

Albany Area Chamber Network

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April Membership Forum Luncheon

With Guest Speaker Angela Wilhelms,

President and CEO of OBI

"Title: Business is Not Just Good, It's Necessary."

Wednesday, April 27th

11:30am-1pm

Linn County Expo Center

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DIAMOND MEMBER



Albany Area Chamber - Good Government Council Endorses Linn County Sheriff Michelle Duncan



After interviewing both candidates running for Linn County Sheriff the Good Government Council endorsement goes to Sheriff Michelle Duncan. During the interviews candidates were asked the same questions with emphasis on their experience and training as a deputy sheriff, leadership experience and abilities, fiscal knowledge and responsibilities, and command experience. Following the interviews, it was unanimous that Sheriff Michelle Duncan is the right person to serve as Linn County Sheriff.

In addition to the AACC - GGC endorsement, she has received the endorsements of all five former sheriff's - Art Martinak, Dave Burright, Tim Mueller, Bruce Riley, and Jim Yon, retired Representative Andy Olson, Mayor Alex Johnson and many more.

Michelle has been serving Linn County since 1997, serving as a resident patrol deputy, narcotics detective, patrol sergeant, patrol captain, and public information officer. As she moved up the ranks, she received over 2900 hours of profession education through the DPSST and is an Oregon State Sheriff's Association Command College graduate. In addition, she was a lead instructor/coordinator for the Defensive Tactics Team and Sheriff's Office police reporting computer system.

Sheriff Michelle Duncan has dedicated herself to the principles of leadership, experience, and dedication. Having served with distinction in various divisions she understands how each division contributes to the overall success of the office and how each and every day they must live up to their mission statement "keeping the peace with dignity, honesty and compassion.

Sheriff Michelle Duncan deserves to continue as Linn County Sheriff.

Vote for Linn County Sheriff Michelle Duncan.



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Your Business and Community Advocate

Vote Yes for LBCC GO Bond

After a lengthy meeting with representatives LBCC to discuss the proposed bond measure projects, the Albany Area Chamber's Governmental Affairs Committee voted unanimously to support the LBCC general obligation bond that will be on the May ballot.

The bond will help with several major projects that reflect evolving employer needs and support students to help achieve the high-quality education they need to be successful. The bond would also open a **matching appropriation from the state of Oregon in the amount of eight million dollars** in *additional* support for the Agricultural Center, providing a total of \$24 million in support to the community through LBCC projects.

Major projects include:

- **Construction of a new Agricultural Center to offer expanded animal science and crop and soil production training.** This will help meet the needs of the local agricultural community by providing future farmers and livestock managers of Oregon with the hands-on training in agriculture, crop and soil production, and animal science they require to be successful.
- **Renovate and re-open an LBCC childcare center** helping to improve early learning opportunities for kids and getting parents back to work. The college would use the childcare center as a "lab" that provides hands-on learning spaces for early childhood education students—a role in high employment demand in our current economy. In addition, the bond would also make the college eligible for future state and federal child care grants.
- **Allow LBCC to make critical repairs to aging facilities** including increasing accessibility for people with disabilities, addressing safety hazards and deferred maintenance, and make upgrades to outdated boilers and HVAC systems. Bond projects would include updating and expanding the Learning and Career Center located at the LBCC Benton Center in Corvallis which provides space for tutoring, testing, and career counseling. With these repairs in place, LBCC's buildings would be able to function and educate future generations for decades to come.

If approved, the bond would cost taxpayers approximately 7 cents per \$1,000 of assessed tax value and include built-in accountability steps such as independent auditing to ensure dollars are spent wisely and efficiently.

***Voting Yes for the Bond is voting yes for students,
helping our future workforce develop the skills they need to be successful.***



Albany Waterfront Project

According to an update at the February 26 meeting of the Albany Revitalization Agency (ARA), construction of the Albany Waterfront Project will begin this summer with Phase 1. This phase includes railroad crossings, utilities and parking lot improvements by Albany Civic Theater.

Phase 1 lays the groundwork for Phase 2 and includes inground infrastructure and upgrades to a parking lot. Phase 2 will bring dramatic changes to Monteith Riverpark and a 3 block span to the east along Water Avenue. Phase 2 work is set for summer 2023 and includes the new stage, playground and splash pad.

Visit www.albanywaterfront.net for more information.

Golden Ticket Winner! Albany Shao-Lin Kempo



Background:

Hello, my name is Kevin Gurule. I grew up in the hills of South Salem. I am an Oregon Army National Guard Veteran and served in Iraq with Bravo Company 2-162.

My studies in the Martial Arts started in 2006, under HeadMaster Pearlswig, and Senior Instructor Baird in South Salem. I began assistant teaching in 2011, achieved my ShoDan (1st degree Black) in 2012. In February 2021, I achieved the rank of SanDan (3 degree Black).

Biggest Issue Facing Albany:

At Albany Shao-Lin Kempo we look for a martial arts solution to problems.

Whether you just try it for a month, or you are in it for the long haul, the martial arts will bring so much joy and happiness into your life. I welcome and invite everyone to come in and see how the Martial Arts can help increase personal safety, develop new skills and benefit your health.

Community Involvement:

Growing up, I always wanted to help my community. By opening my school in Albany, I am fulfilling a dream.

I've been nominated to become the Jr Vices commander of my VFW POST. I try to attend Greater every Thursday and support local businesses as much as I can.

Business Marketing Niche:

The school motto is "SIMPLY THE BEST". It has two meanings: simple yet effective techniques make Shaolin-Lin Kempo easy for anyone 4 and older to learn and remember in a time of need. The other is pretty straight forward.



Member Updates

Barlett Tree Experts Acquires Buena Vista Arbor Care

Here at [Bartlett Tree Experts](https://www.bartlettree.com), we are excited about this acquisition as it allows us to bring a full range of scientific tree and shrub care services to Buena Vista customers while continuing to honor our commitment of exceptional customer service, quality, and safety.



Willamette Community Bank Transitions to People's Bank of Commerce

Willamette Community Bank has completed their transition to People's Bank of Commerce since their finalized merger in 2021.

New Website: [peoplesbank.bank](https://www.peoplesbank.bank)



Welcome to the Chamber! New Members

Healing Motion Physical Therapy

629 NW Hickory St #160

Albany, OR 97321

541-730-4655 | healingmotionpt.com



At Healing Motion Physical Therapy, you will always spend 45 minutes one on one with your Doctor of Physical Therapy. Your treatment is designed based on your unique goals and passions. Our therapists are skilled in manual therapy and are Certified Orthopedic Specialists - highly trained to address any issue you may be dealing with. We accept all major insurance providers and you may not need a referral to start your Physical Therapy journey today!

Margin Coffee

206 2nd Ave SW

Albany, OR 97321

541-248-3234 | margincoffee.com



As a specialty coffee roaster we strive to provide top quality products and excellent service for our community. In addition to using local and sustainable products, we inspire life with a little room around the edges with our light and open spaces. Margin has received 'Best of the Valley' for 3 consecutive years and has been deemed "Albany's Livingroom" by locals.

Ophelia's Place

104 SE 4th Ave

Albany, OR 97321

541-284-4333 | opheliasplace.net



Empowered girls change the world. Ophelia's Place is a prevention-based nonprofit dedicated to helping girls ages 10-18 make healthy life choices through empowerment, education, and support. Your Albany location is opening May 2022!

Thank You to Our Milestone Members

35 Years

Rite Way Electric, Inc.

15 Years

Xtreme Grafx
Jackson Food Stores

5 Years

Waverly Place Assisted Living and Memory Care
Academy Mortgage

Reinvesting Members 2/15/22 - 3/15/22

Academy Mortgage
Albany Antique Mall, LLC
Albany Carpet One Floor and Home
Aljets Consulting
Allen & Laporte General Contracting, Inc.
Bartlett Tree Experts
Beckham, David B., Attorney at Law
Blue Sun, Inc.
Bonaventure of Albany
Cascade Foods LLC
Coastal
Dahled Up Construction, Roofing, & Painting
Clay Bluehosh
Dr. George Dooley III
E.A. Chambers Farms, Inc.
Eastgate Veterinary Clinic
Eastside Christian Church
Evashevski Elliot, PC.
Scott Freeburn
Foress Sign & Mfg., LLC
H&R Block
Hayden Homes
Jordan Jewelers
KGAL/KSHO Radio - EADS Broadcasting Corp.
Lassen Auto & RV
Mike Martin
Oregon Credit & Collections Bureau, Inc.
Oregon Web Press, Inc.
PARR Lumber
Red Canoe Credit Union
Regent Court Memory Care
Republic Services, Inc.
Rite Way Electric, Inc.
Rodeway Inn
SELCO Community Credit Union
Spirit Espresso, LLC
Timberwood Court Memory Care
Tom Cutsforth
TMI Lending, LLC
United Way of Linn County
Waverly Place Assisted Living and Memory Care
Willamette Valley Vineyards
Young Property Group - Keller Williams

Upcoming Events



April Forum with Angela Wilhelms

President and CEO of OBI

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Angela Wilhelms is a native Oregonian with a long career in public service. She currently serves as president and CEO of Oregon Business and Industry (OBI), the state's largest general business organization. OBI advocates on behalf of business and industry to strengthen Oregon's economy to achieve a healthy, prosperous, and competitive Oregon for the benefit of present and future generations. In her role as president & CEO, Wilhelms leads a team of policy, membership, communications, and operations staff as they work to advance OBI's mission in service to its 1,600 members, which employ more than 250,000 Oregonians across the state and in a variety of industries.

Prior to her role at OBI, Wilhelms was the university secretary and advisor to the president at the University of Oregon, the state's flagship university. Her leadership role at the UO was varied and ranged from institutional governance and policy work to special projects and strategic initiatives. She was the first person to hold this role, working with the inaugural institutional governing board at the UO. Before her time at the UO, Wilhelms practiced law at Dunn Carney LLP in Portland and worked for several years in the Oregon House of Representatives as chief of staff of the House Minority Office and co-chief of staff in the House Co-Speakers' Office. She also has experience in communications, campaign management, and corporate finance.

Wilhelms received her undergraduate degree in Finance from Santa Clara University and her Juris Doctorate and MBA from Willamette University's joint degree program. Wilhelms is vice chair of the SMART Reading board of directors, a member of the Oregon State Capitol Foundation's board of directors, and a member of the executive leadership team for the American Heart Association's 2022 Go Red for Women campaign in Oregon. In her spare time, Wilhelms is a certified official with USA Track and Field and loves to fulfill her wanderlust, traveling both near and far.



Albany Area Chamber Annual Golf Tournament

Presented by Coastal

Be a Sponsor:

Looking for a target rich environment to promote your business? The Albany Area Chamber Golf Tournament offers superior exposure to CEOs, Owners, Managers and Decision Makers. Don't miss this opportunity to market your products and services to our tournament participants.

Interested in sponsoring a hole or tee?

Contact Jorden Parrish at

jparrish@albanychamber.com or 541-926-1517

TEAMS

Standard Package: \$650

Includes four players, 18 holes of golf, two carts, continental breakfast, lunch, and entry to the long drive contest.

Gold Package: \$690

Standard package plus \$10 in raffle tickets for each player.

Platinum Package: \$815

Gold package plus special games and one drink ticket per player.

Hurry, Create Your Team & Register

Early Bird(ie) Discount:
Sign up before April 15th
and receive a \$50 discount

June 3rd, 2022

Shotgun Start at 8am
Spring Hill Golf Course

Register at AlbanyChamber.com or call 541-926-1517

Tournament Sponsor:



Scoreboard Sponsor:



Drink Cart Sponsors:



Lunch Sponsors:



Driving Range Sponsor:



Survivor Ball Sponsor:



Hole-in-One Sponsor:



Distinguished Service Awards Recap



Pictured Above: Buzz Wheeler receives the Legacy Award.

On March 12th, the Distinguished Service Awards celebrated and honored local businesses and individuals that have shown dedication to our community, exemplary service, and community leadership.



Congratulations to the Award Winners:

Distinguished Service Award

Emma Eaton

Jim Linhart First Citizen Award

Rod Porsche

Jr. First Citizen

Crystal Harris

Distinguished Student Award

Esperanza Herrera-Moore - SAHS

Small Business of the Year

AAsum-Dufour Funeral Home

Large Business of the Year

Boys & Girls Club of Albany

Chamber Updates

2022 Chamber Dollars Expire in June

With 2023 Chamber Dollars beginning to circulate in March, 2022 Chamber Dollars will expire in June. If you need any assistance with managing or trading in 2022 Chamber Dollars, please contact Justen Noll at our office by email or phone.

Updated Member Information

In preparation for this year's PowerBook, if any information in your company's member profile is not up to date, please log into your account or contact our office via email or phone to ensure that your company is accurately listed.

[If you have any questions, please contact Justen Noll at \[jnoll@albanychamber.com\]\(mailto:jnoll@albanychamber.com\) or call 541-926-1517](mailto:jnoll@albanychamber.com)

2021–2022 Officers and Directors

Board Officers

Chair: Jon Kloor (Consumers Power Inc.)

Chair-Elect: Stacie Wyss-Schoenborn (Central Willamette Credit Union)

Sr. Vice Chair: Jennifer Stanaway (Samaritan Albany General Hospital)

Vice Chairs: Kristal Dufour (AAsum-Dufour Funeral Home) James Ramseyer (Consumers Power, Inc.)

Treasurer: Loren Roth (Citizens Bank)

Board Members

Abel Condrea (Edward Jones), Sue Creel (First American Title), Brian Dietrich (Parr Lumber), Joe Folds (Oregon Freeze Dry), Joel Kinman (Bravo Group), Lori McKinnon (Coastal), Roger Nyquist (Lakeshore Lanes), Brian Oare (Oare & Associates), John Pascone (Albany-Millersburg Economic Development Corp.), Cordell Post (Post Law Firm), Sarah Steen (AmeriTitle), Mike Sykes (Mike's Heating & A/C), Brice Winney (Stack HIP)

Committee Chairs

Ambassadors Chair: Liz Tilson Ramirez (AMOR Events)

Albany Business Extravaganza: Chrystal Hart-Meeker & Arthur Meeker (Xtreme Grafx)

Golf Tournament: Dick Perdue (Retired)

Emerging Leaders: Jorden Parrish (Program and Event Manager)

Finance: Loren Roth (Citizens Bank)

Governmental Affairs Co-Chairs: Jon Kloor (Consumers Power), James Ramseyer (Consumers Power)

Greeters Co-Chairs: Peggy Burris (Albany Historic Carousel and Museum), Mr. G Nassar (G & Jenny Insurance), Kristin Smith (Keller Williams-Smith), Sarah Steen (AmeriTitle)

Women In Business: Janet Steele (President)

Youth Job Fair: Jorden Parrish (Program and Event Manager)

Chamber Staff

Janet Steele - President

Jorden Parrish - Events and Programs Manager

Justen Noll - Office Manager

GREETERS SCHEDULE APRIL 2022

Meet with us for an interactive, small group networking and to learn about a Chamber member. Thursday mornings at 8:15am, members attend for free.

Interested in hosting or have questions? Contact Jorden at 541-926-1517 or email jparrish@albanychamber.com

7th

Albany Carpet One

416 Pacific Blvd SW, Albany

14th

American Legion Post 10

1215 Pacific Blvd. SE, Albany

21st

Corvallis Knights

301 SW 4th St Suite 100, Corvallis

28th

Southpaws Pizza

560 Hickory St. NW, Albany

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, April 20th

Ag & Forestry Day - Leadership Albany

Thursday, April 21st

8:15 am Greeters

Wednesday, April 27th

11:30 Membership Forum

Thursday, April 28th

8:15 am Greeters

Thursday, April 28-29th

Board Retreat

Thursday, April 7th

8:15 am Greeters

Thursday, April 14th

8:15 am Greeters

Tuesday, April 19th

4:00 pm Business Unwind

BUSINESS UNWIND

TUESDAY, APRIL 19TH | 4-6PM
With Host AAsum-Dufour Funeral Home

Join us to Celebrate
AAsum-Dufour's
60th Anniversary

**\$7 PRE-REGISTER, \$8 AT THE DOOR
\$10 NON-MEMBERS**

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