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# January- February 2018



## President's Message

Meet Our New President & Board Members!

### Upcoming Events

**January 2nd: 7:00-8:00**  
**Board Meeting**

**January 9th: 11:45-1:00**  
**General Membership Luncheon**

**January 26th: 7:00-8:00**  
**Economic Development Meeting**

**January 23rd: 5:00-7:00**  
**Business After Hours**  
Professional Therapy Associates

**January 30th: 11:30-12:30**  
**Eat and Educate with the Chamber**  
Presented by Express

**February 6<sup>th</sup>: 7:00-8:00**  
**Board Meeting**

**February 13<sup>th</sup>: 11:45-1:00**  
**General Membership Luncheon**

**February 20<sup>th</sup>: 7:00-8:00**  
**Economic Development Meeting**

**February 27<sup>th</sup>: 5:00-7:00**  
**Business After Hours & Ribbon Cutting**  
**Ceremony**  
Odd Fellows Coffee House

Winter is upon us and we are in the midst of the Holidays! I trust you all had a great Thanksgiving and are looking forward to Christmas and New Years!

For almost two years now I have been involved in the Chamber and for a full 2 years plus I have been a resident of Columbia Falls. What a great privilege it is to be a part of both! The community has welcomed my family and I with open arms. Thank you for being you!

I have learned much from my fellow board members and I especially want to thank Mark Johnson who has helped ready me for my upcoming term as Chamber President. There is still plenty of OJT in store I know!

I saw a video recently that revealed something very interesting. In launching the space shuttle, over half of the hundreds of thousands of pounds of fuel is expended just to get the shuttle off the ground. It may travel literally a million miles or more and land but, over half of the fuel is spent moving it just 10 feet!

It has been truly amazing to watch our community "clear the pad". I truly believe we are just leaving the launch pad. There are many to thank for the energy they have expended to "attain lift off". Many have invested time, energy and funds all in copious amounts to make things happen in our community.

I look forward to building on the foundation built by those before me but this is a team effort. We all must continue to invest our time & talents in the community, the Chamber, our schools and beyond so we can continue to see our area continue to grow and prosper. Thank you all for your efforts in advance.

Merry Christmas!

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### What's Inside...

Meet our New President and Board Members

Eat and Educate Lunch Seminar

Business After Hours

General Membership Luncheons

### Please welcome our new members!

Glacier Adventure Guides  
Izaak Walton Inn  
Flathead Fish & Seafood Company  
RGL Construction  
Ron Terry Construction  
Masters Acupuncture  
Cedarwood West Dentistry

### 2017 Awards

#### First Buck Awards:

Berube PT, JIM, Yoga Hive, True Potential Chiropractic, Odd Fellows Coffee House, Over the Mountain, Vaqueros, Hellroaring CrossFit, Masters Acupuncture, Falls Creek Cabin, Great Northern Logworks, Hoffenbackers, The Shops at Station 8, Glacier Nutrition and Tanning, Three Rivers Dental, Dr. Stephen Seheult, Mountain View RV Park, Glaciers Mountain Resort, Cowboy Collectibles, RGL Construction, Last Best Storage, City Cleaners

#### Community Spirit Awards:

Honorable Judge Gordon, Columbia Falls Fire Department, Columbia Falls Police Department, School District 6, Berube PT, Great Northern Whitewater Raft & Resort, Glacier Raft Company

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