

The Tualatin Chamber Ambassadors

BY ANNELEAH JAXEN, CEO, TUALATIN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

From the day I arrived at The Tualatin Chamber of Commerce the most obvious fact to me was that this team of volunteers called “**The Ambassadors**,” were the glue that had held the Chamber of Commerce together through the “COVID Quarantine” and many other transitions since 2020. They were the life force that kept it from complete annihilation.

The Ambassadors are volunteers who are also business members at the Tualatin Chamber of Commerce. They meet once a month to discuss plans for encouraging the Chamber members to come and network together and build relationships. They do their best to connect members with other members who could give each other referrals. They go on “**Chamber Walks**” to stop by and check in on different business members they haven’t seen in a while. In general, they spread goodwill and do their best to support and encourage Tualatin businesses in whatever way they discover is needed.

In July they came out in force to volunteer at the **Golf Tournament**. They keep people laughing and talking. They watch over the group and step in when there is a problem. More than once, two of our Ambassadors have stepped in between a man they saw was stepping out of line and a woman who was the target...one of those times that woman was me.

These volunteers get up before dawn to make sure they arrive at the networking venue with special signs to make it easy for members to know they are in the right place. They perform duties through the morning like handling the raffles and being the Master of Ceremonies so the meeting flows and has life. There is more to what they contribute than anyone knows...they even graciously dressed up in costumes as pirates just before Halloween to please the owner of Bella Tu who was having her ribbon-cutting ceremony that week. This is my dream team and I am grateful to have them.

Matt Tabor, of Westpac Wealth Partners, is the Chair of the Ambassador committee. He has done a wonderful job and has even taken time out to mentor a younger leader who is starting a different committee at Chamber. It was Matt Tabor that helped Tualatin Chamber do a professional survey to learn about the relevant needs of our businesses.

Dave Wellman, of ADT Commercial, has been Vice Chair of the Ambassadors and is constantly spreading good, positive energy about Tualatin wherever he goes. Dave will be leaving us this week as he is being transferred to Colorado. He will be sorely missed. As you can see by his smile he is a warm and delightful person.

Christine Lam, of Financial Investment Team, is the Secretary of the Ambassador Committee and is a polished professional dedicated to helping women with financial success. Her leadership has been invaluable.

Terry Beardsley, of Life Vantage, has been a constant source of positive energy and help. Whatever anyone needs help with Teri is there offering her time and energy.

Bill Cohen, of Cohen Caregiving, is a compassionate and intelligent volunteer - always stepping up to be present and participate in whatever we determine the businesses need to be successful.

Laura Freer, of Tualatin Together, is volunteering in multiple roles; board member, Ambassador, #Workready. She steps up and makes sure that her contribution counts.

Rod Friesen, of Cherry Creek Mortgage, is our newest Ambassador and became one because he was so kind and warm at the networking meetings that the Ambassadors convinced him to become one of them. His smile is bright and perpetual.

Daniel Lacy, of “Dr. Car Cast” (the

Podcast that will inform and educate you about everything cars), is incredibly dependable - he is on time and ready, he coordinates the ribbon-cutting ceremonies and picks up the signs to set out. Daniel was the MC that controlled the questions and answers at the Key Leaders breakfast and then became one of the most important contributors on the oregontollingupdates.com website that was just launched. His research and content are impeccable.

Jane Larsen, of Jane, Ink, is the most talented graphic artist I have ever worked with. She is responsible for the beautiful marketing designs that come out of the Chamber (the Ambassador Ad in this paper is just one example).

Christine McGinley and **Terry Wager**, of Generator Consulting, are a team that is refreshing and talented. They show up to help the energy at networking stay fresh and alive. They are master teachers of best practices in business and will be helping to start a series of classes to help businesses prosper in 2023.

This is your Volunteer Team Tualatin: The Tualatin Chamber Ambassadors who have your back. They have steadfastly supported and strengthened businesses by unselfishly showing up and contributing their best for our good. They saved your Chamber of Commerce. I am deeply grateful to this team and I sincerely hope you come to a networking event and experience their warmth, kindness, and support. They are giving their all for Tualatin Chamber’s Business success.



Holiday Lights Parade

The Holiday Lights Parade Series will be all in one weekend this year. The dates are:

- **Friday, December 2** - North Parade (Includes neighborhoods around Community Park and Jurgens Park)
- **Saturday, December 3** - South Parade (Includes neighborhoods around Ibach Park and Tualatin High School)
- **Sunday, December 4** - East Parade (Includes neighborhoods around Atfalati Park and Browns Ferry Park)

All parades will begin at 7 pm, take approximately 2 hours to complete, and registration is free. For more information go to: <https://tinyurl.com/dv7y2smh>.

Council President Nancy Grimes – Recognition of Service

After an abbreviated work session on December 12th, please join city council in recognizing departing Council President Nancy Grimes’ service to our community. The event will be at the city’s operation center on 10699 Herman Road. Nancy has served on city council since July 2011. With over 10 years on council, she remained true to her belief that individual community service is imperative and citizen involvement is the best way to continue thoughtful, inclusive growth in Tualatin while preserving the way of life that is enjoyed by all.

Holiday Message

With the holiday season here, I would like to wish you and your loved ones a safe and healthy holiday season. I look forward to a new year filled with promise, opportunity, and goodwill.

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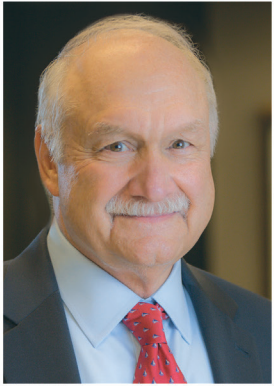


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Tualatin Chamber of Commerce invites
JOHN MITCHELL
as Keynote Speaker to present exclusively at our annual Key Leader’s Breakfast


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2023 Economic Forecast



John Mitchell was a professor of economics at Boise State University for 13 years, before joining U.S. Bancorp in July of 1983. He was Chief Economist of U.S. Bancorp and Western Region Economist until 2007. He currently speaks to conventions and business groups around the nation. He has been making economic presentations on the nation and the region for 50 years.

Date: Thursday, December 8, 2022 | 7am - 9am
Place: BRIX Tavern | 8187 Tualatin Sherwood Road, Tualatin
Cost: \$35 member price | \$45 guest price

Registration required. Visit Chamber.TualatinChamber.com/Events to reserve your seat today!



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Tualatin Chamber Ambassadors help you build relationships, get referrals, and grow your business. Join us for our networking events and ribbon cuttings. We look forward to helping you connect with your best clients!

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