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# March-April 2018



## President's Message

**Member Directory & Brochure Inside!**

### Upcoming Events

**March 6th: 5:00-7:00pm  
Strategic Planning Board Meeting**

**March 13th: 11:45-1:00  
General Membership Luncheon**

**March 20th: 7:00-8:00  
Economic Development Meeting**

**March 27th: 11:30-12:30  
Eat and Educate Seminar**

**April 3rd: 7:15-8:00  
Board Meeting**

**April 10th: 11:45-1:00  
General Membership Luncheon**

**April 17th: 7:00-8:00  
Economic Development Meeting**

**April 17th: 8:30-12:00  
Wildcat Job Fair**

**April 24th: 5:00-7:00  
Business After Hours & Ribbon Cutting  
Ceremony**  
Ron Terry Construction

### Please Welcome Our New Members!

ProBuild  
Winter Wonderland Sports  
Flathead CVB

### Thank to our Business After Hour hosts for January and February. Great turn out, networking and fun!

Odd Fellows Coffee House

Professional Therapy Associates

### Thank you to Express Employment Professionals for presenting at our Eat and Educate Seminar in January.

One of the things I appreciate most about Montana is the change of the seasons. It seems when the seasons change or when we first begin to see the signs of an upcoming change it is the most beautiful thing ever. The first green grass in the lawn. The changing leaves. The first skiff of snow.

Then the work hits! With each changing season comes preparation for that season. If left till the last minute those tasks can create a great deal of anxiety! "It's going to snow and get cold and I don't have the heat tape up." "The camper needs to be winterized." "Snow tires need to be put on or taken off." etc.

It has been wisely said that "luck" is the convergence of preparation and opportunity. We are in a season of change in our community.

We can let the change bring anxiety or we can be prepared. However two things are for sure: Change is here and more is coming and change brings opportunity.

Every day I drive the length of the city twice from the waterslides west and back and change is evident. Businesses are busier. People are taking advantage of new offerings in our area. We should all celebrate that there are more opportunities than ever to stay in our area and invest our time, talents and money!

However opportunities still exist for those who choose to be the "lucky" ones. What do you or your friends & family leave our area to do? What does our area not offer? What services do we lack? These are opportunities waiting for the prepared. There is really not much "luck" involved. Risk? Yes. Hard work? Absolutely!

Your Chamber is changing as well! 2 years ago we scrambled to fill our business after hours opportunities. We are currently booking 2019! We are expanding our benefits, emphasizing those that are underutilized and want every member to receive maximum benefit from their association with the Chamber.

A lot of preparation has been made on behalf of our members. If you missed the membership luncheon in February you missed a ton of info on opportunities available with your membership. Call the chamber office or see the website for what you might be missing! Let us help you better prepare for the upcoming season!

As I pen this it is snowing and we are expecting another winter storm and subzero temps. But the days grow longer and change is coming. I'm ready for a change. But am I prepared for spring?

Yours in anticipation,  
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### What's Inside...

Your New Member Brochure & Directory

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