

Working for the Business Community



A quarterly report of our accomplishments and a look at what's ahead

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We are the unifying business force dedicated to community vitality and economic prosperity for the Greater Spokane Valley.

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UPCOMING:

July 15, 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Business Connections Lunch
Speaker: Coach Adam Shackleford,
Spokane Empire
Spokane Valley Event Center

Aug. 4, 1 p.m. Shotgun Start
20th Annual Golf Tournament
MeadowWood Golf Course

Sept. 26, 5:30-8 p.m.
Manufacturing Matters EXPO
Dinner at Mirabeau Park Hotel

Sept. 27, 9 a.m.- 4 p.m.
Manufacturing Matters EXPO
Spokane County Fair & Expo Ctr.

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Accomplishments this Quarter

Looking back and looking ahead

- We celebrated our 95th anniversary as a Chamber serving the Greater Spokane Valley communities.
- Member and sponsor support fuels the work we do for business and the community. We reached the milestone of 600 member partners this quarter.
- Convened the second Past Chairs' Luncheon to update past leaders on the Chamber as we continue to grow and move forward as an organization.
- An official groundbreaking ceremony was held for the new City of Spokane Valley City Hall at the corner of Sprague and Dartmouth.
- We received an Award of Communication Excellence for our weekly 'Friday Favorites' publication in the electronic category from ACCE.

Building Member Value

- An expanded Business Showcase was held at the Spokane County Fair & Expo Center with business workshops and a fireside chat with Kevin Person, CEO, Wagstaff.
- We travelled with a delegation of business, education, and community leaders to advocate on behalf of the Spokane region during the joint chambers 2016 Regional D.C. fly-in trip to our nation's capitol.
- The Spring Membership Drive drew on the efforts of 20 raving fans and volunteers, many of them on our board of directors.
- We experienced event growth with rising attendance for Business Connections meetings, After 5 Networking events, and Let's Talk Shop workshops.
- At the Regional Economic Meeting of Chambers, all players shared their strategic plans for economic development in the areas of retention, recruitment, expansion or start-up in an effort to work smarter as a region with a common goal.

The BIG 5

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The BIG 5 gains momentum



Second Quarter Updates

- The second BIG 5 Summit drew approximately 50 members who continue to invest time, talent and treasure towards a bright future in our region.
- The vision to bridge the BIG 5 initiatives of Greater Learning and Greater Goods prompted the Spokane Valley Chamber Foundation to pursue creating a scholarship for students going into the trades.
- Registration opened for the Manufacturing Matters EXPO, formerly the InlandAM Expo, scheduled Sept. 27 at the Spokane County Fair & Expo Center.
- Since The BIG 5 for the Greater Spokane Valley is a regional plan and will benefit many, it was shared with GSI, Rotary and Visit Spokane.

Greater Outdoors

- Research from City of Spokane Valley demonstrates early reports of needs/opportunities for outdoor sports-plexes in the Valley.
- Study to be conducted in partnership with Cities, County, and CVSD to identify supporting needs in an outdoor sports-plex project.
- Stakeholders identify needs w/the County for upgrades to parks/Plantes Ferry.
- Discussions with champions for our rivers and trails continue to identify means by which we can promote and protect existing efforts and collaborate.

Greater Goods

- Official announcement made for the Chamber to produce the rebranded "Manufacturing Matters EXPO" to be held at the Spokane County Fair & Expo Center, September 2016.
- Efforts underway to bring together studies from our partners in the region to identify next steps for economic growth, expansion and support for manufacturing in our Valley continues.

Greater Learning

- Meetings with Superintendents to identify needs and opportunities to forge a deep collaborative effort with our business community in a strategic step forward.
- Discussions of quarterly engagements to span the market over a possible 2-year period to build out not merely a strong workforce, but illumine and inspire pathways for our youth.

Greater Cures

- Middle to Med school pipeline discussion to expand and touch all aspects of the medical field and provide inspiration to the opportunities found in the medical community offering 20% of the jobs in the national GDP.

Greater Vision

- Retail research by City of Spokane Valley
- Restaurant Roadmap
- Economic Forecast inspired by the BIG 5 for our Valley by Steve Scranton, Chief Investment Officer for Washington Trust Bank

BIG 5 VISION

Focused on the core values and attributes that draw business and industry to our region, the BIG 5 serves as both the beacon and the compass for economic prosperity and community vitality for the Greater Spokane Valley region.

ABOUT THE BIG 5:

The Greater Spokane Valley Chamber is dedicated to building and promoting collaborative partnerships.

The BIG 5 is a community engagement effort, launched by the Greater Spokane Valley Chamber of Commerce to identify and drive community-wide initiatives that stimulate community vitality and nurture economic prosperity for the Greater Spokane Valley region.

Learn more under The BIG 5 tab at spokanevalleychamber.org. To get involved in The BIG 5, answer the 3 questions link found on any of the BIG 5 pages, or call our office at 509-924-4994.

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