



# Chamber Update

*Serving the I-80 Business Community from Applegate to Donner Pass*

**December 2003**

## **Celebrating 50 Years**

Did you know that 2004 is the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Colfax Area Chamber of Commerce? Can you imagine the changes that have occurred in the business community in the last 50 years? Is there anyone out there who was involved in the early years of the Chamber? We would love to talk to you as we endeavor to trace our roots! Please call Brad Childs at the Chamber office, 346-8888, if you were or know someone who was involved in the Chamber in 1954 or the early years.

Given the small town environment, sustaining the Chamber over the years has taken a tremendous amount of volunteerism and the collaboration of individuals and business investments to foster the economic growth and vitality in the Colfax area. As the area grows and the Chamber matures, it is exciting to realize the potential that lies ahead of us in the coming years.

This year's annual dinner will honor some of the people and businesses who have contributed this past year to the greater good of the community and the business environment. In addition, our major 2003 accomplishments will be highlighted and a summary of our 2004 business plan will be presented. Do you know how much money was raised in 2003 for local charities through Chamber sponsored events? How many people have been served this past year in the Chamber railcar? How much does it cost to operate the Chamber annually? These and other questions will be answered at the annual dinner on January 14, 2004.

I urge you to attend this year's annual dinner for not only an informative evening, but one to honor citizens and businesses who have made a difference

in our community. Additionally, you'll enjoy "A Taste of Colfax" presented by local restaurants as well great entertainment. And, finally, some of you will win some wonderful raffle prizes donated by local businesses. Don't miss this business social of the year!

Until then, Merry Christmas and a Wonderful New Year!

— *Barbara Bowers*

*Colfax Area Chamber of Commerce President*

## **A Taste of Colfax**

*Chamber Annual Awards Banquet*

**Wednesday, January 14, 2004, 6:00 – 9 pm**  
**Sierra Vista Community Center**

- Buffet dinner
- Entertainment
- Awards
- Prizes
- Presentation of 2004 Business Plan / Annual Report

No Host Cocktails 6:00 pm

Dinner Served 6:45 pm

\$25 per person

\$200 Business sponsored table of 8

Please RSVP by January 9

346-8883

Don't miss this fabulous opportunity to sample some of the best food our Colfax eateries offer! Confirmed participation as of publication date includes Madonna's Classic Kitchen, Giovanni's, Buzz Thru Joe's, Camp 20, Drooling Dog BarBQ and Classy Cheese Cake, Rose Mountain Manor.

Help us acknowledge the hard work and dedication of chamber volunteers, community leaders and the Business of the Year during a special awards ceremony at this member appreciation event.

Pre-registration is requested: friends, guests, and new members are all invited! 346-8883.

**Next Chamber Luncheon**  
**Will be in February**

## Meet Chamber Ambassador Barbara Ruibal

Finished with her 25-year Bay Area (Fremont area) career, Ruibal fulfills one of her life goals — to be involved with the community — by volunteering to work in the Colfax Area Chamber's railcar at least once a week.



She began by filling in for a friend when that friend suffered a wrist injury, but now works her own shifts. Ruibal retired from Xerox as payroll coordinator in 1991 and worked for a certified public accounting firm until 1999 when she moved to the Colfax area.

A widow, she has two children; a daughter in Tracy and son in Colfax plus four grandchildren ranging in age from 2 to 17. "Family comes first!" is Ruibal's motto, so she travels frequently to Jamestown and Tracy, keeping tabs on grandkids' sporting events, plays and school activities.

Her other interests include antiques, digging around in junk stores, sewing, canning, gardening, and spontaneous getaways and visits with friends. Ruibal is glad she has gotten involved in the community now that she's retired; she's met many wonderful people from all over the world and learned much about the people and history of Colfax.

Ruibal contributes a calm and sensible presence to the railcar and the Chamber appreciates her positive outlook and dry sense of humor. If you are a "people person" and would enjoy sharing Colfax with our visitors, call the railcar at 346-8888 to become a Colfax Area Chamber of Commerce Ambassador or to volunteer for Chamber special events.

## New and Renewed Members

Thanks to the following new and renewed members:

Amerigas

Way West

Ship It!

Mavis Wright

Suburban Propane, L.P.

## City of Colfax Seeks Business Recruiter

The City of Colfax is seeking a knowledgeable individual / consultant to serve as the City's Business Recruiter.

The successful individual / firm will develop and implement a business recruitment and development program while under contract for a six month period of time. Compensation is negotiable. The contract will be funded with Community Development Block Grant funds.

Small firms, minority-owned firms and women-owned firms are encouraged to apply.

Interested parties should contact City Manager Bob Perrault at 530-346-2313 for a Request for Proposal. The deadline to return proposals is Tuesday, December 30, 2003 at 5 pm.

## Chamber Update Ads

Advertising opportunities are available for Chamber members in the *Chamber Update*. Your business card-size ads will be included upon request for \$25. Space may be limited and this service is offered on a first-come first-served basis. Advertising deadline for the January issue is January 2.

Your paid ad also helps cover the mailing and production costs of the newsletter. Please call the Chamber office at 346-8888 or email us at [info@colfaxarea.com](mailto:info@colfaxarea.com) to reserve your space.

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## Festivals

### Christmas 2003

Held on Friday, December 5, the Colfax Hometown Holiday was a success! Despite less-than-perfect weather, about 2,000 people of all ages came into Colfax to shop and enjoy the festivities.



And who wouldn't want to eat at the **Soroptimist Soup Kitchen**, toast marshmallows at **Don Dougherty's bonfire**, find special one-of-a-kind gifts at the **Chamber's Craft Faire**, warm up with the **Chamber's yummy hot cider**, confide in **Santa**, cheer the **Lion's Club Light Parade** and join **Colfax City officials in lighting the tree**? See more photos of the Colfax Hometown Holiday online at [http://www.ci.colfax.ca.us/ColfaxHoliday\\_03](http://www.ci.colfax.ca.us/ColfaxHoliday_03)

Special thanks go to those who made the event a success: Lee Shahin, Basement Wines; Sharon Gieras, City Councilwoman; John Potter, Snowline Graphics; Brad Childs, Chamber Executive Director; Rebecca Sobaje, Blue Cat Studio; Thom Homer, Colfax Record; Lions Club of Colfax; Soroptimist International of Colfax; Don Dougherty; City of Colfax; Santa Claus; Verizon; Colfax Cub Scout Pack 25; Colfax Garden Club; Bob Perrault; Railroad Depot Committee; Camp 20 Coffee House; Drooling Dog BBQ; Hills Flat Lumber; and our talented craft vendors.

### Spring Festival, May 1, 2004

A planning kick-off meeting will be held at 6:30 pm on Monday, January 5 at Blue Cat Studio, 11 West Church Street #104. Enter on Church Street, across from the Library, and come on upstairs.

Planned activities include:

- Community garage sale
- Classic car show
- Maypole
- Photo contest
- Garden Club plant sale
- Sock Hop evening dance
- Olive Oil food and product vendors.

Please plan to be involved in this community oriented event! Hope to see you at the meeting. Contact Rebecca Sobaje at 346-7160 for a planning packet.



*Scenes from the Colfax Hometown Holiday: Chamber Craft Faire, top left; Soroptimist Soup Kitchen, top right; and Todd's Excavating Parade entry.*

### Fourth of July Fest 2004

Our plans are moving along right on schedule; we have a budget, theme artwork and ideas for vendors and music. A few positions are still open;

Clean-up coordinator	Publicity
Pyrotechnics	Volunteer Coordinator

Please phone the Chamber's Special Events Coordinator, Rebecca Sobaje, at 346-7160 if you would like to be part of the Fourth of July 2004 Festival. Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 16 at 6:30 pm at 11 West Church Street #104. Enter on Church Street, across from the Library, and come on upstairs.

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## Get your Chamber Update online

Would you like to receive your *Chamber Update* every month electronically? It's a convenient and quick way to find out what's happening with your Chamber. To do so, you must have Adobe Acrobat Reader 4 or later installed on your computer. You probably already have it, but if you don't it is available for free at <http://www.adobe.com/products/acrobat/readstep2.html>. Follow the instructions to download the software for your particular computer. You will only need to do this step once.

Send an e-mail to [info@bluecatstudio.com](mailto:info@bluecatstudio.com) and let them know you are ready to receive your newsletter online. You will be added to the Chamber's e-recipient list. This confidential list will not be made available to others.

## 2003 Colfax Area Chamber of Commerce Board and Directors

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## Community Calendar

Following are Chamber events and other community activities which are of interest to Chamber members. Please contact the Chamber regarding listing events here.

Tuesday, Dec. 16 at 6:30 pm, Fourth of July Festival Planning Meeting at 11 West Church Street, contact Rebecca Sobaje at 346-7160 for details.

Monday, Jan. 5 at 6:30 pm, Spring Festival Planning Meeting at 11 West Church Street, contact Rebecca Sobaje at 346-7160 for details.

Tuesday, Jan. 20 at 6:30 pm, Fourth of July Festival Planning Meeting location TBA, contact Rebecca Sobaje at 346-7160 for details.

Wednesday, Jan. 14, 2004, 6:30 pm, **A Taste of Colfax** Chamber Annual Awards Banquet, contact Linda Mason at 346-8883.

## GET YOUR I-80 LOCAL VEHICLE STICKER

\$10 per qualified vehicle  
(must show proof of residency)

Available at the Railcar,  
2 South Railroad Ave.  
346-8888



**Don't miss it!**

**Chamber Annual Awards  
Banquet January 14, 2004**