



Testimonies about the Florence Area Chamber of Commerce

I am new to my position and will soon be a member of the local community. I wanted to thank Bettina for meeting with me during my first week and sharing your insight and referrals in the business community.

The Business After Hours that we remembered were great venues to meet and your introductions to key members played key a role in my orientation. Now we face the gateway of a new normal community and look forward to sharing creative ways to reopen the Florence business.

Thank you for what you do!
— **Jim Myers, Director of Sales & Marketing, Driftwood Shores Resort and Conference Center**

There are many reasons that businesses should consider being

members of the Florence Area Chamber of Commerce. The Siuslaw News is a member and has been since the beginning.

Why do we continue to be members? We do so because we find value in many of the programs that they offer. For us, their networking, advocacy work, events and local connections are all things that are important to us and important to all in our community.

Our past and current publishers have also had a board seat on the Chamber Board for many years. As a board member I would venture to guess that most small businesses who haven't been active in our local Chamber would be surprised as well as impressed to learn all that the Chamber is doing and has done to help local businesses survive and grow, as well as promote tourism to Florence.

In current times, as business owners and managers, we have to see value in everything that we do. From my perspective, the Chamber provides substantial value for the investment. Although it's sometimes difficult to specifically measure, once you get involved, it will become evident. I would advocate that you either continue your membership in our Chamber or, if you're not already a member, become one and see firsthand how it can help you and your business survive and grow!

— **Jenna Bartlett, Publisher of the Siuslaw News and Past Chamber Board President**

The Florence Chamber of Commerce has been extremely supportive and a great resource! They have helped my business by driving customer traffic through the Chamber

After Hours and getting the word out through news blasts and their website regarding promotions and such.

I don't know what we'd do without our Chamber partners to lead the way supporting our small businesses!

Thanks so much!
— **Shelly Medeiros, ARTÊFACTS**

I am absolutely impressed with our Chamber during the COVID-19 Pandemic. I feel they really have gone above and beyond for both of my businesses. I am grateful that they have stayed on top of all the resources for small businesses. Working from home has been very informative, with the Zoom calls and newsletter. Thank you to the Florence Chamber.

— **Elaine McMillan, Beauty By Delivery Day Spa | Homegrown Public House and Brewery**



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