



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

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UPCOMING:

Oct. 21, 7-9 a.m.

Business Connections Breakfast
Speaker: Terry Gurno, Gurno Group
Spokane Valley Event Center

Nov. 18, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Annual Meeting
Speaker: John Tomkowiak, M.D.,
Dean, Elson S. Floyd College of
Medicine, WSU-Spokane
Mirabeau Park Hotel

Dec. 16, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Business Connections Lunch
'Stories of Good Will'
Mirabeau Park Hotel

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Accomplishments this Quarter

Looking back and looking ahead

- Our Government Action committee continued to hone the guiding principles for this committee and work on the legislative priorities draft for 2017, conducting a survey of our members for their input in building them.
- The Spokane Valley Chamber Foundation received notable donations from supporters such as Dave's Bar & Grill, Cd'A Metals and STCU to fuel new scholarship programs for the trades.
- Our July board meeting was chosen as the venue to present the 'Spirit of Enterprise Award' to Congresswoman Cathy McMorris Rodgers.
- President & Chief Executive Officer, Katherine Morgan, traveled to Savannah for the Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives Convention in August.
- Past chairs Barry Baker, Baker Construction, and Denny York, Fairmount Memorial Association, joined our President and CEO, Katherine Morgan, for a presentation to the City of Spokane Valley in pursuit of a share of the ED Grant.

Building Member Value

- We produced a very successful Manufacturing Matters EXPO and dinner, featuring keynote speaker, CJ Buck, President and CEO of Buck Knives.
- Business Connections featured Coach Adam Shackelford of the Spokane Empire, sharing his thoughts on building a winning team.
- Ribbon cutting ceremonies were held for Viking Builders, Painting with a Twist, Spokane County Interstate Fair, Windermere Liberty Lake, Willow Song Music Therapy and Inland NW Baby.
- As an exclusive local partner for the Google Street View Indoors program, several members took advantage of this cutting-edge technology to give more web exposure to their business.
- Presenters spoke to a packed house during the Let's Talk Shop Workshop, 'Digital Marketing.'

The BIG 5 gains momentum



Third Quarter Update

- In a partnership with Community Colleges of Spokane, the Spokane Valley Chamber Foundation bridged the BIG 5 initiatives of Greater Learning and Greater Goods by creating a scholarship program for students going into the trades. Thanks to the generosity of several major donors, the Foundation is on track to meet the goal of filling an entire classroom with scholarship recipients.

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

- The Chamber produced the rebranded “Manufacturing Matters EXPO” 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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