

## NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES

Networking through The Chamber has provided opportunities for members to showcase their products and services to their peers and benefit from ideas and savings that have enhanced their bottom line.

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#### Best Tel Supports Philanthropic Employees

Best Tel has taken community involvement to the next level by implementing a program that actively supports employees' philanthropic activities. Best Tel is empowering all employees to spend a maximum of 20 hours of paid leave per calendar year to volunteer for a non-profit or other community organization of their choice.

"Best Tel's mission and values encompass the goal of contributing positively in the communities where we live, work and play," said Chuck Whiteley, managing partner of Best Tel. "Best Tel will accomplish this goal by supporting our employees being actively involved in their communities, donating their time and energies to charitable endeavors, and participating in many civic organizations. There are many community organizations that need mentors and volunteers to provide their services and Best Tel employees are encouraged to participate. The primary focus of our support efforts are in the areas of youth, education, the arts, community development, senior services, and providing food, housing, and health services to the less fortunate in our community."

Many of the company's current employees are very active in a number of organizations that give back to the community. This program will make it easier for them to contribute as well as encourage other employees to find a meaningful cause to get behind. Best Tel's goal is to pay for 500 hours of employee volunteer time in a calendar year.

"This is a concept driven from the great people we have in our organization," said Mr. Whiteley. "They are our most valuable asset and we believe it is our responsibility to support their activities outside of the workplace. We're very excited about this new program."

Chuck Whiteley and his business partners, Dennis Poulin, Gary Gonzalez and Tamara Gonzalez, are owners of Best Tel LLC, a member of the Technology Assurance Group (TAG).

#### Gerald Burns, CPA Relocates Office

Chamber member and past Chamber president, Gerald W. Burns, CPA has relocated his office to Office Court, 835 E. Main Street STE E, in Medford.

Mr. Burns provides income tax and accounting services to individuals, businesses and local governments. He has practiced in Medford since 1975 and is a retired partner of Moss Adams LLP. He is also past chairman and member of the Oregon Board of Accountancy and a past secretary, treasurer and member of the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy. In December of 2006, Mr

Burns completed a four-year term as a member of the AICPA Auditing Standards Board that establishes financial statement auditing standards recognized in the United States.

For more information, contact Gerald W. Burns at (541) 840-0226 or gwbcpa@yahoo.com.

#### PremierWest Bank Offers Free Coin Counting

PremierWest Bancorp and Coinstar, Inc. announced that customers of PremierWest Bank will soon be able to turn their coin into cash in a matter of minutes at 20 of the bank's full service offices in Oregon and Northern California with the Madison coin-counting kiosk from Coinstar.

"Our customers have been asking for a coin-counting service for years and technology has finally allowed us to fulfill their request," state Jim Ford, President of PremierWest Bank. Ford went on to say, "These coin-counting kiosks will provide another convenient service to both consumer and business customers throughout our territory."

The Coinstar coin-counting kiosks installed in the bank lobby at select PremierWest Bank locations make it easy for customers to turn their coins into cash. Users simply pour their loose, unsorted change in the kiosk tray, and the machine automatically counts the change.

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## Cause and Effect.

Roger Stokes' cause is children. Kids Unlimited in Medford is one of the effects of his charitable fund at The Oregon Community Foundation. Like Roger, hundreds of other donors with charitable funds at OCF are improving lives in local communities all over Oregon.

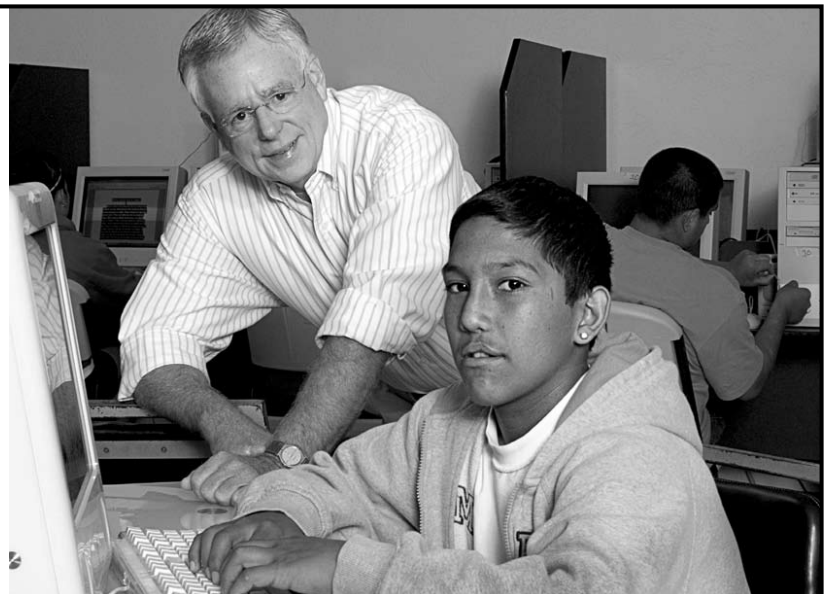
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