

Host a 'business after business' Networking Event

Connect and celebrate business in Parksville!

- Showcase and promote your business
- Networking opportunity for members

Tips for Success

Advertising & Promoting

- The Chamber of Commerce will promote your event in the weekly e-mail announcements. Please provide Linda with details about your event, a copy of your logo and your phone number for RSVP purposes.

- Calling members with a personal invitation has been a successful way to encourage attendance. A member phone list is available on our website. You will need your member ID and password, choose the MEMBER DIRECTORY tab and then click on "Downloadable Version". If you would like to mail invitations, labels with Chamber Member addresses are available.

- Use this as an opportunity to invite your suppliers, neighbouring businesses and regular clients who may not be members of the Parksville & District Chamber of Commerce.

Getting started

Held on the 3rd Thursday of the month, starting at 5pm to 7pm. These events are very popular and are booked months in advance. Call Linda Tchorz, Member Services, 250-248-3613 to book a date. Attendance ranges between 50-60 people but could vary depending on your event promotion.

Self-promotion

Provide refreshments for your guests. If you wish to serve alcohol, you will need a "Special Occasion Permit" available from the B.C. Liquor Store and paid staff serving the liquor must have a current "Serving It Right" certificate. You may wish to contact a professional bartender or catering company as they can take care of these details on your behalf.

Consider using Chamber member businesses for catering, bartending, door prizes or other event related services. Typically, sweets are not as popular as appetizers but if you wish to serve sweets, we recommend serving tea and coffee. We also suggest:

- Name tags for you and your staff
- Business card draws are always popular with guests
- Keeping any speeches or announcements brief.

Remember, we are here to help and make this a fun and social event for your guests, so if you have any questions please give us a call.