



February 2016 Newsletter & Meeting Notice

AGENDA:

- Pledge of Allegiance
- Introductions
- SCORE Presentation
- Business of the Month
- Announcements

Date: Wednesday, February 10

Time: from 11:45 to 1:00

Place: 40 et 8 "Boxcar" - 4607 NE 26th Avenue (just off NE 78th Street, past the Bingo Parlor)

Lunch: \$10

Meeting & Beverage: \$5

Make checks to: HDSCBA

RSVP:

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Welcome to business connections and networking with the Hazel Dell/Salmon Creek Business Association.



**It's Valentine's Month—
Be a sweetheart and invite a business neighbor to attend with you. They will thank you for the lunch and informative meeting.**

SCORE — For the Life of Your Business

A. Wm. "Bill" Ruttledge was a recipient of a Kemper Insurance Foundation Education Scholarship and enjoyed a 40+-year career as a commercial insurance broker with three international brokers. He also served 15 years as instructor and later as director of Insurance Continuing Education programs with St. Louis (MO) Community College.

Mr. Ruttledge is the Chairman of the Vancouver Chapter of SCORE whose Mission is to foster vibrant small business communities through mentoring and education. The chapter's 35+ volunteer members support this effort by providing over 1,000 free client hours of service last year. The chapter has recently opened branch locations in Longview and Stevenson, Washington and is actively seeking to recruit both mentors and clients for those areas as well as Vancouver.

SCORE is a Resource Partner of the US Small Business Administration. Bill is a SCORE Certified Business Mentor and a Course Leader for Business Finance and Planning seminars.

E-mail Bill at: arthur.ruttledge@scorevolunteer.org or call (971) 244-3391. Vancouver chapter: www.scorevancouver.org

*Remember that your **membership dues of \$75 are payable now.***

You may pay by check or credit card (Visa or MasterCard) at the meeting, or mail your check to our mailbox address: HDSCBA, 6400 NE Highway 99, Suite G PMB 163, Vancouver, WA 98665-8748. (See Shawn Hanlon, our Treasurer, with any questions; she can help.)

Serving the business community in Clark County since 1956.

As a tribute to the late Chief Dick Streissguth and his wonderful family, this year's parade theme will be **"Celebrating Service."**

The Grand Marshals of the 2016 Hazel Dell Parade of Bands will be the **Streissguth Family** who have given so much service to our community and our parade over the years. With the family's large variety of fire equipment from several eras, we are certain to see something for everyone, young and old. We thank the Streissguth Family for their participation and commitment to making our annual Parade of Bands such a success. Get your cameras ready!

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

February 2016

One month into 2016, and your Hazel Dell/Salmon Creek Business Association is bringing another great speaker for the general luncheon meeting on February 10th. At the meeting, we'll have representatives from S.C.O.R.E. to present information on their business mentoring services. Whether your business needs their services or not, this is good information. We all know business owners, both new and experienced, who could use some outside consulting from time-to-time.

I would like to encourage all of our members and supporters to make efforts to bring guests to our monthly meetings. It's a great opportunity to expose others to our organization and introduce new businesses to our existing members. When bringing guests, you'll have the opportunity to introduce them, and they'll have the option to say a few brief words about their business. As the longest-serving non-chamber business association in Clark County, we all benefit from increased membership and greater participation. The more we extend our networks and our reach, the more in tune we all become with issues and news that affects business in the Hazel Dell, Salmon Creek and Felida communities.

Looking forward to seeing many of you at the luncheon this month!

Sharif Burdzik

This month's caterer, **40 et 8**, has spaghetti and a salad bar on the menu for us this month, with beverages and dessert. You can pay for your lunch online using PayPal when you submit your RSVP or at the door as you arrive. If you have any questions, contact Shawn Hanlon (shawn@businesscentsnw.com). Thank you.

[We would like to thank Jan Redding of the Vancouver School District for attending last month's meeting and providing clear information on the extension of the current School Funding Levy. Did you mail your ballot yet?](#)

PROGRAMS NEXT MONTH

February 25, 5:30-7:30—After-Hours at **Twin-Star Credit Union**, 1307-A NE 78th Street. *(See next page for details and RSVP address.)*

March—Relay for Life speaker Cheryl Jones on the American Cancer Society's efforts

MEETINGS & EVENTS

Wednesday, February 17— **Parade** meeting at Clark Regional Wastewater District, 8000 NE 52nd Court from noon to 1:00. Parade meetings are the third Wednesdays (until May). Contact Brad Lothspeich (brad@rlregroup.com) or Shelly Palmer (louloujeans@gmail.com). Parade volunteers in all shapes and sizes are needed and most welcome. There are pre-parade day jobs, tasks needed during the parade, and lots of options for the post-parade job of returning the route to its normal state for members and families alike.

Get to know your HDSCBA Board of Directors

Neil Kimsey has been a Commissioner with Clark Regional Wastewater District since 1996. As such, he represents the District to the City of Battle Ground, City of Vancouver, Battle Ground Chamber of Commerce and the HDSCBA. Neil is the alternate to the City of Ridgefield, Port of Ridgefield, Building Industry Association, and Discovery Clean Water Alliance. He is a member of the Washington Association of Sewer and Water Districts and the Water Environment Association ("WEF" is a world-wide clean water association). Neil averages about ten meetings a month!

If you missed the celebration at Utopia Salon's Sip and Sample event last month, it was a smashing success. The salon was filled from wall-to-wall congratulating their Top 200 award and fundraising for Relay for Life, too.

Meeting Calendar:

March 9	40 et 8
April 13	40 et 8
May 11	40 et 8
June 8	40 et 8
July 13	40 et 8
September 14	40 et 8