



Susan Rawson

Greater Vancouver Chamber of Commerce announces its 2009 Ambassador of the Year

The Greater Vancouver Chamber of Commerce awarded **Susan Rawson** the 2009 Ambassador of the Year award in recognition of her dedication to the chamber. Rawson received the award at the chamber's Annual Dinner and Installation of Officers banquet, held on Sept. 17, at the Hilton Vancouver.

Rawson is a Realtor with Mountain View Properties NW in Vancouver. She has been a chamber ambassador since 2005. The award honors her commitment to the chamber by assisting at a variety of events all year. In addition, Rawson serves as the chair of the Membership Mentor committee, which pairs new chamber members with an ambassador "mentor" to help them get acquainted.

The ambassadors are an integral part of the GVCC. The group, also known as the "Red Coats" for their distinctive red blazers, comprises active chamber volunteers whose responsibilities include meeting and greeting at chamber events,

welcoming new members and assisting at ribbon cuttings and community events. The Ambassador program has been in existence for 20 years.

Clark College music professor wins fourth national

For the fourth time in his career, Clark College music professor **Donald Appert** has been honored with the ASCAPLUS Award, presented by the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers (ASCAP). Appert also received ASCAP awards in 2005, 2006 and 2008.

Appert, who resides in Vancouver, is currently in his twentieth season as music director/conductor of the Clark College Orchestra. He received the ASCAPLUS Award for international performances of his composition *Nara Variations* by the Filharmonic "Mihail Jora" Bacau (Romania), the Orchestra Sinfonica Citta di Grosseto (Italy), and the Orquestra Sinfonica de El Salvador. A regional performance of *Nara Variations* is planned by the Oregon Sinfonietta during their March 14, 2010, performance.

Appert states, "Continued recognition from ASCAP has encouraged me to make the time to be active as a composer again. I have just finished the rough draft of my largest work to date, entitled *Northwest Triptych*, a three-movement piece for full orchestra."

Appert hopes that orchestras in Europe and Central America will be interested in performing the new work, expanding its audience.

GVCC opposes tax initiative I-1033

The Greater Vancouver Chamber of Commerce, along with local business and community leaders, hosted a press conference yesterday, Oct. 15, to discuss opposition to **Tim Eyman's** tax initiative known as I-1033.

The chamber's Public Affairs Committee recommended, and the chamber's board of directors agreed, to take a position in opposition of I-1033 due to the limitations that it would place on the ability to capitalize on the upswing of an economic recovery.

Panelists at the press conference included **Kim Capeloto**, GVCC president and CEO, along with **Carrie VanZant**, Seamar Community Health Centers, **Jeanette Muck**, Washington State PTA, **Linda Lee**, in-home health care provider, **Mark Johnston**, Vancouver Firefighters Union, and **Chad Dillard**, Southwest Washington Medical Center.

"We absolutely encourage careful government spending and allocation of funds, but this is not the right tool. What we don't like is how this proposal is packaged." As the economy improves, Capeloto added, "We need to be able to capitalize on growth as soon as possible--we believe we need to be ready and able to act on growth opportunities as they present themselves in the future."

Other panelists said nursing home programs, Medicaid, education and environmental protection programs would also be at risk if I-1033 passes.



Donald Appert

News Briefs

Friends of Trees and Vancouver Urban Forestry have teamed up to create four large plantings in neighborhoods around Vancouver this winter and are seeking volunteers to lead volunteer planters at morning tree plantings. Training for being a crew leader will be held at 9 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 7, at Fisher's Landing Elementary School. Neighborhood planting will be at 12:30 p.m. by the Fisher's Creek & Village at Fisher's Landing. For more information, visit www.friendsoftrees.org. If you are interested in volunteering, contact **Jesse Batty** at 619-1127 or neighborhood.trees@ci.vancouver.wa.us. <> Camas Educational Foundation's 11th annual auction held on Oct. 10, 2009, at the Vancouver Hilton netted over \$61,000 as 225 attendees showed their support for teachers. Roughly 100 donors provided auction items ranging from student artwork to a week's stay in Hawaii. All funds raised support innovation, enrichment, and curriculum enhancements across the district and are disbursed directly to teachers and staff through competitive grant programs.

Calendar

City Council meets for workshops from 4 to 6 p.m. Monday, Oct. 19, followed by a full council meeting with public hearings at 7 p.m., in Council chambers, 210 East 13th Street. <> Vancouver Farmers Market will open 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 17 and Oct. 18, 8th and Esther Streets. <> **Thomas Rheingans** and Arts Equity present the 6th "Live at the Fries" concert series: *Artistry in Rhythm*. The first of the concert series will be performed at 2 p.m. and at 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 17, Fries Auditorium, 2214 E 13th Street. Tickets available online at <http://www.brownpapertickets.com/producer/7674>, by phone 800-838-3006 or at the door. Cost is \$12 for matinee performances and \$16 for evening performances. Admission includes dessert and beverage provided by Trader Joe's. For additional information, call 695-3770. <> Dream Big Community Center is having its launch party and book fair at Barnes and Noble from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 17, 7700 NE 4th Plain Blvd. This event is to raise money for students who need the textbook *Rules of the Red Rubber Ball* for class. For more information visit www.dreambigcc.org. <> The play *Wait Until Dark* will be performed at the Magenta Theater at 7 p.m. tonight, Oct. 16, 606 Main Street. Call 635-4358 to purchase tickets or visit <http://www.magentatheater.com/>. <> The public is invited to view potential designs for the Community Connector Project, which will reconnect Fort Vancouver National Site with downtown Vancouver, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 17, at Pearson Air Museum, 1115 E. Fifth Street. <> Auditions for Magenta Theater's *Every Christmas Story Ever Told* will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. Monday, Oct. 19, 606 Main Street. Men over 21 years old and able to play madcap crazy comedy roles are welcome to try out. Call 606-0033 for more information. <> A special meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 19, regarding salary commission at the Washougal Fire Department located at 1400 A Street. For questions, please contact the City Clerk's office at 835-8501. <> City Council meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 19, in Council chambers, Washougal. <> First Annual Barn Social and Auction to benefit ongoing mission programs at Silver Buckle Ranch will be held from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 17, 11611 NE 152nd Avenue, Brush Prairie, WA 98606. Suggested dress includes denim, diamonds and cowboy boots. No high heels, please. Tickets \$25 per person. Wine and beer will be served. Call 260-8932 for more information.

Friday on the air

Election 2009: East Clark County Candidate Fair (10-13)—7 p.m. CVTV
 City Minutes (10-4)—8:23 p.m. CVTV
 Clark County Board of Health (9-23)—8:59 p.m. CVTV
 Clark County Board of Health (9-23)—9 p.m. CVTV
 Disability Employment Awareness Celebration (10-13)—10 p.m. CVTV
 Clark College Orchestra: Catalonia (6-7)—10:42 p.m.

Town Tabloids and the Weather

Sandy Lieser double-checking. <> **Fred Frank** turning in something new. <> **Polly** and **Kate Jobe** making lunchtime a treat. <> **Josie Boehm** clarifying. <> **Friday**, rain tonight, 58-68. **Saturday**, rain, 53-62. **Sunday**, showers, 52-62.