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What Do Chamber Members Think?

As of press time, there were 226 responses on the Chamber's annual survey. They represent a return rate of 15% and Chamber leadership was hoping for more prior to close of the survey. Here are some of the summary information received to date:

- The economy weighs heavily on the minds of our members and the overall state of the economy is listed as the number one issue affecting local businesses (57%) followed by the costs of insurance (14%).
- Why businesses belong include helping promote economic growth (63%), to network with other businesses (52%) and to market their business (46%). Respondents were allowed to select multiple answers.
- Committees listed that were most beneficial for members included Governmental Affairs (48%) Energy and Economic Development (47%) and Workforce Development (35%). Again, respondents were allowed to

select multiple answers.

- In terms of future priorities for the Chamber, the overwhelming majority selected Business Retention and Expansion efforts (64%) followed by Being the Voice of Business with Government (39%) and Workforce Development (18%). Businesses were also asked to weigh in on the economy. 54% believe that the economy has stayed the same over the last six months and 33% believe it has gotten worse. Only 13% believe it has gotten better.

Looking ahead to 2017 the largest percentage (42%) believe it will be similar to this year and 36% believe it will be substantially or somewhat more prosperous than 2016. To view the survey results, <https://www.surveymonkey.com/results/SM-9MCJJGBX/>.

Help Us Help Customers FIND You!

Each fall, the Chamber conducts a major effort to update the information of its members. This information is printed in our online and hard copy directories **so customers can find you**. Early this month many of you received an e-mail directing you to your listing on our website. Once there, we asked you to either approve the information we have on file or make any necessary changes.

Your timely response to our request for this information will be most appreciated. If you need assistance updating your information, please contact Shari at 970-263-2914 or shari@gjchamber.org.



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- Creating a Strong Local Economy
- Representing the Interests of Business with Government
- Promoting the Community
- Providing Networking Opportunities to Build Business Relationships
- Political Action

Chairman's Column



I know that every Chairman must feel this way come November. There is a sense of bewilderment in terms of where has the year gone and a sense of both relief and

sadness that the next Chairman of the Chamber is in the "on deck circle" (for all you Cubs and Indian fans). My final column is next month and that will have a recap of both the past month and the past year, but for now I want to do a look forward as the board enters their annual planning session cycle.

Thank you to everyone that completed the membership surveys, these are very helpful to us, particularly the written comments and suggestions. It is your input that shapes our overall focus of work particularly as we head into planning session. At the annual board retreat this month we will be focusing on two major issues affecting the business community, community visioning and workforce development. To help prepare for this all-day meeting, white papers have been prepared (and hopefully read) so everyone attending will have great background information on both topics and we can hit the ground running (I am sure there is a baseball reference that I should be able to make...).

Our goal is to spend the day examining what can truly make a difference in creating a widely accepted and widely embraced community vision along with focusing on the many efforts around workforce development and how to engage the business community in most effectively supporting those efforts.

There are many good reasons to spend some time on community visioning. In this and past membership surveys many of you have commented that it appears that we do not have an idea of "what Grand Junction wants to be when it grows up". It is also a complaint we often hear out in the community. There hasn't

been a comprehensive community visioning process since Vision 2020 was developed in 2003. 2020 is fast approaching so what do we want to be in 2030 or 2040? This isn't an answer that can merely be put forth by the Chamber, or the Grand Junction City Council or the School District or countless other institutions. In order to be successful, it has to be inclusive. It has to engage the public and it has to honor the diversity of opinions that exist in the Grand Valley. The old adage that, if you don't know where you are going, any destination will do, holds true for all of us including our community. We know we don't have all the answers and we know we can't do it alone but I am looking forward to the conversations.

Workforce Development has great things already being done by CMU, Western Colorado Community College, School District 51, the Mesa County Workforce Center and other partners and collaborators with the Chamber. It is also key to the development of diverse and sustainable economy. Yet, as an employer I am easily confused by who the players are, what they are asking of me and how I can use my limited resources to make a difference in the lives of our businesses and our children. Are we focusing on the right things? Are we focusing on too many things? Are we, the business community, engaged in working toward not just our current workforce needs but our future needs as well? These are questions your board will be pondering on November 4th.

As Chamber members, we know you want more from us than a Business After Hours once a month. Yes, networking is important and can yield immediate tangible results. But if we are to all be successful as businesses, this Chamber also needs to look at the big picture and help convene, catalyze and spur the dialogues that create a community and a business climate for the future. That is what we continue to strive to do for you and for the 37,000 employees and families that you employ.

Matthew Breman, Chairman



Quarterly Meeting Looks at Economic Future

Will 2017 be the year that the Grand Valley finally gets on the path to full economic recovery and joins the rest of Colorado

in moving forward with job creation? We certainly hope so but hoping doesn't make it so.

For a more definitive economic outlook make plans to join us for the Chamber's last Quarterly Membership Meeting of 2016 sponsored by Bray Real Estate along with ANB Bank.

Dr. Richard L. Wobbekind, Director of the Business Research Division and Associate Dean for MBA and Enterprise Programs at the University of Colorado Boulder will keynote this meeting. He provides an economic outlook for the nation, the state and Mesa County. This will mark the 51st anniversary of the Colorado Economic Outlook that he authors so you won't want to miss it.

Expanding businesses will be recognized as well. If you are a company that has added jobs or made a capital expenditure, please complete and return the business expansion form found elsewhere in this newsletter or email diane@gjchamber.org. The event will take place **December 12th, 12:00 PM at the Mesa County Workforce Center Business Center, 512 29½ Road. Cost, including lunch is \$18.** Reservations can be made through the Chamber website or by calling the office, 970-242-3214.

Employer Business Breakfast Planned AGAIN!

Did you miss the employer breakfast in September where representatives of the Mesa County Workforce Center discussed how you can use their assessments to help you hire the right employees with the right skill sets to move your company forward? You now have a second chance! The Mesa County Workforce Center has scheduled another breakfast **Wednesday, November 30th 7:30 AM at the Workforce Center, 512 29 ½ Road.** Representatives will present information on the ACT Workforce Ready Initiative and the Work Keys program that can help you screen prospective employees and create a profile of exactly what is needed to perform the jobs in your company. Armed with that knowledge you can hire smarter and better.

And the best part? Both the program and the breakfast are free! Give us 60 minutes of your time and register to attend now at jobservice@mesacounty.us.



JOIN US FOR THE NEXT NETWORKING@NOON

November 16, 2016

Hosted by

Rib City Grill - Grand Junction
2830 North Avenue



\$18 for GJACC Members

Advanced Reservations Required (Space is Limited)

**Contact Trisha today for more information
or to reserve your seat!**

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Business Planning Resources at Your Fingertips!

As a business owner, manager and decision maker your time is at a premium. Taking time to look above the stack of papers and problems to assess where your business is and where you want it to go often falls to the bottom of your "to do" list. Yet, for the good of your business future, it should probably be much higher on the list.

The Chamber makes it much easier and less time consuming for you to focus on what is important with a suite of business planning resources. They include:

- **SizeUP** is a free service that lets you benchmark your business, map your competitors, suppliers and customers, and determine the best place to advertise locally. The website is very easy to use with graphics that help you quickly understand the results. There is a short video demonstrating how to use the site. You must register, but registration is free and is not used for marketing other services.
- **Business Connect** is offered on the third

Wednesday of each month from 2:00 to 4:00 PM when researchers from the Mesa County Library are onsite at the Chamber to assist in developing lists of potential customers contact information. If you are not sure what your potential customers may look like or how best to market to them, Trish Martinez, the Chamber's Membership Manager could also meet with you during that time slot to explore these opportunities.

- **Tools for Business** is a robust section of the Chamber website that offers a host of online business tools including a crowd funding scorecard, new employee kit, key performance measures to use in your business, a business report card, business plan templates, idea management assessment, audit checklist for SBA funding and much more.

To access all of these tools, you can contact Chamber staff directly or go the Chamber website, www.gjchamber.org and click on business services.

CELEBRATE

**The U.S Capitol Building
Christmas Tree is Coming to Town!**
See the tree that will be displayed in Washington D. C.

November 16, 2016 6pm-8pm
Cabela's Parking Lot at the Mesa Mall

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Vendor Fee Perceptions Analyzed

Recent discussions at the local government level have focused on how to create a sustainable funding source for economic development efforts including those of the Grand Junction Economic Partnership, Business Incubator Center and the Chamber. Chamber members who collect sales tax for local governments are allowed to keep a portion of the tax (3.3%) to help with this administrative burden which, due to technology, has been diminishing in recent years and it has been suggested that the amount given to these businesses be capped at some level on a monthly basis. For example, any business whose share of the tax at 3.3% exceeds \$1,000 in one month would only be allowed to keep that amount and not the full 3.3%. It was also an observation of the North Star Economic Development Study that contrary to many communities the City of Grand Junction does not have a business license fee.

The Chamber Board has discussed these proposals with city and county staff and have pledged to work with them in early 2017 to hear from businesses on all of these proposals. As a starting point for these discussions the Chamber asked a couple of questions on the annual survey. Of the 34% of respondents who do collect sales tax 53% were not in favor of any options proposed, 25% preferred the City look at a business license fee and 14% preferred a cap of \$500 per month on the vendor's fee remitted to businesses. We also received about 70 comments on all of the proposals. This is helpful and we appreciate all of the feedback. We will continue the discussion in early 2017 and if you would like to be part of those conversations please email Diane (diane@gjchamber.org).



Grand Junction Selected as Pilot Site for CareerWise

The Chamber has been hosting a series of small meetings this fall with industry leaders in business services, IT, health care and advanced manufacturing to introduce them to a new statewide movement to introduce multi-year apprenticeships to high school students. Based on the Swiss model, these apprenticeships put students in workplace learning environments for several days a week beginning as a high school junior and within 3-4 years they graduate with a high school diploma and an industry certification and/or Associates degree.

Grand Junction, Denver and Lamar were selected to pilot the program which hopes to place 20,000 students annually in these apprenticeships within the next ten years.

The community was selected because of the close cooperation and collaboration that already exists between School District 51, Western Colorado Community College, Mesa County Workforce Center and the Grand Junction Chamber.

If you would like to learn more about the program or hosting an apprentice, please contact Diane (diane@gjchamber.org).



"2017 BY THE NUMBERS"

Presented by Rich Wobbekind
Dean of the Leads Business
School, University of Colorado

December 12, 2016

Mesa County Workforce Center
512 29 1/2 Road

\$19 for GJACC Members

Advanced Reservations Required (Space is Limited)

For more information or to reserve your seat!
Info@gjchamber.org or 970-242-3214

Thank you to event sponsor ANB Bank and
speaker sponsor Bray Real Estate.

You're Invited to Help Create a Bright Future for Grand Junction! TRC Campaign Ends Friday, November 18, 2016



The Grand Junction Area Chamber is in the final three weeks of our campaign to generate financial resources to expand programs for the community and chamber members.

Our goal is to secure \$175,000 and 75 new members in a "total resource campaign" that will provide the Grand Junction area with a properly funded chamber of commerce capable of accomplishing key initiatives in the community and the Chamber is quickly closing in on that goal, but needs your help.

The Chamber is dedicated to improving community infrastructure, sound public policy and economic growth, all of which lead to a more successful and vibrant community. Money raised in the Creating a Bright Future campaign is slated for memberships, event sponsorships, advertising and key initiatives like business retention and expansion. Reaching this ambitious goal involves the assistance of more than 60 volunteers from over 12 different companies.

The Campaign Co-Chairs are Clay Tufly, Alpine Bank and Pat Tucker, Conquest Developments. Joining them in the campaign are Campaign Vice-Chairs: Kathy Hall, Hall and Associates and Lisa Boyd, No Coast Sushi.

Campaign teams include: Alpine Bank, FCI Constructors, Bank of Colorado, Shaw Construction, Community Hospital, CPC Solutions, St. Mary's Hospital, Office Depot, Home Loan Insurance, Express Employment Professionals, OBJ Group, Chamber Diplomats and two small business teams.

Friday, November 18 is the final day of the fundraising effort.

"We have incredible volunteers who have made this happen," said Diane Schwenke, Chamber President & CEO. "People are busy, but it's clear that the business community wants an effective, properly funded chamber of commerce."

There is still time to invest in the campaign and we need help from you, our current members.

If your company has not been contacted and you would like to participate, there are four options available:

- 1:** Sponsor Chamber programs. Click [here](#) to learn more.
- 2:** Offer in-kind trades that reduce the Chamber's budgeted expenses.
- 3:** Upgrade your dues amount.
- 4:** Make a referral for a prospective new member.

Contact Trisha Martinez at trisha@gjchamber.org or 263-2912, if you would like to contribute to the campaign.

Mark Your Calendar ~ Details & Registration online at gjchamber.org

NOV 10 | 12:00 Noon
YPN Conversation with Trailhead Clinics
 Advance Registration at ypnmesacounty.org

NOV 16 | 12:00 Noon
Networking@Noon Rib City Grill
 Advance Registration Required: \$18 for GJACC members.

NOV 16 | 2 - 4 PM
Mesa County Libraries Business Connect
GJACC Conference Room
 Advance Registration Requested. No cost for GJACC members.

NOV 16 | 6:00 PM
U.S. Capitol Christmas Tree
Cabela's Parking Lot
 See the tree that will be display in Washington D.C.

NOV 17 | 5:00 PM
YPN After Hours Rockslide
 Advance Registration at ypnmesacounty.org

NOV 29 | 5:30 PM
Business After Hours Courtyard by Marriott
 Advance Registration: \$10 for GJACC members.

DEC 5 | 12:00 Noon
YPN Conversation with Powderhorn Mountain Resort
 Advance Registration at ypnmesacounty.org

DEC 8 | 5:00 PM
YPN Holiday Party The Warehouse
 Advance Registration at ypnmesacounty.org

DEC 9 | 7:30 AM
Chamber Leads Group Holiday Party
GJACC Conference Room

DEC 12 | 12:00 Noon
Quarterly Membership Lunch "2017 By The Numbers"
Mesa County Workforce Business Center
 Advance Registration Required: \$19 for GJACC members.

DEC 14 | 12:00 Noon
Networking@Noon Grand Vista Hotel
 Advance Registration Required: \$18 for GJACC members.

JAN 4 | 7:00 AM
YPN Before Hours Enstrom's
 Advance Registration Required
ypnmesacounty.org

JAN 18 | 12:00 Noon
Networking@Noon Courtyard by Marriott
 Advance Registration Required: \$18 for GJACC members.

JAN 18 | 2 - 4 PM
Mesa County Libraries Business Connect
GJACC Conference Room
 Advance Registration Requested. No cost for GJACC members.

JAN 24 | 5:30 PM
Business After Hours Western Colorado Community College
 Advance Registration: \$10 for GJACC members.

JAN 27, 2017
Chamber Annual Banquet
Two Rivers Convention Center

GJACC Events Registration Form: November , December 2016 & January 2017

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Company Name: _____ Contact Person: _____

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Phone: _____ Fax: _____ Email: _____

Payment Method: Bill my Chamber Account Check Enclosed

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Authorized Signature: _____

All events require pre-registration and pre-payment. Registration fees are non-refundable four business days prior to the event. If special assistance is needed, you must notify the Chamber four days prior to the event. Photos will be taken at Chamber events and used for marketing purposes.

Young Entrepreneurs Academy Visits Reynolds Polymer Technology, Inc.

The Young Entrepreneurs toured Reynolds Polymer Technology, Inc. on October 18, 2016. The 14 students were toured through the manufacturing facility, shown product and packaging, discussed how the business was formed and grown, and saw photos of projects in the US and other countries. Both Paul Kobishop and Jessica Smith were terrific tour guides and gave the young entrepreneurs a lot of valuable business advice and information. Thank you to Reynolds Polymer Technology, Inc. for a "Cool" Field Trip! Another sponsor that deserves recognition is Grand Valley Transit (GVT)! They get us safely to our location and back each year at no charge to the students or Chamber. Thank you, GVT staff, for your YEA! transportation sponsorship!



Annual Banquet Will Take Your Breath Away!

The Chamber's Annual Banquet countdown has begun and we hope many of you are already planning to join us on **January 27, 2017**. Invitations will be in the mail the week of November 30th and by then you will know what our fun theme will be. But we hope you don't wait a whole month to jump on-board as we can use your help now! Here is how you can help us plan the biggest, best event ever in the next 30 days!

- **Nominate** a deserving business or individual for our Business and Citizen of the Year awards. Forms are available in the newsletter and online with a deadline of January 4th.
- **Donate** an item to the Chamber's silent auction as the proceeds help fund our Young Entrepreneurs Academy and Leadership program. It is great publicity for you and it helps two outstanding programs that help create small business owners and business leaders willing to help chart the future of the community. Our wish list for the auction includes:
 - Tickets to professional sporting events
 - Hotels, overnight stays, weekend getaways
 - Time Shares
 - Cool New Tech Items like a Fitbit, MacBook or AppleWatch
 - Restaurant gift cards
- **Participate** by volunteering to serve on the auction committee or ordering your tickets **NOW** for the event.

Chamber Maps Are Now Available

The Chamber maps are now available for anyone who would like to get around the Valley. Members are encouraged to stop in and get their complimentary copies. The Chamber wishes to thank the many advertisers who made publication of this piece possible.

Recent Ribbon Cutting



AlphaGraphics

145 N 4th St, Grand Junction, CO 81501
 (970) 241-2226 - New Location / Expansion
Printers, Publishers, & Graphic Design

Keith's Garage, LLC

572 S Commercial Dr, Grand Junction, CO 81505
 (970) 462-2686 - New Business
Automobile Repairs & Service



Trailhead Clinics

235 N 7th St, Grand Junction, CO 81505
 (970) 644-5999 - Business Name Change/Expansion
Physicians & Surgeons

WoodSpring Suites

659 Market St, Grand Junction, CO 81505
 (970) 644-5902 - Business Name Change
Hotels/Motels



Zuma Hair Studio

616 North Ave, Grand Junction, CO 81501
 (970) 245-0535 - New Business
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Automotive: Parts

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Grand Junction, CO 81505
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www.advancedhearing.com
Hearing Aids

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NOMINATION FORM

BUSINESS OF THE YEAR AWARD

AWARDED BY THE GRAND JUNCTION AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

NOMINATION INFORMATION

Please fill out this page and return your nomination to the Chamber at 970.242.3694 (FAX) or e-mail diane@gjchamber.org by **January 4, 2017**.

(The award will be presented in two different categories; a business with less than 25 employees and a business with 25 or more employees.)

Nominee Company Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Chief Executive's Name & Title: _____

Phone: _____ FAX: _____

E-mail: _____

Describe how this business has served the community in the past 1-3 years through assisting with community projects, workings with non-profit entities, etc.:

Describe how business owners/managers/employees have provided volunteer service over the past 1-3 years by serving on boards and working with segments of the population that are in need:

Business Category: _____ Less than 25 employees _____ Over 25 employees:



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Nomination Submitted by: _____

_____ Phone: _____



Citizen of the Year Nomination

NOMINATION INFORMATION

Please fill out this page and return your nomination to the Chamber at 970.242.3694 (FAX) or e-mail diane@gjchamber.org by **January 4, 2017**.

Nominee Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ FAX: _____

E-mail: _____

Describe how this individual gives unselfishly of his/her time to a wide variety of community projects:

How does this person actively promote Grand Junction?

Describe how this individual has been particularly involved in contributing to the community over the course of the year:



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Nomination
Submitted by: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____



Business Barometer

September 2016

A gauge of Grand Junction's economic indicators published by the Grand Junction Area Chamber of Commerce.

info@gjchamber.org

970-242-3214

Sales Tax Revenue Collections

September	2016	2015	% Change
City of Grand Junction	\$3,543,912	\$3,667,634	-3.4%
Total YTD	\$31,487,027	\$31,779,605	-0.9%

MESA COUNTY Building Permits Issued

September	2016	Total Value	2015	Total Value
New Single Family Residence	37	\$7,514,513	21	\$5,419,534
New Commercial	1	\$208,000	1	\$120,000
Other	267	\$5,485,568	138	\$20,566,680
Totals	305	\$28,985,124	160	\$26,106,214
YTD Totals	2370	\$189,932,456	1,320	\$179,135,301

MLS Statistics - Quarterly

2nd Quarter	2016	2015
Total Sold	1435	1046
Dollar Volume	\$340,505,786	\$218,670,184
Total Sold YTD	1820	1712
Dollar Volume YTD	\$420,086,107	\$309,355,845

Source: Grand Junction Area Realtor Association

Hotel/Motel Occupancy

September	2016	2015
Occupancy Rate	81.4%	75.7%
Average Daily Room Rate	\$95.12	\$88.43

Mesa County Foreclosures

Year	Number Filed	Number Gone to Sale
2013	781	564
2014	539	403
2015	479	304

Source: Mesa County Public Trustee

G J Regional Airport

September	2016	2015
Enplaned Passengers	20,839	19,624
Deplaned Airfreight	568,414	583,757
Enplaned YTD Passengers	167,058	163,860
Deplaned YTD Airfreight	5,143,127	5,183,233

Labor Market Statistics

September	2016	2015
Civilian Labor Force	72,319	73,345
Total Employment	69,870	69,828
Total Unemployment	3,449	3,514
Unemployment Rate	4.7%	4.8%



TRAIN

INSPIRE

SUCCEED

KickStart is a program designed to match out of school, young adults, ages 18-24, with available paid jobs and internships here in Mesa County at **no cost to the employer**. We pay all labor costs and worker's compensation for the pre-determined duration of the position. This is an opportunity for your business to train & develop a successful employee.

DEVELOPING TOMORROW'S BUSINESS LEADERS

Each candidate participates in job readiness workshops covering topics such as communication in the workplace, customer service, conflict resolution, and workplace etiquette. Our staff works closely with you to ensure that these candidates are suitable for the available position. Your role includes:

- **Providing a job description to your KickStart Business Specialist for an available internship positions**
- **Participating in the screening and selection process of the referred client**
- **Designating a supervisor/mentor for the intern and comply with applicable employment statutes**

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