

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

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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

- Coordinated a meeting between regional leaders and members of Washington House Minority Leadership to present the issues effecting businesses in our community and gain a unique perspective straight from Olympia.
- Held Government Action programs including a presentation by Better Spokane whose mission is to support the business community in the Spokane region by working with elected officials and pro-business organizations to draft strong public policy and voter education.

Building Member Value

- Hosted the 22nd Annual Chamber Golf Tournament at Meadowwod Golf Course in August. One hundred and twenty-four golfers played. Beautiful weather and great course conditions led to some outstanding play.
- Fielded a team of chamber members and friends to watch the Spokane Indians at the Chamber Game and Fireworks night.
- Introduced members to Gravity Jack at a recent Business Connections Breakfast. This local company realized the potential of the relatively unknown field of augmented reality (AR) technology and became a world leader in the field before their competitors even knew the demand existed.
- Helped members protect themselves from hackers with six easy tips on improving network security from Cascade Defense during our September 'Let's Talk Shop' workshop.

Nurturing Business Growth

- Celebrated 14 grand openings or relocations with official ribbon cuttings.
- Promoted After 5 networking events at Mirabeau Park Hotel, Wilder Dentistry, Hayden Homes and Fairfield Inn and Suites

UPCOMING:

October 19th, 7- 9:00 a.m.
Business Connections Breakfast
Speaker: WSU Dean John Tomkowiak
Spokane Valley Event Center

November 16th, 11:30 - 1:30 p.m.
Annual Meeting
Speaker: Todd Beyreuther, Sr.
Director, Advanced Building Materials, Katerra
Mirabeau Park Hotel

December 14th, 7-9:00 a.m.
Stories of Good Will
An annual celebration of businesses and non-profits partnering to help our community.

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More Progress and The BIG 5

Accomplishments this Quarter

Nurturing Business Growth (continued)

- Welcomed 15 new members this quarter. Many were referrals from our raving fans.
- Honored two new "Chamber Champions" at the July Business Connections Breakfast. Nadine Burgess and Ted Schmidt referred 5 of more members in the current calendar year and were honored by the chamber for their support.

The BIG 5 progress

Greater Learning

- Assisted in awarding the prize of a bicycle to two young businessmen, Jaden and Xander White of Very Berry Lemonade. The bike came from the National Lemonade Day Headquarters in recognition of their successful venture. The entrepreneurs decided to give the bike to their neighbor who helped the boys set up. These business pros with a heart are headed for great things in the future!

Greater Goods

- Celebrated this region's history of creating quality goods at the Manufacturing Matters Dinner on September 25th at CenterPlace Regional Events Center. The keynote speaker was Thomas Tedder, owner and founder of Tedder Industries, LLC and Tedder Properties, LLC.

Greater Vision

- Welcomed Apollo Fuhrman from the U.S. SBA along with Spokane County Commissioners Josh Furman and Mary Kunej to discuss the success of the Public Development Authority, the Workforce Development Council and the opportunities available through the Small Business Administration.

Greater Outdoors

- Explored the "Payoff for Outdoor Recreation" with Dave Gilbert, Assistant Director for Outdoor Programs, Gonzaga University during the July Business Connections Breakfast at CenterPlace Regional Events Center. This industry accounted for \$20.5 billion dollars in revenue in Washington State.

Greater Cures

- Confirmed John Tomkowiak as our October Business Connections Breakfast speaker. John is the Founding Dean of the Elson S. Floyd college of Medicine at WSU and will be discussing advances in precision medicine such as DNA testing, 3D organ printing and artificial intelligence.

Big 5 Committees

- Learned about real funding and building "smart projects" from members of Transportation for America, a member-driven organization that does transportation advocacy and education across the country as an "alliance of elected officials, business, and community leaders across the country" with a mission to "ensure states and the federal government invest in smart transportation solutions".



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. 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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