Planned

Flag from Russ Fulcher put on display July 8th to commemorate?

Parades recommend special entry to celebrate 250th.

BC Museum has panels to display June, July, Aug from the government toolkit

Library – Big Read- May getting books “1776” for a book study with Paul Bonnell at museum.

Suggestions for Events

Business Bingo suggested. Make cards stamped at local businesses. When you get a bingo, get a small prize.

Scavenger Hunt Adventure throughout Boundary County. See attached example.

Business window displays, painting, decorations.

Commemorative Quilt - to raffle for ? (9B Quilters, church quilters, fabric stores, etc..)

Most unique 250 Collection Contest – prize for most unique collection of 250 items.

Unique anniversary offerings by restaurants with 250th anniversary theme, colors, prices?

Unique or fun traveling display?

Burger of the Month Contest (like Creston)

<https://crestonvalleychamber.com/burger-month/>

Participating restaurants create a special 3 course meal at one price.

Sell hearts with message and post downtown for Valentine's Day.

Moving flock of flamingos (or something noticeable and unique) To be secretly moved to a new business.

<https://www.capegazette.com/node/33493>