



Inside news from your Port of Anacortes

A monthly newsletter from your Port of Anacortes

January 2011

Commission Calendar

Thursday, January 6

7 p.m.
Regular Commission Meeting
Commission Meeting Room

Thursday, January 20

5 p.m.
Special Commission Meeting
Commission Meeting Room
Agenda includes discussion of development of a Port parking policy

7 p.m. (also January 20)
Regular Commission Meeting and joint meeting with the Port of Skagit County Commission



Promotional memento: a floating keychain to be distributed at the Seattle Boat Show.

Port and others bring 'Anacortes story' to Seattle Boat Show

Anacortes and its marine oriented businesses will be well represented at the 2011 Seattle Boat Show, scheduled from January 21-30.

Port employees including Harbormaster Dale Fowler, along with members of the Port Commission, will represent the Port and Cap Sante Boat Haven with a booth at the annual event.

In addition, the Chamber of Commerce and numerous local businesses will take this opportunity to promote Anacortes.



Opening January 17 on the Anacortes shoreline is Anthony's restaurant. Guests will enjoy a sweeping view of Cap Sante Boat Haven and Fidalgo Bay.

Anthony's Restaurant to serve region from picturesque Cap Sante Boat Haven

This Port tenant will provide not only jobs, but delicious "products" served in a breathtaking Northwest setting. Opening at 4 p.m. January 17 is Anthony's

at Cap Sante Marina, the 20th restaurant in a family-owned chain renowned for fresh seafood, complemented by Northwest beef. This latest Anacortes dining

option opens in a unique new building that features a wall of windows facing Cap Sante Boat Haven. In addition to a main *(Continued on page two)*

Port Perspectives



Bob Hyde, Executive Director

Welcome, Anthony's! On January 17 our newest tenant, Anthony's at Cap Sante Marina, will open to the public. Eighty-plus

Anthony's employees and thousands of customers from near and far will help make the Boat Haven a bustling waterfront 365 days a year. The 6,800 square foot restaurant, with seating for 212, will make the Boat Haven an even more special destination from sea and land. Anthony's will completely change the dynamic of the marina. This is an iconic restaurant with great tourism appeal. We already

have one boat rendezvous group that has indicated interest in our marina because of their arrival. And our Anthony's will boast a new twist: a unique three-season outdoor dining area with gas fireplace and heat! Thanks to Anthony's leadership team of Budd Gould, Herb Gould, Jeff Arnot, Lane Hoss, and Tami Wolfe for demonstrating their confidence in Anacortes.

Gloria Siechen named 2010 Employee of the Year

Gloria Siechen, who serves as accounts receivable specialist, was honored recently as 2010 Port of Anacortes Employee of the Year.

Siechen, who joined the Port staff as a part-time receptionist in 2004, moved into her present post in 2005.

Siechen, a native of Beaverton, Oregon, spent 27 years in the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA). Career posts took her to nations in Africa, Europe, Southeast Asia, the Middle East and the Dominican Republic. She said she is happiest in a job that offers variety and chal-



Anacortes Port Commission President Keith Rubin recently presented a plaque to 2010 Employee of the Year Gloria Siechen.

lenge.

"When I was asked about the job of accounts receivable, I said 'This might be very interesting,'" she recalls – and she hasn't been disappointed.

Essentially, her job comes down to accounting for all revenue and cash receipts for the Port. That responsibility includes working with fellow employees in all areas of operations, from the main office to Cap Sante Boat Haven.

"It's interesting and rewarding to be a part of so many aspects of the Port District's business," she said. "I feel like I'm part of something important."

Siechen loves Anacortes, a community she was introduced to by a CIA colleague who had retired here. She also enjoys the "family atmosphere" among Port employees.

"We work hard, but we also care about each other," she said. "When the chips are down, we're here to support each other in every way needed. That's pretty special."

In remarks made after presentation of the award, Port Executive Director Bob Hyde said of Siechen: Gloria has greatly improved our accounting processes and has brought receipt of our accounts to its best state ever."

"Gloria is retired from the CIA and she has a talent for getting people to pay their bills," Hyde quipped. "Even those who are on the receiving end of a late payment call from Gloria have nothing but positive comments about her. As part of our accounting team, she was instrumental in our receipt of another good report from the State Auditors. She processes more than 1,000 invoices each month for our marina tenants alone, and keeps the records in outstanding order."

Hyde concluded: "Gloria was selected from a field of nine nominees for the 2010 honor. Port staff members nominate those whom they believe have made significant contributions to the Port throughout the year. Congratulations, Gloria!"

Celtic Christmas to return next year

A 2010 Community Celtic Christmas Celebration held at the Port of Anacortes Transit Shed Event Center earned the distinction of drawing the largest sit-down audience to that facility in recent history.

"There were more than 700 in attendance," said Port of Anacortes Executive Assistant Julie Johnson Lindsey. "The celebration was a huge success, with close to \$3,000 in donations, 80-plus new toys, and an estimated 700 pounds of non-perishable foods for local food banks."

Donations received at the event will be distributed among food banks, the Boys and Girls Club and Toys for Tots.

Featured at the free event was Celtic violinist Geoffrey Castle, Soloist Beth Quist, and Celtic dance troupe The

Gothard Sisters.

Major event sponsor was Shell Puget Sound Refinery. Other sponsors included the Port of

Anacortes, Puget Sound Productions, Anacortes Chamber of Commerce, Island Espresso at Island Hospital, Soroptimist International of Anacortes, How It Works, The Epting Foundation, Anacortes American, Skagit Valley Herald, Cascadia Weekly, Anacortes Kiwanis, Anacortes Elks Lodge, Anacortes Eagles Aerie, Anacortes Masonic Lodge, Island Rentals, Rockfish Grill, San Juan Dental Laboratory. Plans are underway for an expanded event in 2011.



Geoffrey Castle (left) and friends. Photo courtesy of Chris Terrell

Anacortes deemed 'a natural' for 20th Anthony's restaurant

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dining area that will seat 132, the restaurant has two seasonal decks, one of which boasts a large gas fireplace and overhead heating. Seating on the decks in warm weather will roughly double seating capacity. The inside lounge will seat another 50; there is a banquet room that seats 32, and there are stools at a counter so guests can watch chefs prepare food.

When the restaurant opens to lunch as well as dinner later this month, it will open at 11:30 a.m. On weekdays, the restaurant will feature a four-course, reduced price meal from 4-6 p.m.

Anthony's representative Lane Hoss said owner Budd Gould "has always loved this area."

"This is a beautiful marina," said Hoss. "The more we learned about this community, the more we thought this is a great location for an Anthony's restaurant. Anacortes is just a natural spot for us."

Hoss noted that a southwest wall at the restaurant will soon feature historic Anacortes maritime photographs selected from the Anacortes Museum and the Wallie Funk photo collection.

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