Social Media: A Blessing or a Curse?

Being part of the conversation is a fact of life in a small town. People talk back and forth about businesses and what’s going on in the community. Social media is an increasingly popular way to not only get the word out but to start and participate in a conversation with people you do not even know.

The ease of communication is a blessing but is can also be a curse. As I said, in an online conversation many of the people you go back and forth with do not know you. They do not know that if you type words in one way you mean X and they read it as Y. Then the conversation may spin out of control in a negative way as the “Y” gets criticized and then a string of unrelated and often unkind comments ensue. Thus the curse of social media.

Last month I encouraged all of you to join the conversation about what is going on. Refer businesses to a friend both face to face and online. Enjoy the conversation. This month I remind you, there are two ways to say everything. Remember to read over your comment before you press post. And if you realize you pressed post too quick? You can click on the three little dots to the right of your post and edit. And please, remember to keep the conversation positive and use social media as a blessing.

Who is your favorite local business?

Speaking of conversation, every year the Evergreen Chamber of Commerce asks the community to nominate and vote for their favorite businesses. Who should receive Business of the Year for 2018? Who is the People’s Choice for Best Loved Business and who will be the 2018 New Business of the Year? Last year’s winners were Business of the Year-Big O Tires Evergreen, People’s Choice-Twigs Consignment and New Business of the Year for 2017 was Evergreen Swims.

Nominations are open now! Go online to the Chamber website (evergreenchamber.org) and follow the instructions on our homepage. The nominations are open until October 23. We then put together the list of nominees and ask you to come back to our website to vote on who you think should win. Voting will be open from October 24 until November 6. The votes are tallied, nominees are interviewed and the awards committee makes their selection. Winners will be announced at the Evergreen Chamber Annual Gala and Business Awards on Saturday December 1. The party, Sparkle and Shine, is open to the public and will be held at The Wild Game. Live Music by Subject2Change. Join us!

Follow the Chamber on Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter, check out our website or just call anytime. Our job is to promote Evergreen locally and down the hill and we love what we do!

Betsy Hays
President, Evergreen Chamber
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UPCOMING CHAMBER EVENTS

**NEW YEAR’S EVE FESTIVAL**

SAT. NOVEMBER 24TH
AT THE
EVERGREEN LAKE HOUSE

4 SEATING’S:
9:00, 9:45, 10:30, 11:15 AM

THIS EVENT SELLS OUT FAST—TICKETS AVAILABLE
AT EVERGREENCHAMBER.ORG (303) 674-8412
IN ADVANCE: ADULTS $18/KIDS $12.

Breakfast with Santa

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DECEMBER 31 | 6—10 PM
SKATING | FIREWORKS | FOOD | FAMILY FUN

- Sponsorships Available -
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UPCOMING CHAMBER EVENTS

The Evergreen Chamber Presents

Sparkle & Shine
Holiday Gala & Annual Business Awards

Please join us for dinner & drinks as we announce our 2018 Business of the Year awards. Silent auction, wine pull, and a $1000 cash raffle. This is a party you do not want to miss!

Date: December 1st
Time: 5:30 pm
Place: The Wild Game
Music By Subject2Change

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Business Of The Year Nominations Open Until Friday Oct 23rd

RSVP By Purchasing Your Ticket At EvergreenChamber.org
UPCOMING CHAMBER EVENTS

Evergreen Chamber Member Breakfast
- Breakfast - Networking - Education -

**Wednesday, November 7th**
7:30-9:00am | The Wild Game

**Guest Speaker:**
Jeffco EDC
Kristi Pollard

**Sponsored By:**

Please join us to hear from candidates for Colorado Governor on issues that impact your business!

Monday October 22nd
11:30 am – 1:00 pm
Arvada Center
6901 Wadsworth Blvd
Arvada 80003

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Chamber Business Expo & Mixer
- Networking - Door Prizes - Food & Drinks -

Thursday, November 8th 5-7:30pm

Hosted By:
El Rancho Brewing
29260 US Hwy 40

$5 Members/$10 Not-Yet Members

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Q. How long have you been in business?
26 years this month! Last year, in October, we published our extra glossy, 25-year anniversary edition, which was a big hit, and we still get comments about it.

Q. How often do you publish? How many subscribers do you have?
We are a monthly publication and we publish the middle of each month, usually on the 15th unless that falls on a weekend. We are not subscription based. Rather, we deliver free to homes and businesses on the 285 Corridor from Morrison to Bailey and the I-70 Corridor from Lookout Mountain/Genesee to Idaho Springs, and the communities in between like Conifer, Evergreen and Indian Hills. This gives us the largest distribution of any publication we know of up here in the foothills.

Q. What is new with Colorado Serenity Magazine?
There isn't anything brand new, but over the past year, we have been refining our website to include pageable versions of each edition every month, and we are endeavoring to get some back issues loaded so people can enjoy all that is "Serenity" from behind their computer screens. We have also been expanding our social media presence.

Q. Why are these new aspects important to the business?
It's pretty obvious that an online presence is necessary these days, and while we believe print will ALWAYS have its place (which is why we remain successful), we believe it's important for clients who advertise with us to be able to link that advertising to their own URLs, thereby getting even more bang for their buck. Our own experience has shown us a huge uptick in business since our website went live. Our clients should all be using our live links option!

Q. Is there anything else you would like your fellow Chamber members to know?
Just that, in case there are people out there who still don't know about our quarterly Serenity Schmoozers, we are still doing them! We haven't burned out yet! They are fun networking events at local restaurants with free drinks and food. The October one will have just happened by the time you receive this, but our big awards one in January at Mount Vernon Canyon Club is a mustn't miss event! Look for event announcements on our Colorado Serenity Magazine Facebook page, our website, coloradoserenity.com or on local Facebook groups. Thanks to the Evergreen Chamber for all they do! They are the other go-to place for information and networking!
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Photos from Ribbon Cutting Event appear on our Facebook, Website, in our Monthly Newsletter, and in the Mountain Connection Newspaper. Take advantage of this FREE marketing opportunity to let the community know what's new with you. marketing@evergreenchamber.org
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CANDIDATES FORUM

Evergreen Newspapers, the Evergreen and Conifer Chambers of Commerce are proud to present an informative evening hearing from those on our election ballots.

A moderator will pose questions to the candidates and there will be rebuttals from opponents.

WHAT: 2018 Election Forum
WHEN: 6 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 24
WHERE: The Venue Theatre
27132 Main Street | Conifer Town Center

The Candidates
County Commissioner, District 3
Tina Francone and Lesley Dahlkemper

State House District 25
Lisa Cutter and Steve Szutenbach

State Senate 16
Tammy Story and Tim Neville

Jefferson County Assessor
Brian Cassidy and Scot Kersgaard
Q. What services does FirstBank provide for clients?
FirstBank provides a wide range of banking services for individuals and businesses. Our services include checking and saving accounts, mortgages, lot loans, construction loans, lines of credit, business loans, SBA loans, commercial real estate loans, and treasury management services to name a few.

Q. Who is your ideal customer?
We pride ourselves in being a one stop shop, so our ideal customer is anyone with banking needs. Whether that be someone needing their first checking account or mortgage, or someone with complex needs involving multiple accounts and loans, we are equipped to handle it.

Q. What is new with FirstBank?
We recently launched our “Banking for Good” campaign. While it is a new campaign, it is the philosophy we have been operating under since our inception in 1963. We believe that if we focus on doing what is right for our customers and our communities then we as a company will, in turn, thrive as well.

Q. What other categories of Evergreen Chamber businesses would be great partners for you?
Any person or business involved with the Evergreen Chamber would naturally be a good fit for us. Given the nature and scope of our business, we have something to offer for everyone.
These members have renewed their memberships this month.

**1+ YEARS**

- Nancy Staub State Farm Insurance
- Susie Hartness – Hartness Home Loans, LLC
- Beth Andersen, Mary Kay Independent Beauty Consultant
- Nancy Alexander-Caliber Home Loans
- Where The Books Go
- Salvation Army-Evergreen Extension Unity
- Deborah Simon – LIV Sotheby’s International Realty
- La’Cuisine of Evergreen Catering & D-Rass Deli
- Block Advisors
- Black Belt Movers
- Judith Repp Architects
- Andersen Insurance Agency
- WEB – Women of Evergreen Businesses
- Bloomin’ Broom Quality Cleaning Service
- Colorado Eye Consultants
- Evergreen Home Concierge

**5+ YEARS**

- Myra Purkey-RE/MAX Alliance Evergreen
- Bootstraps, Inc.
- ServPro of Golden, Wheat Ridge & Evergreen
- T Hackbarth Roofing

**10+ YEARS**

- Into Your Hands – Africa
- The Bistro at Marshdale

**15+ YEARS**

- A Storage Place
- LIV Sotheby’s International Realty

**20+ YEARS**

- Evergreen Dental Group
- Tallgrass Aveda Spa & Salon
- Scripps, Taylor & Associates, PC.

Thank you for your loyal support!

**YOUR CHAMBER STAFF**

- **Betsy Hays**
  - President/CEO
- **Gwendoline Ryan**
  - Marketing Manager
- **Sheralyn Austin-Gagne**
  - Operations Team
- **Candace O’Brien**
  - Operations Team
- **Marilynn Bell**
  - Accounts Manager
- **Betsy Semmens**
  - Membership Coordinator
- **Tracy Murray**
  - Membership Coordinator
- **Valli Crockett**
  - Membership Coordinator
- **Jackie Mohr**
  - Skate The Lake Event Manager
- **Marie Lynch**
  - Skate The Lake Volunteer Manager
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