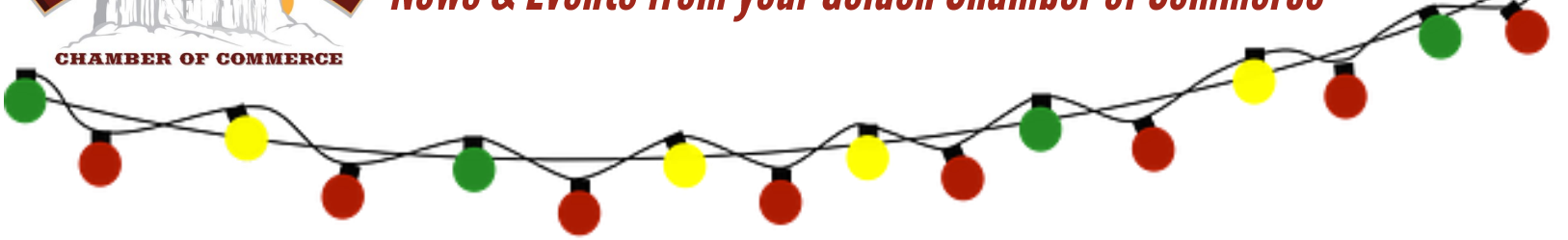


## News & Events from your Golden Chamber of Commerce



Happy Holidays!

Since working for the Golden Chamber, I have learned some fun holiday facts about Golden which I was not aware of and thought I would highlight a few of them.

It was in 1859 that Golden celebrated its first Christmas with a Christmas Ball. These were the days of the Gold Rush, so the Christmas Ball was a way that the town's people could gather together for moments of joy. They enjoyed dancing followed by a big dinner. Throughout Golden's history, Christmas was celebrated throughout the town in churches and in homes. It was not until 1922, that the first Christmas lighting ceremony took place in Golden, and at this time the towns' people used one single tree for decorating. This tree was provided by the Golden Chamber of Commerce, Golden Fire Department, and Golden Kiwanis Club.

Our famous *Welcome to Golden* arch was placed over Washington Avenue in 1949. It was then that Golden received its Santa Claus, Sleigh, and cute little Reindeer. The designer, Paul Reeves, created this display to celebrate Golden's "Spirit of Christmas". Paul was the Chairman for the Golden Chamber of Commerce, and the Chamber and community sponsored his creative efforts. This holiday design has since become a traditional decoration for Golden.

It was in 1988 that the Golden Chamber of Commerce held its first Candlelight Walk. What began with hundreds of candle holders signing songs and celebrating the season, has now grown into a traditional Candlelight Walk for thousands of people to gather together with family and friends and kick-off the holiday season.

The tradition continues with 2015 *Olde Golden Christmas* and Holiday Activities presented by the Golden Chamber of Commerce, and includes: the Candlelight Walk, three Saturday Holiday Parades, Breakfast with Santa, and our Holiday Window Display Contest. For complete information please go to our website at [www.GoldenCOChamber.org](http://www.GoldenCOChamber.org).

For most of us the holiday season is a time of spiritual celebration, one of hope, and is filled with family, friends, and thankfulness. Whatever your faith and traditions for celebrating the holiday season, I respectfully hope it is filled with many joyful moments and peace.

As observed by Tiny Tim in the well-known classic, *A Christmas Carol*, written in 1843 by Charles Dickens, "God Bless Us, Every One!"

Sincerely,

# Leslie

Leslie Klane  
CEO/President, Golden Chamber of Commerce

# Upcoming Meetings

## Downtown Merchants Meeting | Tuesday, December 15

7:30-8:30am - Buffalo Rose

## Welcome New Golden Chamber Members!

- ◆ [Accounting Mojo](#)
- ◆ [AscentCRM](#)
- ◆ [Citrus Solution Carpet Cleaning](#)
- ◆ [Holidaily Brewing Company](#)
- ◆ Jeff Hollman
- ◆ Jillian Novak

## Upcoming Ribbon Cuttings

**Emergency/Urgent Care**  
(Next to Neighborhood Health Center)

Wednesday, Dec 16 at 8:00 a.m.

**AscentCRM**

Thursday, Dec 10th



Golden Chamber of Commerce

*Presents*

## An Old Golden Christmas & Holiday Parades



### Candlelight Walk

Friday, December 4th, 6:30pm

Kick off the holiday season with this 20 year tradition as you walk down the main street of Golden lit by hundreds of candles. Following holiday entertainment, Santa will flip the switch to light up Golden. Weather permitting fireworks will follow. Candles and glow sticks can be pre-purchased for \$1 each at the Golden Chamber office inside the Visitors Center and Avenue Gifts from 9am-5pm. Available at two locations Friday night, 5pm until sold out: 15th and Arapahoe and 13th and Washington.

### Breakfast with Santa

Children will marvel in the magic of dining with Santa Claus. Fun and hands-on activities will follow a breakfast buffet. A goodie bag will be provided for each child. Tickets are going fast! Purchase online at [goldenco chamber.org](http://goldenco chamber.org).

### Holiday Parades

Saturday, December 5th, 12th and 19th

11:00am, Washington and 10th — Washington and 12th

### Letters to Santa

Kids, drop off your letter to Santa at the mailbox inside the Golden Visitors Center.

Stop by Monday-Friday 8:30am-5pm and Saturdays 10-4pm until December 14th.



### Holiday Window Decorating Contest

Visit these local businesses and check out their holiday themed window displays. Windows will be judged by the following categories: Use of color, originality, and overall presentation. The winners will be announced at the end of the Holiday Parade on Saturday, December 12th.

**Gozell Yogurt & Coffee, Spirits in the Wind Gallery, The Green Paw & Spa, Outlook Golden Ridge, The Silver Horse, Table Mountain Inn, Faith Tattoo Gallery, Avenue Vision, Caf  13, Golden Sweets, Vital Outdoors, Baby Doe's**

*Holiday lights provided by the Downtown Development Authority and City of Golden*



# Save the Date

Thursday, January 21, 2016

## Golden Chamber of Commerce presents Annual Awards Celebration

Join us this year as we Present our Annual Awards for:

Business of the Year  
Civic Award Winner  
Charlie O' Brien Award Winner

Fossil Trace Golf Club  
6:15pm Doors Open- Enjoy live music and Cocktails  
7:00pm Served Dinner with Awards Program to follow  
*Official invite to follow*

## #GoldenChamberMembers

As a Golden Chamber of Commerce member, we want to offer you the opportunity to showcase your unique business on our social media platforms. This means free and easy advertising to an extensive audience!

What we need from you is the content. **Be creative!** Here are some ideas for things you might want us to post:

- ◆ Recipes for #FoodieFriday
- ◆ New store items
- ◆ Featured menu item
- ◆ Photo of holiday decorations
- ◆ Fitness suggestions for #WellnessWednesday
- ◆ General info for #MemberMonday
- ◆ Fun tips/facts that relate to your industry for #TipTuesday

**Please include at least one photo along with the content.** Submit all entries to Malori at [GoldenChamberMalori@gmail.com](mailto:GoldenChamberMalori@gmail.com). Please note, members will be posted on a first come first serve basis.

