

## **KITSAP CONFERENCE CENTER AT BREMERTON HARBORSIDE ANNOUNCES NEW CHEF**

### *Chef Marsha Henry Brings Boatload of Experience to New Position*

**Bremerton, Wash.** (June 1, 2009) – The Kitsap Conference Center at Bremerton Harborside announces the appointment of Marsha Henry as chef. In her new position, Henry will leverage a diverse background in the food and restaurant industry to oversee the culinary aspect of all meetings and events taking place at the conference center.

Henry holds nearly 30 years of experience in the restaurant industry, with extensive experience in the kitchens of hotels, resorts, casinos and fine dining restaurants. Most recently, she held the food service director position at Canterbury Manor, an upscale non-profit retirement home in Bremerton. Here, she oversaw menu development and staff training while maintaining an excellent and diverse culinary program.

“Marsha’s vast experience in managing multiple operations while delivering top-notch cuisine is a perfect fit for us,” said Terry Halvorson, general manager of Kitsap Conference Center at Bremerton Harborside. “We look forward to delighting our guests with Marsha’s delectable, creative menus along with excellent guest service.”

Prior to her work at Canterbury Manor, Henry excelled as the executive chef at Muckleshoot Casino in Auburn, managing seven restaurants producing \$28 million in revenue.

Henry hails from state of Nevada, where she spent 20 years in multiple restaurant management positions ranging from food and beverage manager to sous chef. She has consistently developed fresh and exciting menus while managing multiple operations and simultaneously continuing her education through further enrollment in courses and training.

#### **About Kitsap Conference Center at Bremerton Harborside**

Kitsap Conference Center at Bremerton Harborside is a high-tech conference center on the waterfront of Bremerton, Wash. The conference center is available for professional conferences and retreats, banquets, weddings and other special events. Kitsap Conference Center can accommodate 10 to 750 guests. The center, which is a one-hour ferry ride from downtown Seattle, offers views of Sinclair Inlet and is literally 100 steps from the Seattle-Bremerton ferry terminal. Amenities include free Wi-Fi service, videoconferencing, teleconferencing and onsite catering. The conference center is owned by the City of Bremerton and managed and operated by Seattle-based Columbia Hospitality, Inc.

For more information, visit [www.kitsapconferencecenter.com](http://www.kitsapconferencecenter.com).

#### **About Columbia Hospitality**

Columbia Hospitality, Inc. (Columbia), a Seattle-based hospitality management and consulting firm specializing in luxury hotel and resort management, was founded in 1995 by John

Oppenheimer. Columbia's growing portfolio of premier properties, including boutique hotels, award-winning resorts, mixed-use hotel developments, event venues and conference centers, offer world-class service in exquisite settings. Columbia creates memorable experiences for guests and employees while achieving phenomenal results for owners. The company's continued success has led to an international expansion of the consulting division and more than 80 hospitality development projects in the western United States, Canada, Portugal and the United Kingdom. For more information about Columbia and a full list of properties visit [columbiahospitality.com](http://columbiahospitality.com).

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