

# Albany Area Chamber Network

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**June Membership Forum Luncheon**  
**With Guest Speaker Jim Bernau,**  
Founder/CEO of Willamette Valley Vineyards  
Title: "Celebrating Oregon"

Wednesday, June 29th  
11:30am-1pm  
Linn County Expo Center

*A Willamette Valley Vineyards Ambassador  
will be offering wine tastes to attendees*

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# Board of Director Candidates

July 1st marks the beginning of a new year for your Albany Area Chamber. Each year between 5 and 8 chamber members in good standing are nominated to serve a three-year term on the Board of Directors. Board members may serve two consecutive terms. If a Board member fills an un-expired term, he/she is eligible to serve their own two, three - year terms.

The Nominating Committee has recommended the following individuals for the Board of Directors. Members of the Chamber may, by right of petition, bearing the genuine signatures of at least 25 qualified members, add additional candidates. If after 10 days, no petitions are received, these individuals are considered duly elected by the membership. If new candidates are offered, their names plus the slate from the Nominating Committee shall be put forth before the entire membership for a vote.

## **Business Leaders Nominated to Serve a Three-Year Term: July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2025**

**John Anderson – Boys and Girls Club of Albany**

**Grant Cyrus – Target Distribution**

**Cameron Howell – Citizens Bank**

**Lori McKinnon – Coastal**

**Roger Nyquist – Lake Shore Lanes**

**Alex Patterson – Rhodes Warden Insurance**

**Brent Stutzman – Stutzman Services**

**Stacie Wyss Schoenborn – Central Willamette Credit Union**

## **Save the Date: Albany Business Extravaganza & Hiring Event**

Wednesday, September 21st, 2022 - Linn County Expo Center



**Registration is Now Open!**



# Your Business and Community Advocate

# Leadership Albany 2022 Graduates



## *Front Row (Left to Right):*

Don Kloft (National Frozen Foods), Bryan Smith (Oregon Employment Dept.), Marcia Harnden (Albany Police Dept.), Wendy Johl (Selectemp), Lyndi Costello (Coastal), Andy Villeneuve (ATI)

## *Back Row (Left to Right):*

Gregory Goebel (Weatherford Thompson, PC), Linnea Everts (LBCC Foundation), Pat Eastman (Eastman Co.), Dave DeSemple (Central Willamette Credit Union), Karsen O'Bryan (Mid-Willamette YMCA), McKena Roberts (Boys & Girls Club of Albany), Meg Walker (Coastal), Shelli Alinari (Samaritan Albany General Hospital), Nef Pizano (Samaritan Albany General Hospital), Melanie Plunk (Citizens Bank), Ken Marelieh (Samaritan Albany General Hospital), Jane Steele (Albany Area Chamber of Commerce)

## *Graduating But Not Pictured:*

Jared Meyer (Target Distribution Center), Keith Kessler (Direct Flooring Center), Macey Wessels (Boshart Trucking), Matthew Ruetters (City of Albany)

[For 2023 application information, please contact Justen Noll at \[jnoll@albanychamber.com\]\(mailto:jnoll@albanychamber.com\) or call 541-926-1517](mailto:jnoll@albanychamber.com)



## Golden Ticket Winner!

### Pacific Residential Mortgage

#### Background:

I joined Pac Res Mortgage and Team Hubbard this past year after playing basketball for 2 years in Madrid. Traveling the world, and meeting amazing new people was something I had always dreamed of. To be able to do that while playing basketball is a memory I will always cherish.

Prior to Madrid, I played basketball at Oregon State from 2014-17 for Coach Tinkle. The college basketball experience, and OSU in general, is one of my top highlights. Being a part of a team that broke a 26 year March Madness drought in Corvallis and seeing the community rally around us meant so much to our team. Team Hubbard is not only full of amazing mortgage knowledge, but even better people. I have been a part of a team my entire life, and I didn't want my career to be any different! Helping people is what I love to do, and being in the mortgage industry allows me to do just that!

#### Biggest Issue Facing Albany:

A lack of inventory in the housing market has been a challenge in the Albany area. This creates a seller's market and makes it difficult for buyers to be able to find homes. What's so great about this community is that no matter the issues that arise, we always seem to find a way to bounce back and I know the same will happen in this case. We are expecting roughly 250 new homes to be built in the area and that is just the start on our way back to normalcy. We are excited for the future and the people in Albany are a big reason why!

#### Community Involvement:

Kristina Hubbard (NMLS - 45443), our leader, has been a mainstay in the community for as long as she has been in business. She is the local Homes for Heroes Affiliate Service Provider and has been heavily involved in helping so many Veterans, Teachers, Nurses and other community heroes find homes. We attend local events together as a team, including: Greeters, Boys and Girls club events, and Golf tournaments along with many others. We are actively involved in giving back to those who are in need such as DHS, Furniture Share, ABC House, Willamette Valley First Responder Chaplains, Old Mill Center, and the Family Tree Relief Nursery.

#### Business Marketing Niche:

Our goal is to make our clients' residential and financial dreams come true through real estate. We are Certified Mortgage Advisors, not just loan officers, which allows us to take a creative approach to strategize anyone's mortgage to meet their short and long-term goals. Because of our Certification and expertise, we are able to help anyone, whether you are a first time homebuyer or a sophisticated investor. Please reach out if you or anyone you know is looking into buying, selling, or refinancing a home!



Matt Dahlen - NMLS 2222295  
Mortgage Advisor



## Congratulations to Our High School Scholarship Winners

These sponsorships are made possible through Chamber member voluntary contributions.



**Kate Fast**

*Santiam Christian Schools*



**Olivia Manske**

*West Albany High School*



**Samantha Rubesh**

*South Albany High School*

# Albany Area Chamber of Commerce 2022-2023 POWERBOOK

- Let customers and clients know you're ready to do business.
- When your customers have questions, make sure they turn to you for answers.
- Put your business message into the hands of neighbors, clients and potential customers. *The Albany Chamber Powerbook.*



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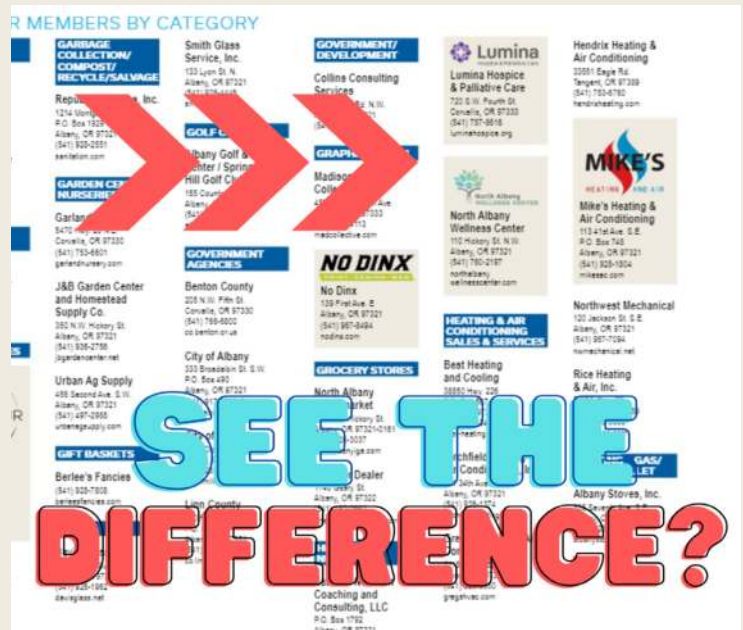
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or call 541-926-1517 to:

- Verify and update your company information
- Have your company listed in multiple directory categories (\$25 per additional category)
- Include your company's logo in the directory (\$75)
- Activate a QR Code in the directory to your company's website (\$75)





# Fun Things to Do in the Albany Area This Summer



## 2022 Linn County Fair

July 14-16th, 2022 at the Linn County Expo Center

Concert Series:

July 14th: **Sara Evans**

July 15th: **Five for Fighting**

July 16th: **Sawyer Brown**



Concert Series:

July 7th: **Sheena Easton** - July 21st: **Blue Öyster Cult**

July 28th: **Ruthie Foster**

August 4th: **ARRIVAL from Sweden**

August 11th: **Eddie Montgomery**

## State News: Paid Leave Oregon Sets Rate for 2023

[Paid Leave Oregon](#) is setting the contribution rate for employers and workers at 1% when contributions begin in 2023.

Paid Leave Oregon will allow workers to take paid time off for some of life's most important moments. It covers leave for the birth or adoption of a child, for serious illness or injury, for taking care of a seriously ill family member, and for supporting survivors of sexual assault, domestic violence, harassment or stalking.

Starting Jan. 1, 2023, workers will pay 60% and employers will pay 40% of the combined contribution rate of 1%. For example, if an employee made \$1,000 in wages, the employee would pay \$6 and the employer would pay \$4 for this paycheck. Employers may choose to pay the employee portion as a benefit for their employees.

Paid leave contributions will go into a trust fund, which in turn, will provide the revenue for workers' paid leave benefits starting Sept. 3, 2023. Oregon law says the Oregon Employment Department Director will set the paid leave contribution rate annually, which cannot exceed 1%. The law also requires the trust fund to have enough funds to pay benefits for up six months.

Paid Leave Oregon used actuarial data to forecast that a 1% contribution rate would make sure the program would have enough funds to both meet the legal requirement and pay benefits for Oregon workers.

"Setting contributions at 1% means Paid Leave Oregon can offer lower-wage workers up to a 100% reimbursement rate when they need to take leave while ensuring there is enough money to support the program in the long term," said Paid Leave Oregon Director Karen Madden Humelbaugh.

Paid Leave Oregon expects the contribution rate to decrease in the future as the fund becomes solvent.

# Chamber Member Updates & In The News

## GAPS Nurse Wins Statewide Award

Per GAPS Website

Rachel Smith, PhD, RN, Director of Health Services for Greater Albany Public Schools (GAPS), recently earned the Oregon School Nurse Administrator of the Year award from the Oregon School Nurses Association (OSNA). This prestigious award was announced at OSNA's state conference on April 21 in Ashland.

"It has been an exciting journey growing our Health Services programs at GAPS, especially our nursing team, and I am truly honored to have received this award," Smith said. "I am proud to work alongside our amazing and talented team here at GAPS."

Smith has worked for Greater Albany Public Schools since May 2019.



## Hendrix Heating & Air Celebrates 70 Years

Guy Hendrix always said he "started in 1952 working out of his garage". So...now here we are in 2022 celebrating Hendrix Heating's 70 years in business serving the Mid-Willamette Valley. This May also marked Hendrix's 2nd anniversary in our new, permanent home in Tangent! With a group of 36 team members and an amazing customer base (some more than 60 years), Hendrix Heating strives every day to provide peace of mind those they serve, and to provide only the best in customer service. We want to say "THANK YOU" to our community for your business over the years, we are truly grateful!"

## PEAK Internet Welcomes Matt Webb to Staff

PEAK Internet is pleased to announce that Matt Webb has joined its staff as Manager of Sales and Business Development. An Oregon State University graduate, Webb had previously worked for Lumen Technology (formerly CenturyLink) in outside sales.

"Matt's prior experience made him a perfect fit for this role," said Rick Petersen, President and CEO. "We are very excited to have an established manager of Matt's caliber to help shape PEAK's growth initiatives both now and into the future."

For more information about PEAK Internet, call 541-754-PEAK, or visit [www.PEAKInternet.com](http://www.PEAKInternet.com).



## Sybaris Receives Main Street Grant

Oregon Heritage, a division of the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department, has awarded 28 matching grants worth \$5,000,000 to Oregon Main Street Network organizations across the state for building projects that encourage economic revitalization.

The \$200,000 matching grant will be used by Sybaris owners, Matt and Janel Bennett, to revitalize the former Oregon Railway Electric building for the future home of Sybaris. Plans would be to move in sometime in 2023. Many individuals had a part in making this happen, including Lise Grato and the Albany Downtown Association, part of the Main Street Network.

The Albany Area Chamber extends its congratulations to all!

# Welcome to the Chamber!

## New Members

### Northwest Mobile Cuisine

Albany, OR 97321

541-979-4066



### The Office Nanny

Albany, OR 97321

541-730-0016 | [officenannyinc.com](http://officenannyinc.com)

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### Reinvesting Members 4/16/22 - 5/15/22

Albany Helping Hands  
Allen & Associates Insurance INC  
Allen & Laporte General Contracting, Inc.  
Alpha Dog Home Solutions  
Anytime Fitness Albany  
Bank of the Pacific  
Beckham, David B., Attorney at Law  
Bicoastal Media Willamette Valley  
Birchfield Heating & Air Conditioning, Inc.  
Caliber Home Loans  
Christmas Storybook Land  
Clayton Homes  
Coastal  
Cook Family Farms, Inc.  
Corvallis Feed & Seed Inc.  
Culligan Water  
Dave Pautsch RE/MAX Integrity  
Dever Farms, Inc.  
EyeCare Associates

First Burger  
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G & Jenny Insurance Group  
Georgia-Pacific  
I-5 Sports  
Industrial Rebuilders Corp.  
Izabela Mattson Brand Photography  
Jackson Food Stores  
Jackson Street Youth Services  
Kaufman, Bob, CPA, PC  
Keller Williams Realty Mid-Willamette - Smith  
King Office Designs  
Law Office of Teri Plagmann  
Love INC  
Love's Travel Stops  
Made in the Shade Mid-Willamette Valley  
Mid-Willamette Family YMCA  
Mike's Heating & Air Conditioning  
Movement Mortgage

Mt. Angel Publishing, Inc.  
National Business Solutions  
National Frozen Foods Corp.  
No Dinx  
North Albany Supermarket  
Nutrien Ag Solution, Inc.  
Santiam Christian Schools  
Scariano, Ralph  
Servpro of Linn & Benton County  
Sherwin Williams  
Southpaws Perfect Pizza and Sports Pub  
Summit Bank  
Target Distribution Center  
The Bark Place, Inc.  
Ticor Title  
TnT Builders, Inc.  
Van Vleet Meat Food Service Company  
Visiting Angels of Willamette Valley  
Wyse, John

### Thank You to Our Milestone Members

#### **40 Years**

Sherwin Williams

#### **25 Years**

Oregon State Credit Union

#### **20 Years**

Stutzman Services, Inc.

#### **10 Years**

Columbia Seeds, LLC  
Rice Heating & Air, Inc.

#### **5 Years**

Peace Mentors  
Home Life Vocational Program, Job Development



# Upcoming Events



## June Forum\* with Jim Bernau

Founder/CEO of Willamette Valley Vineyards

Title: "Celebrating Oregon"

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*\*A Willamette Valley Vineyards Ambassador will be offering wine tastes to attendees*

Willamette Valley Vineyards was established in 1983 when Founder Jim Bernau planted an overgrown pioneer plum orchard in the Salem Hills with Pinot Noir, watering his vines with a garden hose. While the vines were growing, Jim concentrated on helping Oregon Winegrowers by passing legislation on making wineries a permitted use on farmland, the direct shipment of wine, wine tastings in stores and restaurants, and later the establishment of the Oregon Wine Board. Jim's personal gift to Oregon State University established the first professorship for fermentation science in the nation.

Jim believes among the healthiest forms of business organizations are those owned by the community. He conducted the first "crowdfunding" in the nation to build his winery by obtaining permission from the Securities and Exchange Commission in 1988, resulting in a growing fabric of laws allowing community-based funding for small businesses. Willamette Valley Vineyards has grown to more than 24,000 wine enthusiast shareholders and is listed on the NASDAQ under the symbol WVVI.

Willamette Valley Vineyards and Jim Bernau have been recognized for environmentally responsible winegrowing by LIVE (Low Impact Viticulture and Enology) as well as receiving the Sustainable Standard-Setter award for their use of FSC-certified cork. In 2014, Jim was honored with the Los Heroes de Salud! award for his contributions in providing healthcare to Oregon's vineyard workers, and in 2021 Jim received both the Portland Business Journal Executive of the Year award and the Oregon Wine Press Person of the Year award. These accomplishments have led to Willamette Valley Vineyards being listed among the top 100 Wines in the World by Wine Spectator Magazine, named "One of America's Great Pinot Noir Producers" by Wine Enthusiast Magazine and "Winery of the Year" by Wine & Spirits Magazine.



## May Forum At the Knife River Training Center





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**Albany Area Chamber of Commerce 2022 GOLF TOURNAMENT**

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**Albany Area Chamber of Commerce 2022 GOLF TOURNAMENT**

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## 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), Andy Villeneuve (ATI), 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:** Janet Steele (President)

**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 - Program and Event Manager

Justen Noll - Office Manager

## GREETERS SCHEDULE JUNE 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](mailto:jparrish@albanychamber.com)

### 2nd

City of Albany

333 Broadalbin St. SW

### 9th

Fitzpatrick Painting

37949 Century Dr NE

### 16th

Creating Pathway Pediatric Therapy

*Ribbon Cutting Ceremony*

1117 Pacific Ave SE

### 23rd

Central Willamette Credit Union

7101 Supra Dr SW

### 30th

G & Jenny Insurance Group

3111 S Santiam Drive Suite F

## Upcoming Events

### Thursday, June 2nd

8:15 am Greeters

### Friday, June 3rd

8:15 am Golf Tournament

### OFFICE CLOSED

### Thursday, June 9th

8:15 am Greeters

### Friday, June 10th

9:00 am Ambassador Ribbon Cutting  
Margin Coffee, LLC

### Tuesday, June 14th

3:30 pm Executive Committee

### Thursday, June 16th

8:15 am Greeters & Ambassador  
Ribbon Cutting - Creating Pathways  
Pediatric Therapy

### Tuesday, June 21st

11:30 am Board Meeting

### Wednesday, June 22nd

Noon - Forum Speaker Selection Lunch

### Thursday, June 23rd

8:15 am Greeters

### Wednesday, June 29th

11:30am Membership Forum and  
Annual Meeting

### Thursday, June 30th

8:15 am Greeters

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