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# The Chamber Connection

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## Mar Message from the Chamber

Hello everyone, as you all know, because you have been receiving letters and phone calls, it is membership time and I am happy to report we are getting lots of new members along with members that are rejoining us. It looks to be a great membership campaign and I want to say thank you to everyone. Without you there would be no Chamber of Commerce. We have a new Gold Member, Providence St Joseph, not only are they a first time member but joined as a Gold Member also. Thank you Providence!

Those of you that had previous engagements last week and could not attend the Bi-annual Chamber Member Appreciation Banquet missed out on a great time. Rob McDonald started the night off as our MC, with a few jokes and then turned the mic over to Brennin Grainey to present the awards. There were 4 awards given out because these people were so deserving, it was impossible to choose between them. Karen Dellwo and Brandy Chisholm each received the **Key Persons Award**. These two people put in hours of time and effort. When there is a job to do, they step up and do it. The Chamber is lucky to have two such people on the Board. We are also lucky that they work for two very supportive businesses that allow them the time they need to help us out at the Chamber



## At a Glance

- >> **General Chamber Meeting**  
**Mar 5/12PM**  
Allentown Bar & Restaurant  
*Speaker: Don Bell*  
*Lake County Sheriff*
- >> **Ronan City Council Meeting**  
**Mar 2/6pm**  
Ronan City Hall
- >> **Coffee with the Chief**  
**Visit with Chief Weaver**  
**Mar 9/9-10 am**  
Ronan Cafe
- >> **SKC Strum & Drum Concert**  
**Mar 12/7-9pm**  
Jonny Arlee/Victor Charlo Theatre
- >> **Woman's Club Craft Fair and Flea Market**  
**Mar 14/9am-4:30pm**  
Ronan Com. Center
- >> **Color My World Fashion Show by Friends of the Ronan Fairgrounds**  
**Mar 14/11:30 am**  
Ninepipes Lodge
- >> **Thingelstad Benefit Dinner**  
**Mar 14/4 pm**  
K W Harvey Gym
- >> **Chamber Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Mar 18/2-5 PM**  
Ronan Chamber Office
- >> **LCCD Tours of Food Processing Center**  
**Mar 18/1PM**  
Or call for appointments  
LCCD Main Street Ronan
- >> **Ag Appreciation Dinner**  
**Mar 27/6 pm**  
Ronan Com Center

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## 2015 Gold Members



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## SPEAKER

The General Meeting for the Chamber is this Thursday, Mar 5 at 12:00. Once again it is located at Allentown Restaurant. Our newly elected Sheriff, Don Bell, has agreed to be our speaker for the event. I am sure everyone will have lots of questions for him.



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We can't recognize Karen and Brandy without also mentioning their businesses, Access Montana and First Interstate Bank. These two companies were one of our first Gold Members and they continue to give and support the Ronan Chamber at every function. The **Lifetime Achievement Award** was once again given to two recipients because to ask us to choose between them was too difficult. It was given to Don & Annette Olsson and Billie Lee. This is a tough year on the City of Ronan, Billie Lee has retired from LCCD and after more than a decade the Olsson Family will no longer be at the helm of the Community Banks. Both of these families have been a great supporter of the Community and our Chamber. Thank you Billie Lee and Don & Annette for all that you have done for the Chamber and Community. Brad Eldredge with the Flathead Valley Community College, was the speaker for the event. We were told that if we could get him as a speaker we would not be sorry, and we weren't. He did his research and set his talk to the Mission Valley Economy. We did learn that Potatoes are a big part of the local economy. Ha Ha !! He did present a very informative and enjoyable talk. I also want to mention that Allentown Restaurant prepared the meal and it was wonderful. Prime Rib and Salmon was plentiful and the service was great. As I mentioned you missed out on a great meal but it was also lots of fun. Roland Godan from LCCD took pictures, I have added some of them to this newsletter but after posting seven pages I hope I am not boring you. The great people at The Ronan Library, who take care of our website for us, will be posting more pictures on the website for us all to enjoy.

One of the big projects for the Chamber last year was the new welcome signs on each end of town. There were some structural issues that slowed up the process, but between Brandy and Rocky Mountain Signs, they got it worked out and I believe came up with ones we can all be proud of. A big thanks go to Dan Roullier at Rocky Mountain Signs, Treasure State Concrete that donated the concrete, and Bill Webster who finished the concrete for us. Please pass on your thanks to them.

I do want to apologize for my publishing ability. My back ground is accounting and so I struggle to put this newsletter together for you to get you the information and still not bore you. Please enjoy the pictures curtesy of Roland Godan with LCCD and forgive the structure of this Newsletter. I may get better.

Thank you Lana Bartel

