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Chamber of Commerce to offer health insurance program for business owners



Kim Capeloto

The Greater Vancouver Chamber of Commerce has joined a statewide alliance offering an employee benefit program through Associated Employers Trust.

"Approximately 80 percent of our Chamber members are small-to-medium-sized businesses," said **Kim Capeloto**, president and CEO of the Chamber. "Providing affordable healthcare employee benefits is rated as one of our members' top business concerns. We are so pleased that through our alliance with AET we will now be able to give our members the buying power and affordable options they need to attract and retain a quality workforce. And in the process, we're helping our small businesses succeed."

"GVCC member companies who employ 5 to 199 employees will have access to a full range of employee benefits from some of the state's most respected carriers including UnitedHealthcare, Washington Dental Service, Vision Service Plan, Unimerica Life and Disability," said Capeloto. "AET will handle all the administration, including enrollment, eligibility updates and customer service."

The new member benefits will be available starting June 1, 2010. Enrollment information is available by contacting **Darcy Altizer** at 360-567-1051 or daltizer@vancouverusa.com.

More information is available online at www.vancouverusa.com.

Clark honors tenured faculty



Newly-tenured Clark College faculty

Eleven Clark College faculty members have been granted tenure by the college's Board of Trustees. **Michael Ceriello** (political science), **Rebecca Ellis** (nursing), **John Fite** (economics), **Richard Inouye** (music), **Catherine Johnston** (English as a second language), **Jody McQuillan** (Adult Basic Education/GED), **Chris Milner** (math), **Cynthia Myers** (nursing), **Sensene Stokes** (art), **Nancy Thompson** (English), and **Sally Tomlinson** (art history) were honored at a reception on Tuesday, April 27.

"These newly tenured faculty members will continue to increase the talent and reputation of our faculty who are deeply and passionately committed to excellence and student success," said **Clark College President Robert K. Knight**.

"I am proud of our faculty members for this major accomplishment," said **Dr. Rassoul Dastmozd**, vice president of instruction, "Earning tenure status is a major career milestone. These student-centered faculty members have been recognized and celebrated by their peers and our institution for their accomplishments and dedication to teaching and learning at Clark College. I am also grateful to each of the tenured committee members for the mentoring and coaching that they provided to each of our new tenured recipients."

Port of Ridgefield receives grant



The Port of Ridgefield, in partnership with the city of Ridgefield, has received a \$100,00 grant to be used to link the city's downtown revitalization plan with the Port's plans for the Lake River waterfront area

The award is from the Integrated Planning Grants program of the state department of ecology.

"Our grant will be targeted at developing a community supported strategic action plan to revitalize downtown Ridgefield and support redevelopment of the waterfront," said **Brent Grening**, executive director of the Port.

A copy of the grant can be viewed at www.portridgefield.org.

Subscriber input sought

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News Briefs

Is traffic too fast in your neighborhood? The City of Vancouver is offering three free "safe streets" clinics to teach the public about calming traffic on its way through their areas. The first is Tuesday, May 18, at 7:30 p.m. at City Hall. Visit <http://www.cityofvancouver.us/News.asp?submenuID=16578&Id=74049> for details. <> Professional portrait photographer **Jessica Daniels** is offering single or family portraits at the YWCA of Clark County Thursday, April 29, for people who couldn't normally afford professional family photos. The event is 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 3609 Main St. Daniels owns The Modern Pinup, which provides boudoir photography services to women of all shapes and sizes.

Calendar

Roots Restaurant and Bar is offering free light appetizers, a wine tasting and tour of its private dining room tonight, Wednesday, April 28 from 4 to 6:30 p.m. to promote its business event hosting. The address is 19215 S.E. 34th St., Camas. Book an event while there and get a \$25 gift certificate. RSVP to 360-260-3007 required. <> Lecture by Dr. **Melissa Brotons** on the many applications of music therapy, 7 p.m. May 27, at Unitarian Universalist Church of Vancouver, 4505 E. 18th St. <> Flower baskets hit downtown Vancouver on Saturday, May 1, thanks to Vancouver's Downtown Association. <> Vancouver Bicycle Club leads 27th annual Ride Around Clark County Saturday, May 1. Meet at Clark College or visit www.vbc-usa.com for more information.

Campaign Events

Clark County Auditor **Greg Kimsey** officially announced his candidacy for re-election Tuesday. The four-term incumbent, a Republican, said he's introduced ballot automation, reduced the number of special elections, and won "numerous" national awards and held the auditor's office to the same number of employees it had in 1997, the year before his election. <> Commissioner **Steve Stuart** to celebrate 39th birthday (for the first time, he claims) and kick off re-election campaign at Big Al's, 16615 SE 18th St., on Thursday, April 29. Families welcome. Food, beverages, and all lanes in Slider Alley reserved from 5:30 to 9 p.m. RSVP appreciated.

Wednesday on the air

Vancouver City Council (4-19) — 7 p.m. CVTV 21

Forgotten Children: Partner with Us to Remember (4-23) — 9 p.m. CVTV 23

Town Tabloids and the weather

Oliver honored for WHO efforts. <> **Deschner** organizes great event. <> **Sissons** celebrate Sunny's wedding. **Wednesday**, showers, 53-42. **Thursday**, showers, 57-42. **Friday**, partly cloudy, 59-43.