

# Qwizdom and Microsoft set to team up at Chamber luncheon

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It's a truism that some of the best things in life can be found in your own back yard.

I first learned about Qwizdom when I attended a national education conference in New Orleans several years ago. In the vast exhibitor hall I came across a vendor (Qwizdom) with an intriguing product: Audience response systems, you know, like they use on TV quiz shows. Imagine my surprise when I learned that their world headquarters is on South Hill and that it was founded by my former softball coach.

This month Qwizdom is partnering up with Microsoft to present a session on "Inventing the Future" at the Chamber's luncheon. Featured presenter Mike Egan, Director of Corporate Affairs at Microsoft, hails

from Puyallup. While working in Washington D.C. for Congressman Norm Dicks and later, Sen. Patty Murray, Egan was voted "Funniest Person in D.C." three years in a row. Microsoft and Qwizdom are collaborating to make this session fun, informative and interactive.

Upcoming events:

▶ Chamber Luncheon – Friday, 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. March 12 at Best Western Park Plaza. Registration is \$20 for members and \$30 for guests and includes lunch catered by Savory & Sweet Catering.

▶ Wine @ Five – Thursday, 5-6:30 p.m. on March 18 at the newly remodeled Holiday Inn Express on South Hill. Food, wine and microbrews provided by Ram International Catering. This casual after-work gathering is a great networking opportunity for businesses. Registration is free but RSVPs are required.

▶ Business Networking EX-

POrience – Thursday, March 25, 7:30-11:30 a.m. at Pierce College-Puyallup's Student Center Building, presented by Walmart. This action-packed morning features speed networking, coffee and doughnuts, an exhibitor hall and workshops on social networking and customer service. Registration for the whole event costs \$20.

▶ Demystifying Finance for Small Businesses – Friday, 7:30-9:30 a.m. on March 26 at the South Hill Mall in the new Community Room near the Sears entrance. This workshop promises to deliver three to five ideas that businesses can implement. Registration costs \$15 and includes the workshop, materials and a continental breakfast.

To register or get more information about any of the above events, contact the Chamber at 253-845-6755 or go online to [www.puyallupsumnerchamber.com](http://www.puyallupsumnerchamber.com).