



T·H·R·E·E F·O·R·K·S CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Promoting Strategic Economic Growth and Vitality

A Letter From Your President



Hello Three Forks.

Another year is coming to a close and Christmas is just around the corner. I believe Christmas can mean so many different things to every one of us. And with each year, can bring new joys and challenges. I would imagine for some of us this is a slow time of year where others, this may be the busiest time of year for your business. With either scenario, Christmas can bring stress, anxiety and even depression to the most joyous of hearts. Someone reminded me this holiday season that God is behind every smile. And no matter what your religious affiliation is, if you find yourself feeling down, turn right around and do something kind for someone else. I think you'll find it is the best medicine for curing almost any ailment, even if just for a moment. Just imagine the chain reaction and impact your kind gesture could make if an entire department or all of your staff got behind a group effort for the benefit of others!

Christmas should be a time for sharing, having fun and being caring. May joy be your gift at Christmas and may faith hope and love be your reassurance in the new year. At the close of another year, we gratefully pause to wish you a warm and very Merry Christmas.

Brooke



Welcome to the newly elected and appointed Three Forks Chamber of Commerce Officers



Vice President- Karen Walton, Member

Treasurer- Ranee Berg, Chiropractic Clinic of Three Forks

Board Member- Tara Forsberg, Stageline Pizza

Board Member- Chuck Wambeke—Industrial Automation Consulting

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President—Brooke Leugers, Member

Vice President—Karen Walton, Member

Treasurer—Ranee Berg, Chiropractic Clinic of Three Forks

Secretary—JR Tonjum, Venture West Realty

Board Member—Tara Forsberg, Stageline Pizza

Board Member—Jeff Elliott, Three Forks Schools

Board Member—Chuck Wambeke, Industrial Automation Consulting

Executive Director—Connie Hussung

Website Administrator—Katie LaLiberty



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Next TF Chamber Meeting

Monday, January 14th, 2019—at 12 pm (Noon)

At City Hall

All Members Encouraged and Welcome to Attend!

The Three Forks Chamber of Commerce wants to thank our community for choosing to support our local businesses!

Three Forks Chamber of Commerce Unapproved Minutes December 10th, 2018

The December Chamber meeting was held at Stageline Pizza. Present at the meeting: President, Brooke Leugers (Member); Vice President, Karen Walton (Member); Treasurer, Tanya Gonzalez (Tanya R. Gonzalez, CPA, PC); Tara Forsberg (Stageline Pizza); Jeff Elliott (Three Forks Schools) Executive Secretary, Connie Hussung; and the following members: Dr. Jack Berg and Rane Berg (Three Forks Chiropractic Clinic); Kim McCauley (Gator Gutters); Mickie Mantle-Imberi (Bunkhouse Designs & Embroidery and Action Realty Solutions); Ron Imberi (Ron's Diesel & Towing); Diane Phillips (Member); Christina Kamps (Main Street Office); Chuck Wambeke (Industrial Automation Consulting); Tina Wambeke (Restoration Massage Therapy); Kelly Bugland (Travelers Ink); Kim Gelder (Headwaters Area Food Bank).

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Brooke.

Welcome Members and Visitors: Brooke welcomed the members and guests for their attendance.

Approval of Minutes: The November 2018 unapproved minutes were sent prior to the meeting, for review. A motion to accept the meeting minutes was made by Jack Berg and seconded by Karen Walton. Motion carried.

Treasurer Report: Reports were sent prior to meeting. Tanya reviewed the Profit & Loss, Budget to Actuals, and Balance Sheet. Expenses: US Postal Service \$76.46 (Stamps & postage for phone book mailing); Straight Talk Phone \$134.81 (3-month renewal for Chamber Phone); Broadleaf Tree & Landscape \$3550.00 (Christmas Lights purchase and installation); Bunkhouse Designs & Embroidery \$257.40 (Christmas Stroll buttons and ornaments for Gingerbread House Contest); Three Forks Market \$25.00 (Fun Money reimbursement); Main Street Office \$216.75 (Christmas Stroll raffle tickets and Gingerbread House Contest ribbons); and payroll for Connie Hussung \$889.27 (Executive Secretary) and Katie LaLiberty \$120.42 (Website Administrator). Diane Phillips motioned to approve the expenses. Tanya seconded the motion. All in favor and approved. There was a brief discussion on how the Christmas lights would be classified in the books.

Executive Secretary Report: There were 95 calls received/returned, 173 emails, 0 visitor packets, and 0 relocation packets sent. Per Connie, this month was busy with the planning for the Christmas Stroll. She prepared election ballots and mailed to membership. She is preparing for year end reporting. She delivered Small Business Saturday kits to businesses on main street. Connie proposed that we update the Fun Money with a link to the current membership rather than listing all members on the back of the fun money. Members can change and it might be more efficient to direct people to a current list that can be on the Chamber website. Some discussion was held on how to best handle the fun money. It was decided to allow all businesses (member or non-

member) participate in the fun money program. Connie will edit the back of the fun money with instructions for business owners on how to be reimbursed when they are presented with fun money for payment of goods/services. Connie's duties also included the normal general correspondence (emails, weekly bulletin, phone calls).

Website Administrator Report: Katie's website report was not available for the December 10th meeting.

Civic & Economic Development Committee (Committee Lead: Jeff): Nothing new to report for this committee.

Special Events Committee (Committee Leads: Karen Walton): Karen reported that the Christmas Stroll was a good night and that the Raffle was very successful bringing in \$1256.00 in ticket sales. Thank you to all the businesses who donated items to the raffle. Karen reported that she and other members had received some feedback from Stroll vendors that were set up at the Ambulance Building. Some felt the space was too far off of Main Street and too far from the main activities. Some felt the space was too small for all the vendors that were set up. Some felt it was hard to sell baked goods when one organization was giving away baked goods. All feedback will be considered when the planning begins for next year's stroll. More discussion was held on the date of the event and how it was not that well attended. It was brought up that there were other strolls going on within 30 miles which could have affected it. Membership also felt like maybe the Imerys Tourney might have taken the numbers down. Next year if it falls on the same weekend as the Tourney, the Chamber will work with the School to better market the Stroll and possibly get more of the fans to come and enjoy the stroll while they are in town. Fireworks took place a little after 8pm and were lit on main street rather than behind the VIC. Membership discussed the change in the hours of the stroll. All will be considered when next year's planning begins.

Ambassadors Committee (Committee Leads: Tanya and Tara): Tanya shared that she put together a Welcome Basket and delivered it to the Rusty Bucket (new business in the old Video Shop building). She said that they loved and thanked her for the basket and are very interested in joining the Chamber. Tanya also delivered a welcome basket to Beyond Beauty Boutique. She has been trying to stop into Legacy Trading to get a basket to them as well. Rane Berg also pointed out the new Quilt Shop that will be opening in January. We will do a ribbon cutting as soon as they are open. Gator Gutters was recently purchased by Lucas & Kim McCauley. Brief discussion was held on how the membership transfers to new owners. Welcome Lucas & Kim!

New Business: Under new business, election of officers was held. Ballots that were received back to the Chamber were counted at the meeting. New officers are as follows: Vice President - Karen Walton (Member); Treasurer - Rane Berg (Chiropractic Clinic of Three Forks); Board Member (1 year re-appointment from resigned member) - Tanya Gonzalez (Tanya R. Gonzalez CPA); Board Member - Tara Forsberg (Stageline

Pizza); Board Member - Chuck Wambeke (Industrial Automation Consulting). All elected members accepted the positions. Brooke discussed appointing committee members. More information is forthcoming on committee appointments.

Tanya Gonzalez presented a 2019 Budget Proposal report. The numbers presented were based on the 2018 numbers. Tanya is proposing that committee directors be given a stipend when they participate and help plan events. This could encourage more participation from all members. More discussion on this topic and the 2019 budget will be held at the Budget meeting scheduled for Monday, December 17th at noon at Industrial Automation Consulting. Members interested in attending and being a part of the budget planning committee include: Chuck Wambeke, Rane Berg, Tanya Gonzalez, Tara Forsberg, and Mickie Mantle-Imberi. Tanya also proposed 3% wage increases for the Executive Director and the Website Administrator.

Discussion was held on a reimbursement for Bunkhouse Designs & Embroidery and Action Realty Solutions. Both businesses should have received advertising as a "Silver" member but did not in the 2018/2019 phone book. Ron's Diesel should have also had a larger ad based on the Silver membership. Confusion surrounding this came from the restructuring of the membership levels in 2018. There was not clear understanding of the "Multi-Business" membership benefits. After discussion, the membership and board agreed to offer Bunkhouse Designs & Embroidery and Action Realty Solutions free 2019/2020 Multi-Business memberships at the Silver level. Ron's Diesel & Towing will be offered an additional ad for 2019/2020 valued at \$50.00. Diane motioned to present the offer and Rane Berg seconded. All in favor of the offers. The phone book committee will work hard to make sure that member level benefits are understood and better managed with next year's phone book.

Old Business: Under old business, the members discussed a new date for the 2019 Chamber Annual Dinner. After looking at calendars, the members agreed to March 28th, 2019. Connie will send bid invitations to members who can possibly host the dinner.

Kim Gelder of Headwaters Food Bank reported that they met the November match challenge with Town Pump and thanked all who got the word out or donated.

A fun Christmas Gift Exchange took place! Happy Holidays to all members!

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held on Monday, January 14th, 2019 at noon at City Hall.

Motion to adjourn was made and seconded.



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2018 THREE FORKS ANNUAL Christmas Stroll

Thank You To All!

Main Street Office (Stroll advertising, printing, headquarters, & much more)

Lewis & Clark Journal (Stroll advertising and getting the word out)

Tudor & Associates (silent tree & wreath auction, bingo card)

Whitetail Ranch Center (silent tree & wreath auction, bingo card)

Three Forks Area Ambulance (vendor space, quilt raffle)

Three Forks Volunteer Fire Department (Santa photo event)

City of Three Forks (street signs, light electricity, & much more)

Three Forks Community Library (gingerbread house contest, wreath for silent auction, bingo prize donation)

Thriftway Superstops (Stroll advertising and good support year round)

Seiler's Hardware (Stroll button sales, Yeti cooler sponsor)

First Security Bank (sponsor horse drawn carriage)

Manhattan State Bank—TF Branch (magic show & Stroll advertising)

Chiropractic Clinic of Three Forks (Stroll advertising, bingo card, bingo prize donation, wreath for silent auction, volunteers)

Tanya Gonzalez CPA PC (raffle location, Stroll advertising & more)

Lewis & Clark Motel (Nutcrackers, treats, donation 1 night stay at motel, bingo prize, Stroll advertising)

Three Forks Market (Stroll advertising and good support year round)

Three Forks Saddlery (cookies & cocoa, bingo prize donation, and Stroll advertising)

Headwaters Community Arts Institute (Santa Photos)

(Fancy Feet Dance Company)

Red Tiger Drilling (Stroll advertising and good support year round)

Iron Horse Café (kid's ornament craft, raffle prize donation, bingo prize donation, and Stroll advertising)

GCC Trident Plant (Stroll advertising and good support year round)

Headwaters Heritage Museum (handmade stockings for kids, Stroll advertising)

Rockin The Rivers (Stroll advertising and good support year round)

Three Forks Bible Church (apple cider, cookies, restrooms and Stroll advertising)

Gallatin Insurance (Stroll advertising and good support year round)

Montana Mountain Massage (open house & gifts, Stroll advertising)

Stageline Pizza (drawings, prize for raffle, bingo prize donation, wreath for silent auction, and Stroll advertising)

Wildflower Gifts & Designs (holiday open house, wreath for silent auction, & Stroll advertising)

Wheat Montana Corporate Office (Christmas greetings & cookies, bingo prize donation, Stroll advertising)

Three Forks Family Dentistry (giveaways, hot drinks and treats, bingo prize donation, & Stroll advertising)

JR Tonjum, Venture West Realty (volunteering, donation for 1 night stay at Fairmont, bingo prize donation, raffle fun, Stroll advertising)

Headwaters Wrestling Club (tour and open house, door prizes, bingo stop, tickets)

The Plaza Bar & Casino (drinks and fun, bingo prize donation, fireworks display, Stroll advertising)

Ron's Diesel (candy handouts and drawing, Stroll advertising)

Action Realty Solutions (candy handouts and drawing, Stroll advertising)

Bunkhouse Designs & Embroidery (candy handouts and drawing, prizes for raffle, Stroll advertising)

Legacy Trading (free Christmas wrapping, gift certificate drawing, Stroll advertising)

Chuteside Veterinary Service PLLC (Stroll advertising and good support year round)

D & K Excavation LLC (Stroll advertising and good support year round)

Challenger Pallet & Supply Inc (firewood for burn barrels, Stroll advertising)

Kanta Products Inc (Stroll advertising and good support year round)

Roadarmel Construction (Stroll advertising and good support year round)

First Community Bank (Stroll advertising and good support year round)

Three Forks Physical Therapy Inc (Stroll advertising and good support year round)

Ramsey Hardwood Floors (Stroll advertising and good support year round)

Pathways Assisted Living (Stroll advertising and good support year round)

V42 Fitness (Stroll advertising, bingo prize donation, and good support year round)

The Black Pearl Nail Spa & Boutique (bingo prize donation, Stroll advertising and good support year round)

Doctor Door (Stroll advertising and good support year round)

BBG Contractors (two wreaths for silent auction & Stroll advertising)

Harmon Enterprises (Stroll advertising and good support year round)

Keller Williams, Diane Fuhrman & Emilee Iddings (Stroll advertising and good support year round)

Friends of Three Forks Wrestling (bingo prize donation)

Gene & Pat Townsend (Santa & Mrs. Claus and year round support)

Brooke Leugers (Committee Volunteer)

Jack & Ranee Berg (Committee Volunteer)

Karen Walton (Committee Volunteer)

JR Tonjum (Committee Volunteer)

Connie Hussung (Committee Volunteer)

Katie LaLiberty (Website and advertising designs and support)

Charlie Christensen (Candy Cane Lane Set Up)

Matt Bugland and Max (The Grinch and his dog)

Quilt for Fun (tree for Silent Auction)

Chuck & Tina Wambeke's Daughter (wreath for silent auction)

Chuck Wambeke (organizing the fireworks display)

Vendors selling awesome baked goods and crafts

Three Forks Chamber of Commerce (raffle prize donation & much more)

Thank you for a wonderful and festive Christmas Stroll! May you all have a blessed Christmas and a very Happy New Year!



2018

Christmas Stroll
Highlights





2018 Year in Review



- ◆ Chamber organizes new committees—Civic & Economic Development; Ambassadors; Special Events
- ◆ Chamber reorganizes membership levels/structure—new membership forms developed
- ◆ Chamber Membership Drive begins
- ◆ Annual Chamber Dinner held at Land of Magic Supper Club a success
- ◆ Three Forks School District Bond information released
- ◆ New businesses Tudor & Associates and Whitetail Ranch Center welcomed to TF Chamber of Commerce
- ◆ Three Forks Schools offers adult education classes
- ◆ 2018/2019 Phone Book preparation and organization begins. New phone book released in August
- ◆ Three Forks Area Historical Society holds open house
- ◆ MHSRA holds Three Forks High School/Jr. High Rodeo in April
- ◆ Fancy Feet Dance holds 2018 Spring Showcase Recital
- ◆ Headwaters Area Food Bank makes significant progress with new building
- ◆ Headwaters Heritage Museum and VIC open for the summer
- ◆ Gene & Pat Townsend plant flowers in Milwaukee Park
- ◆ 2018 Farmer’s Market prepares for an awesome summer
- ◆ Stevenson’s Park Pool opens for the summer
- ◆ Farmer’s Market Stick Horse Derby is a great kick off to Rodeo weekend and a huge success—record number of kids
- ◆ Celebration of the 2018 Annual NRA Rodeo in conjunction with Rodeo Dayz, and Rodeo Parade a super weekend
- ◆ Three Forks Area Historical Society is Rodeo Parade Grand Champion
- ◆ Ribbon Cutting event held at The Black Pearl Spa & Nail Boutique—very nice ceremony
- ◆ Headwaters Bank Run/Walk is a great success on the beautiful Headwaters Trail System
- ◆ Rockin the Rivers has a great line up for the 2018 outdoor concert
- ◆ Headwaters Heritage Museum holds ice cream social
- ◆ Ribbon Cutting event held at the Ironhorse Café—very nice ceremony
- ◆ Welcome back the teachers picnic held at the home football game as a “Tailgate” party
- ◆ Missouri Headwaters State Park has a great Summer Speaker Series
- ◆ Dr. Jack Berg of Chiropractic Clinic of Three Forks celebrates 20 years in practice
- ◆ Chamber seeking nominations for Vice President, Treasurer, and two Board Members
- ◆ Trick or Treat on Main Street is fun for the entire community
- ◆ Christmas Stroll committee meetings begin in November
- ◆ Stageline Pizza moves to new location. Grand opening and ribbon cutting ceremony a fun event
- ◆ Shop Small on Small Business Saturday promoted for our local Chamber businesses
- ◆ Chamber Christmas Stroll held on Main Street. It was a fun festive kick off to the Christmas season
- ◆ Chamber elects Vice President, Treasurer and Board Members
- ◆ Three Forks Area Historical Society holds Christmas Party
- ◆ ***Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!***



Call or email the Chamber office
if you have any questions!
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Upcoming Events

- First Day of Winter—December 21st
- Christmas Day—December 25th
- New Year's Day—January 1st, 2019
- Three Forks Chamber Meeting—January 14th at City Hall

Advertising Opportunities

- 2019 Chamber Annual Dinner
 - Chamber Special Events
- Contact the Chamber for more details!



Good News from the Headwaters Area Food Bank!

Kim Gelder (Headwaters Area Food Bank Employee) reported that the Headwaters Area Food Bank was awarded the matching funds from Town Pump! During the month of November the Food Bank challenged the community to donate at least \$10,000 and Town Pump would match those funds. They not only met the \$10,000, they exceeded it, receiving just over \$16,000! Kim sends a big THANK YOU to Three Forks and all who donated!

A-1 Wheatland Self Storage Inc
 Action Realty Solutions LLC
 American Land Title Company
 American Legion Post #93 and Auxiliary
 BBG Contractors Inc
 Belgrade News
 Berkshire Hathaway Home Services
 Big Brothers Big Sisters of Gallatin County
 Blondie Bakes & Catering
 Bob's Plumbing
 Bozeman Health Deaconess Hospital
 Broadwater Ford
 Brooke Leugers
 Bunkhouse Designs & Embroidery LLC
 Camo Heating & Air
 Challenger Pallet
 Chiropractic Clinic of Three Forks
 City of Three Forks
 Chuteside Vet Clinic
 CRH US Trident Plant
 D & K Excavation
 Diane Fuhrman Realty
 Diane Phillips
 Doctor Door
 Farm Bureau Financial Services
 First Baptist Church
 First Community Bank
 First Security Bank
 Friends of Three Forks Wrestling
 Frontier Club
 Gallatin College
 Gallatin Insurance
 Gator Gutters
 Harmon Enterprises Construction Inc
 Headwaters Area Food Bank
 Headwaters Community Arts Institute
 Headwaters Golf Course
 Headwaters Heritage Museum
 Headwaters Livestock Auction LLC
 Headwaters Storage
 Headwaters Trail System
 Headwaters Veterinary Hospital PC
 Helen's Critter Care
 Highland Log Homes
 Hilltop Electric
 Horizon Insulation
 House of Clean
 Hyalite Engineers PLLC
 Imerys Talc America
 Indigo Healing & Massage
 Industrial Automation Consulting
 Iron Horse Cafe
 JaMocha Junction
 J.R. Tonjum-Venture West Realty
 K & L Mortuaries Inc
 Kanta Products Inc
 Karen Walton
 Keller Williams Montana Realty
 K.O.R. Mechanical Inc
 Land of Magic Steakhouse
 Land West Real Estate
 Legacy Trading
 Lewis & Clark Motel/The Gathering Place
 L&L Site Services
 Lone Mountain Flatwork
 LRC Montana
 M & W Machine Inc
 Main Street Office
 Manhattan Bank—Three Forks Branch
 Marie Grimm Realtor
 McLean Plumbing & Heating
 Missouri River Custom Framing & Studios
 Montana Insurance Inc
 Montana Mountain Massage
 Montana Pony Connexion
 Pathway's Assisted Living Inc
 Plaza Bar
 Ramsey Hardwood Floors
 ReBoot Computers, LLC
 Red Tiger Drilling
 Republic Services
 Restoration Massage Therapy LLC
 Roadarmel Construction Inc
 Rockin the Rivers
 Ron's Diesel Repair & Towing Inc
 Sausage Equipment & Supply
 Seiler's Hardware
 Sky View Storage
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 Three Forks Market & RV Park
 Three Forks Motor Supply
 Three Forks Physical Therapy Inc
 Three Forks Public Schools
 Three Forks Saddlery
 Three Forks Storage
 Three Forks Video Shop
 Three Forks Youth Rec Task Force
 Three Rivers Medical Clinic
 Three Forks Rodeo Arena
 Three Valleys Insurance & Real Estate
 Thriftway Super Stops
 Tim's Diesel & Auto Repair
 Townsend Dental
 Traveler's Ink
 Tudor & Associates, Inc
 United Methodist Church of Three Forks
 V-42 Fitness
 Wheat Montana Farms and Bakery
 Whitetail Ranch Center
 Wildflower Designs & Gifts
 Willow Creek Schools
 Wilson Engineering PLLC
 Yellowstone Country Food & Beverage

