

BUSINESS INVESTMENT – SPONSORED BY



STEAMPUNK CAFÉ (KEVIN WRIGHT)



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- ❑ SteamPunk Café & Coffee House opened August 2012. Owners Kevin Wright and Lesley O'Neill wanted to give the city of Port Alberni a great place for people to come and meet for a fantastic cup of coffee as well as something homemade to eat.
- ⦿ They have a large following of clientele who visit every day just to experience what they have to offer.
- ⦿ The addition of the outdoor deck has been something that gets people talking and helps to add to the new image of Uptown.

STEAMPUNK CAFÉ (KEVIN WRIGHT)

- First he saw the vision
- Then he built the “Café”
- Then he convinced all to think outside the box (outside the Café) and he built the deck
- Then he developed the ‘Bookstore’ which morphed into what it is today – arguably the number one spot in town for a meeting
- Then he focused on his development across the road
- Then he built his Boardroom....
- Get the picture....



THE FLOORING DEPOT

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- Since October 1998 (21 years)
- Major expansion in 2018 – doubling the space
- More expansion plans are in the works!
- Provide services throughout Port Alberni and Central Vancouver Island. They've even sold/installed in the Lower Mainland
- Tile/Stone
- Carpet
- Laminate/Vinyl Flooring
- Window Coverings & More

THE FLOORING DEPOT

- When they opened in 1998 they did so with a small group of people from the Flooring Industry. Their initial group consisted of a Salesman, an Installer and an Office Manager
- They quickly became the largest Flooring Store in the Valley operating up to 8 Installation Crews.
- They recruited the Very Best Flooring People available and then focused on ensuring that they maintained a Small Town feel yet did so, and continue to do so with significant inventory levels.

THE FLOORING DEPOT



KINGSWAY HOTEL

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- Pictured here as it was in 1948 (71 years ago!)
- The Kingsway opened in March of 1925 by Theodore Gattman who by the way became a Port Alberni Alderman (Councilor) in 1927
- Fast forward some 94 years and current owner Helen Poon became a City Councilor just a year after purchasing the old building.

KINGSWAY HOTEL

- Helen has made a career out of purchasing and repurposing old buildings – particularly in the Downtown East Side of Vancouver.
- Her investments have resulted in safer environments free of the former criminal elements that often plagued some of the old buildings.
- Helen has a real vision for the Kingsway and so far it's pretty obvious that the local community is very supportive.

KINGSWAY HOTEL

- Meet Helen Poon alongside one of the many discovered works of art that were hiding behind the walls! These pieces are believed to come from the opening days of the hotel back in the 1920's

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- ◎ The winner is here tonight
- ◎ We hope.....
- ◎ Stay tuned



YOUTH OF THE YEAR – SPONSORED BY:



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Jimmy Pelk. Mr. Pelk contacted us two years ago from his home in Thompson MB. He asked if he could Co-Sponsor this award because it meant so much to him many years ago when he won it!



MEMPHIS DICK

- Memphis loves to play Basketball
- Plays the game at ADSS where today she is enjoying her Grade 11 year
- She's also been at the North American Digneous Games twice and has brought back medals both times.
- Memphis is very interested in her Culture and is working hard to see it thrive

MEMPHIS DICK



- Memphis has also played for hesquiaht storm at the JR. all Native Tournament held annually at Spring Break. She is proud to say that they've brought back a Second Place Trophy and two Third Place ones over the past three years.
- In the future Memphis plans to stay involved in Sports and hopes to continue working with Tseshaht First Nation.

MEMPHIS DICK



LINH TRAN

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- ◎ **Grade 12 Student at ADSS**
- ◎ **Linh has enjoyed her time at ADSS and Port Alberni as a whole**
- ◎ **She plans to attend university in the fall – SIMON FRASER – where she hopes to begin her journey towards becoming a Lawyer**
- ◎ **She will be enrolled in a Bachelor of Arts Program – Sociology so that she can help people along the way.**

LINH TRAN

- ◎ Linh has achieved high marks in school with straight A's across the board
- ◎ She was the School's top student in Law 12
- ◎ She believes that academics are very important but she also recognizes the value of Athletics.
- ◎ She was a top student in Women's PE last year
- ◎ She has enjoyed Strong by Zumba as part of her everyday activity.

LINH TRAN

- ◎ Linh has participated in several programs related to Social Work and helping people in general.
- ◎ Parks and Rec – 2017
- ◎ Volunteers at Abbeyfield
- ◎ Worked FT last year on the Swept Away Inn and thoroughly enjoyed that experience of meeting people from all over the world.

JAYSON MATTHEWS

- ◎ Born/raised in Port Alberni
- ◎ One of 12 students who will receive a 'Double Dogwood'
- ◎ One of only 6 students from his original French Immersion Kindergarten class
- ◎ Jayson loves Port Alberni with its amazing people and endless outdoor adventures

JAYSON MATTHEWS

◎ Jayson has been very active in sports since he was five years old.

- > Soccer
- > Lacrosse
- > Basketball
- > Rugby



Sports have had a big impact on Jayson where he's met amazing people: team-mates, coaches, fans and yes, even his opponents

JAYSON MATTHEWS

- ◎ In soccer Jayson had a bittersweet moment when he was thrilled to make a high level Rep team based out of Nanaimo. It meant that he had to leave behind many of his team-mates in Port Alberni. He finished his youth soccer playing in Ladysmith where he captained the team
- ◎ Lacrosse was another successful story for Jayson. Again, captain of his team for some time. Today, because of dwindling numbers in Port Alberni he now plays for the Oceanside Junior B Sharks.

JAYSON MATTHEWS

- ◎ Jayson's story in Basketball is heart-warming. He talks about his efforts and disappointments at some points when playing time was limited. He chose to work even harder along the way and today he is captain of his Grade 12 Team, he also finished top 15 in Scoring – for the North Island.
- ◎ Perhaps his biggest honour was accepting a plaque that is now on the wall at ADSS honouring his Grandfather – Elmer Matthews who was the founder of the Totem Tournament.

JAYSON MATTHEWS

- ◎ Not surprisingly Jayson is also loves Rugby and is very successful at it. He is Co-Captain of his team this year and now looks forward to playing for the Men's Black Sheep Rugby team in the future.
- ◎ Outside of sports Jayson loves to hike, to fish and to enjoy time along the Alberni Inlet.
- ◎ Last year Jayson hiked the West Coast Trail
- ◎ He now spends time volunteering with Special Olympics (Basketball) and helps out with Elementary School sports (official)

SARAH HIGGINSON



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- ◎ Sarah will be graduating this year
- ◎ She is described as “an Amazing and Talented Musician – is involved in everything musical.”
- ◎ Sarah plans to take the Music Program at VIU and subsequent to that she plans to return to Port Alberni to be a Band Teacher and/or French Teacher.
- ◎ Sarah says that her MOM has been her biggest influencer in life

SARAH HIGGINSON

- ◎ She is a member of the Harm Reduction Youth Advisory Committee
- ◎ Also a member of Candy Striping at Fir Park Nursing Home
- ◎ Sarah describes these experiences as life changing. She now has much greater empathy towards those affected by the opioid crisis and towards seniors.
- ◎ Her experiences at the Candy Striping program have really affected her as she's come to realize how challenging it is for elderly people in later stages of life.

EMILY WEST



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- **Comments received about Emily**
- **Top marks in Biology. Very focused and has great work ethic**
- **Her keen sense for detail is what makes her such a great student**
- **Fantastic musician**
- **Emily always brings her best; it's who she is**
- **Emily worked very hard in the French program and even though a late Immersion Student she has earned her bilingual diploma**
- **Emily is part of Concert Band, Jazz Band, R&B, Saxophone Quintet, Pit Band and is an active member of the Student Grad Council**
- **Emily is very close to her family – loves to listen to her Dad's music and she credits her Mom for her passion and love of Music.**

EMILY WEST



RISING STAR – SPONSORED BY



Power of Three

- Owned by Jessica Philpott/Tatiana Simpson
- Corner of Argyle/3rd – beautifying that area
- Tatiana moved here 8 years ago – for the Windsong Program
- First weekend here to scope out the place it was Thunder in the Valley.
- She thought....WOW
- She moved here three weeks later
- It was Salmon Festival Weekend.
- She thought DOUBLE WOW
- The next weekend it was....Fall Fair
- Then the bikes rolled into town....

POWER OF THREE



- ◎ She called her best friend Jessica.
- ◎ Told Jessica to move here
- ◎ She did
- ◎ History began
- ◎ The two believe in the future of Port Alberni
- ◎ They see new people coming to town, youth, energy, passion and commitment.

POWER OF THREE



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- Business today is flourishing
- The shop is beautiful
- Most of the business is related to Massage but...
- Hair component is growing. Not traditional hair cuts but specialized no two looks are the same. Extensions, Dreadlocks. Everyone is unique that is their approach
- Big focus now on Yoga – major studio on site
- Jessica said: “We want to be the Change”







BURDE BEANS



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- Damon and Krista moved to Port Alberni in 2012 to make a home for their young family – including 3 children
- They found an old neglected building....? Really?
- And then they set forth to fix it up - first the living quarters and then eventually they focused on the commercial side the building.
- Damon always dreamed of opening up an International style Coffee Shop

BURDE BEANS

A place where people of all ages can visit with one another, enjoy a cup of coffee, hot chocolate, children's menu and now they can also enjoy a Craft Beer!

Daman and Krista are honoured to be invited to this event and thank all who support them.







FULL OF BEANS PLAY CAFÉ

A R. Anderson
& ASSOCIATES

CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS



FULL OF BEANS PLAY CAFÉ

- Full of Beans is **THE** hotspot in Port Alberni for Families with kids in tow.
- Two sides to the Café including the Food Services with Fresh, Healthy Food, most of it made from scratch
- You'll find freshly made soups, sandwiches, salads and delicious baked goods.
- And of course as a Coffee Shop they only serve the best!
- The play side – suitable for kids 9 and under includes climbers, slides, rockers and a large 'house center' a separate play area with toys for kids 3 and under.
- Wonderful place!

FULL OF BEANS PLAY CAFÉ

- ◎ Online quotes:
- ◎ “Love coming here! I enjoy how they have so many veggie options! Owners are wonderful and the space is clean and inviting! Thank you for being a great place for families and also a great place for a wonderful soup and beverage!!! ***Rebecca makes AWESOME hummus too!!!***”

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save on foods

TRENDS DESIGN TEAM

- ◎ 2000 FACEBOOK LIKES
- ◎ Frequent contributor to FACEBOOK with often multiple posts daily
- ◎ Know how to leverage the skills of the team by using good pictures
- ◎ In business for 9 years
- ◎ 6 Stylists, 1 Front Mgr/Front Desk, 1 Nail Tech, 1 Facial Massage
- ◎ Growing every year – significant recent growth due to expansion of building
- ◎ From 600 Square feet to 1240 square feet.

Trends Design Team

PHILOSOPHY

- Our mission at Trends Design Team is to give exceptional service at a reasonable price. We are proud of the upbeat, comfortable atmosphere that has been created at our location; everyone is welcome.
- Trends Design Team wants your visit to be a memorable one. We strive to give you the highest quality service in a comfortable, energetic atmosphere that reflects the styles and attitudes of our contemporary clientele.
- Trends is proud to be a Paul Mitchell concept salon. Paul Mitchell education allows our stylist to provide the clients with current techniques and styles.

Where it all happens



TRENDS DESIGN TEAM



TRENDS
design team

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- Trends is very community oriented.
- Trends supports many community initiatives such as: Funtastic ball tournament, Ty Watson Gala, Alberni Charity Golf Tournament, AV Bulldogs, Legion, ACAWS, Minor hockey teams, Women's hockey, golf tournaments, ball teams, ADSS grad, First Nations and many more.
- They are a 'Green Salon.' Recycling - hair, foil, color tubes, cardboard and plastic.
- Participated in the Street Thug Barbers doing free hair cuts on the street for people less fortunate.
- Street Thug Barbers in Port Alberni, the West Coast and the Downtown East Side of Vancouver

BARE BONES FISH & CHIPS

- Located in the former United Church
- Prior to Steve and AC purchasing the building it was a Salon divided into several different rooms
- A Complete renovation done and then it was customized with some of AC's artwork.
- Opened for business about 518 weeks ago meaning.....10 years in business in two weeks! May 8, 2009 – May 8, 2019
- 8 Staff plus 3 additional in the summer months
- Many folks who were married in this 'Church' now come back to celebrate their anniversaries with a lovely Fish & Chip dinner
- One couple returned to the 'Church' to celebrate 50 years of marriage. Steve, AC and staff were honoured to serve them and their guests lunch that day.

BARE BONES FISH & CHIPS



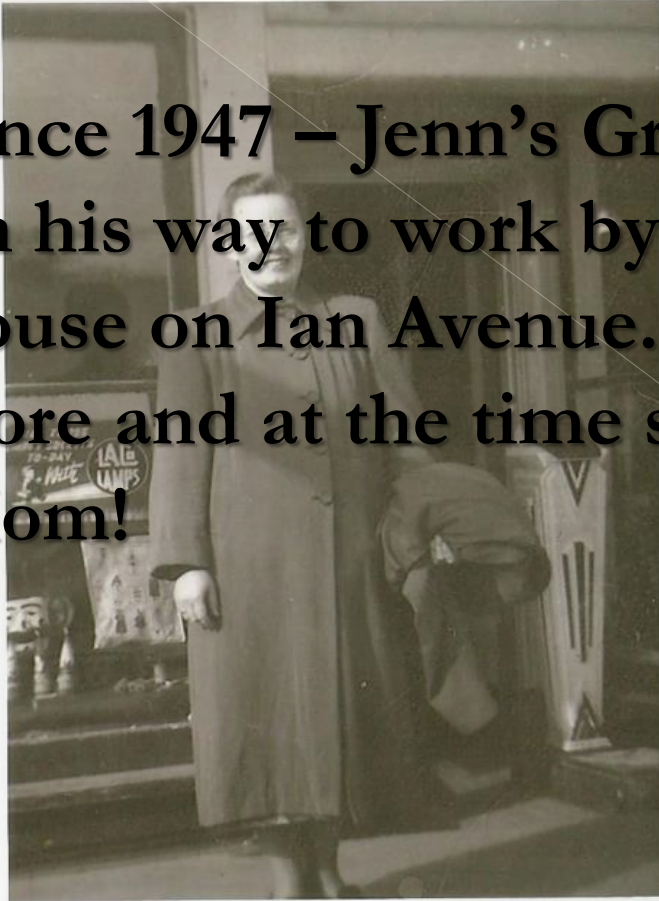
- Owned by Steve and AC Evans
- Best way to describe this business is to ask others.
- *“We go out of our way to stop at Bare Bones when on the Island.”*
- *“Friendly staff and Excellent Food! Key Lime Cheesecake is delicious!”*

BARE BONES FISH & CHIPS

- ◎ *“We were so glad we got referred to Bare Bones, large portions, friendly staff, very nicely done the fish is spot on.”*
- ◎ *“Wow, just ate there and had the platter....each piece tasted heavenly. You want great fish, ya gotta eat there.”*
- ◎ *“Starts with the service – and ends with an absolutely fantastic dessert (Key Lime Pie) Portions are healthy – everything looks and tastes fresh.”*

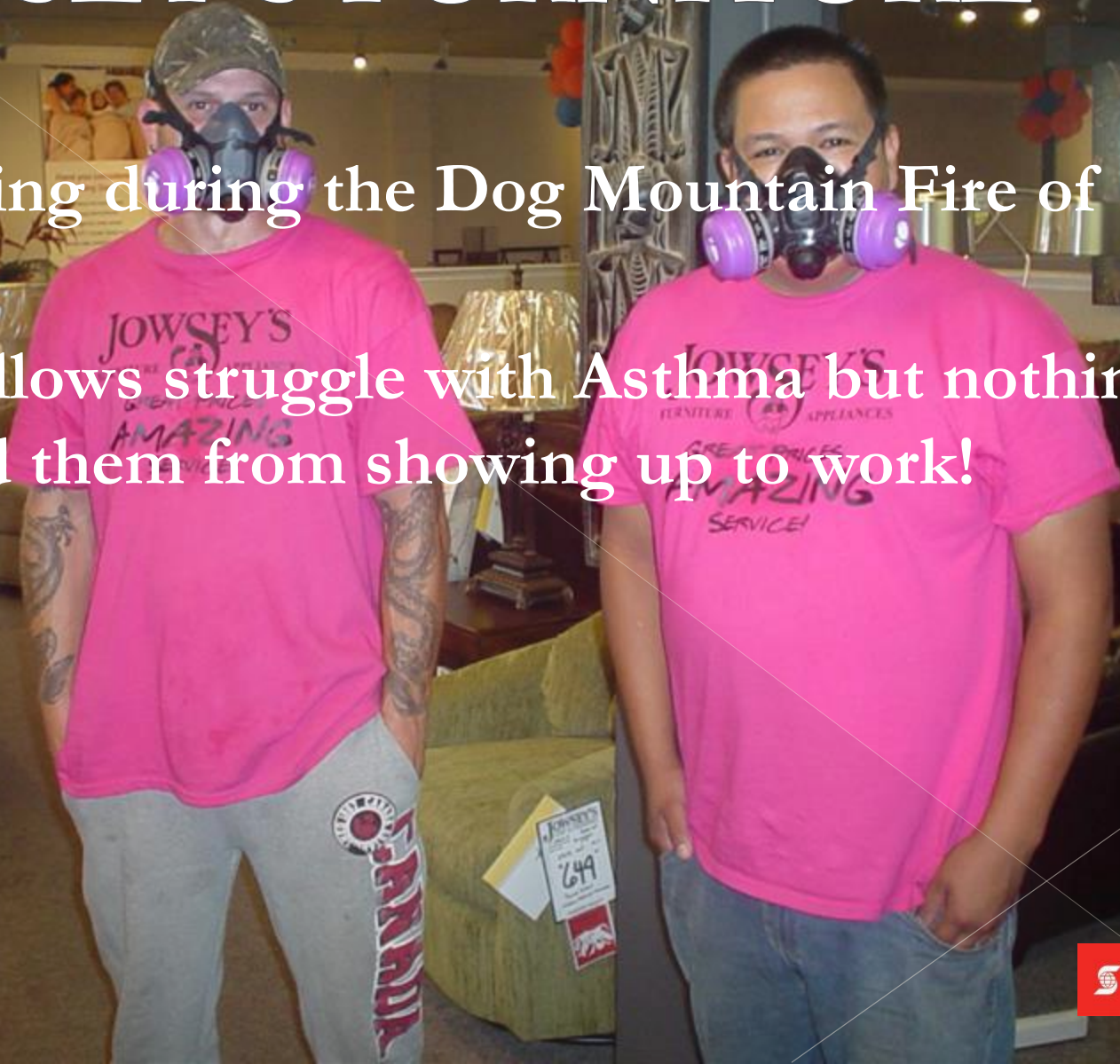
JOWSEY'S FURNITURE

- © Since 1947 – Jenn's Grandparents – Grandpa on his way to work by Bike – in front of their house on Ian Avenue. Grandma in front of the store and at the time she was expecting Jen's Mom!



JOWSEY'S FURNITURE

- Delivering during the Dog Mountain Fire of 2015.
- Both fellows struggle with Asthma but nothing stopped them from showing up to work!





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JOWSEY'S

◎ Ask any of these folks about their new and very innovative Rewards Program! Earn \$\$ on every purchase and then use the build up at a later date!



JOWSEY'S FURNITURE



- First opened in 1947 as Jowsey's Home Variety & Electric
- Many prices of the day were five and ten cents!
- That same year.....Princess Elizabeth married Duke Phillip Mountbatten
- That same year India became an independent Nation
- That same year no one had heard of Credit Cards, Contact Lenses, Frisbees, Daycare Centres or.....THE PILL
- There were no Cell Phones, no cordless phones, no computers of any type and an Electric Typewriter was a thing of the future
- One could buy a loaf of bread and a dozen eggs for \$0.40 (that's 40 cents – for both). Add in another \$0.03 (three cents and you could pick up a Stamp.
- At the time Jowsey's sold Wringer Washers, Short-wave radios in solid wood cabinets, school supplies and sewing notions.
- **JOWSEY'S IS AN AMAZING STORY! WELL DONE JENNIFER NORN AND TEAM!**



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Some past winners

- Meg Scoffield
- Curt Smecher
- Peggy Aikman
- Hugh Grist
- Ken McRae
- Donna and Gary Brett
- Dan Washington
- Nancy Wilmot
- Theresa Kingston
- Patty Edwards
- Jeff Cook
- Dewayne Parfitt
- Pam Craig
- Kenn Whiteman
- Jeff Lott
- Bob Daily
- Pat and Barry Miller
- John Andrews
- Kathleen Pickles
- Harriet Forbes
- Elsie Jackson
- Winston Joseph
- *Helen Patenaud (1st Winner 1968) and again in 1981*
- Hope Porter
- Louisa Rabasco

○ ***And for 2019..... ?***

YOUR CHAMBER 2018 - 19



- ◎ Excellence Awards – Sell-out 6 years running
- ◎ Tri-Conic Challenge – ~ 200 Athletes –
- ◎ Membership Growth of 40% over 5 years
- ◎ Budget Growth of more than 80% since 2013
- ◎ Adventure Map – 140000 distributed over 6 years featuring nearly 80 local businesses
- ◎ Tear-off Map featuring A-Z things to do in the AV & sponsored by HUPACASATH FIRST NATION

YOUR CHAMBER 2018 - 19

- ◎ **Successful PAPER CHASE 15k run held in early March of 2019. 3rd year for re-introduction of this event**
- ◎ **Event supported by Catalyst Paper (now Paper Excellence).**
- ◎ **Continue to advocate for reintroduction of the MRDT**
- ◎ **Organized the Public forums for the Civic Elections and will do the same for the Federal Election coming this October**



YOUR CHAMBER 2018 - 19

- ◎ **Well-attended Dinner Meetings all through 2018 and 2019**
- ◎ **Manage Visitor Center – significant visitor growth over the past several years.**
- ◎ **First quarter visitor counts are trending higher for 2019**
- ◎ **Executive Director named as BC Chamber Executive of the Year – 2017**



YOUR CHAMBER 2018 - 19

- ◎ Mobile Visitor Center evolved to a trailer along with tent option.
- ◎ 5th year of *#TryHomeFirst* program

Awarding over \$10,000. in local gift-cards to

Unsuspecting Shoppers. More than 85 businesses participate. **NOTE:** Program didn't run in 2018 but likely will in 2019



Your Chamber 2018 - 19

- Have Received Rural Dividends Funding for Business Training - started in Oct 2018.
- Business Training, Lunch 'N Learns, Women in Business Support, Young Entrepreneurs & more
- Re-Introduced the Light-Up Alberni Event in 2017 and continued with the program in 2018
- Initiated Island Wide and BC Chamber involvement in the Recreational Fishing Issues surrounding the SRKW

We thank all

- **Hupacasath First Nation**
- **Tseshahat First Nation**
- **Our Title Sponsor – The San Group**
- **Our Gold Sponsor - Scotiabank**
- **Our Awards Sponsors**
- **Ms. Naomi Nicholson**
- **Hon. Scott Fraser**
- **Mr. Anthony Everett**
- **Mr. Gord Johns**
- **Her Worship Mayor Sharie Minions**
- **Mr. Lyndon Cassell, Ms. Pam Fong**
- **Our Finalists and Eventual Award Winners**
- **The Italian Hall & Events Centre**
- **Chances Rim Rock – Cypress Restaurant**
- **Pressed Event Services**
- **Westcoast Home Hardware**
- **Our Awards Committee/Chamber Directors/Chamber Staff**
- **Anyone and Everyone who Nominated a Business or Person**
- **The Business and Volunteer Community of Port Alberni**
- **And you for attending**