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Josephine County Business Retention & Expansion

February 2010

Dear Christy,

Happy Valentines Day! Thank you for participating in the Business Retention and Expansion for Josephine County. Our meetings are held monthly on the second Tuesday of each month from 8 AM to 9 AM at the RCC BDC at 214 SW 4th Street. The purpose of BR&E is to help existing local businesses grow, expand and overcome obstacles.

In our February meeting, we will continue our discussion of buying local. Last month, we started the discussion with some good ideas of what BR and E can do to help. To help start our discussion, you can [view this download](#) for "Shop Local Campaigns for Small Towns." It is a good way for us to further our discussion on our "Buy Local" campaign.

You can also read the notes from the [January 2010 BR & E meeting here](#).

Please put Thursday, September 23rd on your calendars for the BR & E annual recognition ceremony and reception. It will be held at the Grants Pass Golf Course.

Hope you can attend our Tuesday meeting!

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**Oregon Employer
Council**

Brown Bag Lunch

The Josephine County Employer Council is having their monthly seminar on Thursday, February 18th at WorkSource Oregon (1545 Harbeck Road in Grants Pass) from Noon to 1 PM. Bring a sack lunch for this no charge

February 2010 BR & E Meeting (from Steve Roe)



The February 2010 BR & E meeting will be on **Tuesday, February 9th** from **8 AM to 9 AM** at the RCC Business Development Center (**BDC**) at 214 SW 4th Street.

Agenda items for the meeting include:

- Introductions
- Announcements
- Follow-up of January meeting on "Buy Local"
- September BR and E recognition event
- Red Flag Committee Update
- Future Chamber symposium ideas

If you have any comments, ideas or suggestions please let me know calling my direct work phone at 471-9352 or email at sroe@charter.net. Also, if you have newsletter articles that you would like included in future monthly issues, I would appreciate those as well.

Junior Achievement (from Steve Roe)



Junior Achievement is an organization that teaches students in local schools about communities and business. JA Worldwide is a partnership between the business community, educators and volunteers - all working together to inspire young people to dream big and reach their potential. JA's hands-on, experiential programs teach the key concepts of work readiness, entrepreneurship and financial literacy to young people all over the world. Locally, JA is sponsored by Access, Inc. Their website is www.access-inc.org.

The picture above is from a class I volunteer with twice each year at the Oregon Youth Authority Correctional Facility in Grants Pass at Newbridge High School. I also have a class with my wife's 2nd grade class at Highland School each year. JA is looking for community leaders to volunteer in the classrooms. Many different age-appropriate programs are available. If you are interested and able to help, please contact Mary Hobrook at 774-4334.

session. Presenter will be Jon Jordan, Chamber of Commerce President on the "Business Climate for Josephine County."

For more information on our Employer Council and how can join for no charge, [click here for a membership application](#).

Quick Links

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- [GP Chamber](#)
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- [SORED!](#)
- [SOHPEC](#)
- [RCC SBDC](#)
- [Job Council](#)

Please email Steve Roe at sroe@charter.net with any useful website links applicable to BR & E.

Quotes of the Month

Success is how high you bounce when you hit bottom.

- General George Smith Patton Jr.

"If A is success in life, then A equals x plus y plus z. Work is x; y is play; and z is keeping your mouth shut."

Albert Einstein

One of our Members

Grants Pass Chamber of Commerce Newsletter

FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER AVAILABLE FOR DOWNLOAD

The Chamber of Commerce February 2010 newsletter is green! You can read about what is new with the Chamber and many local events. The newsletter is now online and available with a free download. Paper newsletters are no longer being printed and mailed. To download your newsletter, [click here](#).

You can also see the Grants Pass Chamber of Commerce website for Grants Pass City Council candidate questionnaires. The Chamber website is at www.grantspasschamber.org.

Thank you for your help in making Josephine County a better place to do business!

If you no longer want to receive this newsletter or you wish to have another email address added, please email me at sroe@charter.net

Sincerely,

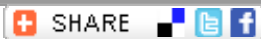
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