

## BUSINESS LEADERS FORUM

### *Billy O'Neill*

Date: February 24, 2010



We are excited to have Billy O'Neill, Vice President of Operations and Sales of Chihuly Studio, (studio of internationally known artist, Dale Chihuly) as our guest speaker.

Billy is very well known in both the art and charitable communities as the bulk of his time and energy is spent tending to both.

With a multitude of large-scale national and international projects always going on, Billy and his staff are constantly busy. Billy and the talented staff at Chihuly Studio create, fabricate, mock-up, ship and install all works. While at the Studio, Billy runs the day-to-day operations.

As Head of Sales, he oversees numerous commissions, installations, exhibitions and galleries. He also presides over the hotshop and its glassblowing team, and works with Dale at painting and glassblowing sessions.

Billy arrived at the studio by way of boat in 1999 (he was Dale's skipper) and advanced to Chief Operating Officer in 2005 and was appointed Vice President in 2009. Working along side Dale, his executive team and Studio President Leslie Jackson Chihuly, the Studio has grown during his tenure into an international art studio with installations, galleries and exhibitions presented all over the world. Billy is devoted to Dale, the studio and the art form. His devotion, spirit, and energy has made him very well respected in the art community.

When he's not working, Billy focuses on charitable ventures both for the Studio and personally. He works with a committee that oversees all donations from the studio. Some of Billy's favorite non-profits and charities include Gilda's Club, the Seattle International Film Festival, The Moyer Foundation and the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

As one of Billy's favorite interests is wine, he decided to combine his passion for the grape, art and his commitment to the community to form Billy O Wines. This company began as a charitable campaign with the help of Dale and winemaker, Eric Dunham. For the past five years, all proceeds from the sale of the wine went to charity and more than 15 charities benefited from this endeavor. The program is still giving back as Billy O Wines is now sold exclusively at the Space Needle with a portion of the sales going back into our community.

Billy was formerly a soccer coach, teacher and entrepreneur. He is happily married to his lovely wife, Piper, who is also an artist. You can see them around town always accompanied by their friendly German Shepherd, Shep.

I look forward to seeing you on February 24th. Please RSVP to Kaila Trout at 206-343-2323 or via email at [krout@mcmnw.com](mailto:krout@mcmnw.com).

Sincerely,  
John W. Meisenbach

Time: 7:15 am

Contact person:

Kaila Trout

206-343-2323

Contact person e-mail:

[krout@mcmnw.com](mailto:krout@mcmnw.com)

[RSVP Now](#)



#### Location Details

#### Fairmont Olympic Hotel

#### Congress Room

- [MCM Website](#)
- [Directions to The Fairmont](#)

To remove your name from our mailing list, please [click here](#).

MCM | 1325 Fourth Ave., Suite 2100 | Seattle, WA 98101 | Phone: 206.343.2323 | Fax: 206.343.4181