

# Working for the Business Community



GREATER SPOKANE  
VALLEY CHAMBER  
OF COMMERCE

A quarterly report of our accomplishments and a look at what's ahead

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First Quarter 2017



## VISION

*We are the unifying business force dedicated to community vitality and economic prosperity for the Greater Spokane Valley.*

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## Accomplishments this Quarter

### Advocacy

- President & Chief Executive Officer, Katherine Morgan, traveled to Olympia for the Joint-Chambers Advocacy trip with nearly 50 representatives from Eastern Washington and our partnering chambers.
- Our Chamber signed on to a letter urging the U.S. Senate to take up and pass the Regulatory Accountability Act.

### Building Member Value

- Gem of the Valley Gala honored outstanding individuals and businesses in our Greater Spokane Valley communities and Citizen of the Year, Frank Tombari.
- Business Connections program featured innovative local multi-business owner, Tyler Lafferty, on adding value in the workplace, community and home.
- Held networking events for businesses with an After 5 at Hayden Homes and ribbon cuttings at new businesses to the community, Adorkable Flowers and Secure Pacific.
- Formed a third Network group to meet the demands of our members and help them continue to grow their businesses through leads and referrals.

### Nurturing Business Growth

- We were excited to welcome 30 new members in January and February. Thanks to our amazing members, 50% of those new members were from referrals. Thank you to our January and February member referral sponsors, Mt. Spokane Ski & Snowboard Park and Brickhouse Massage and Coffee Bar.
- Jereme Roodhouse, Nationwide Home Loans, Inc., leased one of our business incubator offices.

## UPCOMING:

**Mar. 17, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.**

### Business Connections Lunch

Speaker: Colonel Ryan Samuelson,  
Commander and Chief for the 92nd  
Air Refueling Wing, Fairchild Air  
Force Base  
Spokane Valley Event Center

**Apr. 21, 7-9:00 a.m.**

### Business Connections Breakfast

Speaker: Michael Stocker,  
Animation Supervisor, Pixar  
Mirabeau Park Hotel

**May 11, 2-6:00 p.m.**

### Business Showcase

Spokane County Fair & Expo Ctr.

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# The BIG 5



## The BIG 5 gains momentum



### Greater Learning

- We announced our participation in the national initiative, Lemonade Day, a free, fun, experiential learning program that teaches kids about entrepreneurship by starting, owning and operating their very own business - a lemonade stand. Businesses, cities, schools and organizations throughout the community are getting involved to support this new endeavor for our region, which will be held locally on May 20th. Over 250 kids to date will be learning the Lemonade Day curriculum through our youth partners.
- Promoted the need for volunteers for the Spokane District FIRST Robotics Competition.
- Promoted 'Explore Technology,' an event held at Spokane Community College where high school sophomores, juniors and seniors learned more about exciting careers in technical professional options.

### Greater Goods

- The planning is underway for another successful Manufacturing Matters EXPO, with the reception & dinner to be held September 25 and exhibits and workshops at the fairgrounds the following day.

### Greater Outdoors

- Promoted the Appleway Trail Forum, where the Department of Parks and Recreation received input from our business community on the development of the next section of the Appleway Trail.
- Attended and promoted the H2O Breakfast, a meeting that addressed the balancing act needed to assure sufficient water supplies and river flows while promoting our region as a place to visit, live and work.

### Greater Cures

- Continuing to network and identify opportunities to support existing progress

### Greater Vision

- The CEO traveled south to attend a Pullman Chamber of Commerce meeting to stand amidst several chamber leaders collaborating together as a region and hear Dr. Edmund O. Schweitzer, III of Schweitzer Engineering Laboratories spoke about free enterprise and creativity produce growth.
- Had a display and presence at the 30th Annual Real Estate Market Forum, covering trends in real estate, construction, and the local economy in the Spokane-Kootenai-Bonner area.
- The CEO spoke at the annual meeting for Modern Electric to provide updates about The BIG 5 and our upcoming Lemonade Day.

### Greater Goods & Greater Learning

- Our Spokane Valley Chamber Foundation announced that the Career Tech Education scholarship application is open through Community Colleges of Spokane with a deadline of March 15.

## BIG 5 VISION

*Focused on the core values and attributes that draw business and industry to our region, the BIG 5 serves as both the beacon and the compass for economic prosperity and community vitality for the Greater Spokane Valley region.*

## ABOUT THE BIG 5:

The Greater Spokane Valley Chamber is dedicated to building and promoting collaborative partnerships.

The BIG 5 is a community engagement effort, launched by the Greater Spokane Valley Chamber of Commerce to identify and drive community-wide initiatives that stimulate community vitality and nurture economic prosperity for the Greater Spokane Valley region.

*Learn more under The BIG 5 tab at [spokanevalleychamber.org](http://spokanevalleychamber.org). To get involved in The BIG 5, answer the 3 questions link found on any of the BIG 5 pages, or call our office at 509-924-4994.*

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