

Chamber Member Benefits

(What the Chamber does for you and your community.)

- **Business After Hours**-opportunity to network, see speakers that will help with your business, take part in functions that allow you to learn more and see more of your fellow chamber members and seize opportunities to support one another. Host a BAH at your business by sponsoring the appetizers and drinks and the Chamber and Economic Development will market and pay for advertising to get people in your business for the BAH to see your business and network.
- **Chamber Board Member**- Be a Chamber Board member and truly get the inside knowledge of how our businesses in Ravenna work and help one another through meetings and events.
- **Chamber Events**-The Chamber puts on several events throughout the year: Annevar (brings in anywhere from 2,000 to 3,000 people), Junk Jaunt (brings almost 2,000 people),these influxes of people have been key for Ravenna businesses as these people eat, buy gas, pick up supplies and are subjected to sponsorships that businesses reap benefits from.
- Events put on by the Chamber not only bring people to town to spend money, it also exposes them to what we have to offer. The more this is done the more likely they might be to move here if a job opportunity becomes available.
- Events also appeal to our current residents, young - elderly. Especially for our young community members, having a fun way to meet and get to know more community members and just have a good time (not to mention spend their money) can be paramount to them wanting to stay here.
- Money spent by people attending Chamber events throughout the year contributes to tax dollars going into LB840 which provides business loans to potential business owners and is used for purchasing land development which all helps with economic prosperity in Ravenna.
- **Agriculture Support**- Farmer and agribusiness support is given through our Harvest Celebration, Farmer's Day Off Celebration, Pre-Plant Party, sponsorship opportunities, and Business After Hours for networking. These events provide a great opportunity for farmers to connect with our agricultural businesses.
- **Trailer Marquee**- Free use of the Chamber's large trailer marquee or one of the small stand-up marquees signs as long as another chamber member isn't already using them.
- **Chamber Meeting Room**- Utilize back meeting room for free on a first come first serve basis, just call 452-3344 and schedule.
- **Chamber Bucks**- Can be purchased by any community member (often used as gifts) and can only be spent at Chamber businesses. The Chamber circulates around \$5000 a year on average of Chamber bucks. **NEW!** Advertise on the back of Chamber Bucks! Contact the Chamber today about this opportunity!
- **Get Involved!**- Opportunities to volunteer and become involved at Annevar, Junk Jaunt, projects and more! The more the community sees you supporting it, the more they will support you. Working together with fellow business owners provides the opportunity to see and discuss how we can work together, refer business to each other, become knowledgeable about what each has to offer and more.
- **Directory Listing**- Get listed in our directory on our website- myravenna.com
- **Facebook**- Have a Facebook page? We can help boost your posts by sharing your deals of the day or announcements. Our page is growing more and more popular so the reach is great.
- **Free Advertising!**- Free posting of your own events on our community calendar and facebook page upon request.
- **ARE YOU HIRING?** We can help you recruit potential employees by sharing want ads on Facebook as well as getting the word out and giving suggestions of individuals who may be a good fit.

- **Presidents Banquet-** Your hard work does not go unnoticed! Recognition is given for excellence in business, community service, education, agriculture, entrepreneurial spirit and more! A delicious catered meal along with a classy night out serves as just another way that we like to say thank you for all of your hard work and dedication as a Ravenna business owner and Chamber Member.
- **First Dollar Presentations-** If you are a new business, new business to the community or new Chamber business member be recognized with a Framed First Dollar, picture and article in the Ravenna News and the opportunity to show the Ravenna Chamber Board members everything about your business so they can better support and promote you!
- **Welcome Packets-** Put brochures, business cards, promo pieces and more in Welcome Packets that get hand delivered to new community members! (Be able to promote your business right away to new residents of Ravenna, help us welcome them the Ravenna way!)
- **Shop Local-** Benefit from Shop Local Promotions done throughout the year in the paper and on facebook as well as shop local events like the Holiday Shop Hop.
- **Teacher Appreciation-** The Chamber appreciates the hard work of our teachers and faculty at Ravenna Public Schools and treats them to an appreciation meal right before school starts each year. Happy Teachers = Smart Students = Future Business Leaders for Ravenna
- **Chamber Youth Representatives-** The Chamber also has a junior youth rep and a senior youth rep that attend meetings and help with events as well as learn what the Chamber is all about. This cohesive relationship between Chamber and youth creates opportunities for the youth to learn about business and gain exposure to real world scenarios as well as ready youth to be working adults in our community. These youth reps also receive a scholarship from the Chamber in exchange for their time and effort.
- **Educator Award-** Presidents Banquet recognizes teacher of the year which a prestigious award for our hard working teachers. Another way the Chamber reaches out to our School.
- **NEW! Email Updates/Business Highlights-** Receive a periodic email from the chamber highlighting local businesses and giving you the latest Chamber news! Businesses can take advantage of advertising in the email or be featured in it to reach out to your fellow chamber business members in the effort of supporting each other more effectively.
- **THEY'RE BACK!! Quarterly General Chamber Meetings-** These meetings are back! They are open to all Chamber members and are generally the first Wednesday of every quarter (Jan., April, July, Oct.) at 5:30! Great opportunity to have a good meal, have your voice heard, get chamber updates and network with fellow Chamber business members!
- **Chamber Logo-** Member of Ravenna Area Chamber logo on your website and in advertising upon request.
- **Membership Window Cling-** Every Chamber Business gets a Chamber window cling to show community members that you are supporting the community through your membership.
- **Business Referrals-** The Chamber Director and Board will work hard to refer people to your business.
- **Business Prep/Aid before big events-** We advise businesses on how to maximize on their opportunities before events such as Junk Jaunt, Annevar, Total Solar Eclipse Events, etc.
- **Help with marketing upon request-** We can help you market an upcoming event related to your business by giving guidance on how to reach people the best. We can also aid with posters, social media, marquees, signs, news, and more!
- **More Money!-** The Ravenna Chamber utilizes its members for purchasing supplies, prizes, food, drinks, and more so that is more business and money for you!
- **Facebook Promo Videos!-** Have Gena do a live Facebook video in your business to promote certain products or your business in general upon request!