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San Marino Chamber of Commerce Newsletter

The Chamber celebrates in grand style with a 50th Anniversary Gala-



Past Presidents Dan Hodgkiss and Cathy Raacke, Chamber President Chris Carlos and Past President Nancy Billings share the duty of cutting the cake on the Chamber's 50th Gala celebration!

The red carpet was rolled out for a grand celebration as Chamber members, old and new, gathered to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the San Marino Chamber of Commerce.

The San Marino Center was transformed from what people knew as the old Women's Club to an old Hollywood ballroom. Tables adorned with hydrangeas and confetti, and elegant table settings provided by Bella Italia. Dinner was served as The Maestros band played classic show tunes of the 40's, 50's and 60's.

Past Presidents, although only a few were on hand, were honored for their years of dedication and service to the Chamber. Chamber President Chris Carlos honored his current Chamber board of directors, and asked that anyone in attendance who had served as a board member stand for recognition of their time devoted to the success of the organization.

Assembly member Mike Eng presented the Chamber with a special honor, as did the City of San Marino. Mayor Eugene Sun was accompanied by Vice Mayor Dennis Kneier and City Councilman and Chamber Liaison Dr. Richard Sun to congratulate the Chamber on behalf of the City.

Special recognition was made to the founders of the Green Sheet- Past President Nancy Billings and original Green Sheet Editor Judy Carter, as well as current Green Sheet Editor Anne Turk. Information is a vital part of the Chamber, and getting it out to our members takes dedication from those who take on the monthly task. Judy Carter spoke of early memories of how the Green Sheet came to be. Articles and pictures pasted together then photo copied with pages stapled together to create the first Green Sheet.

Past President Nancy Billings added her own sentiments that although years have passed, and many members faces have changed, events and traditions such as the Green Sheet and Christmas Around the Drive

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Vice Mayor Dennis Kneier, Chamber President Chris Carlos, Mayor Eugene Sun, and City Councilman and Chamber Liaison Dr. Richard Sun, as the City offers congratulations to the Chamber.

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President's Message.....

by Dr. Chris Carlos

Dear Members;

I will complete my two-year term as President of the San Marino Chamber of Commerce at the end of the year and so this will be my final President's message for the Green Sheet. As life would have it, the past two-years of Chamber happenings have been filled with happiness, sadness, struggles, milestones, and, most of all, a sense of accomplishment.

I have developed many new friendships during my involvement in the Chamber and each person I have met has been warm and welcoming and made my Chamber experience a happy one. I recall one in particular who epitomized the friendly, giving nature of San Marinians- Ben Salvaty. I was deeply saddened by Ben's unexpected passing and I have missed his perpetual smile and calming presence. The state of the economy has become an ubiquitous part of all of our lives and the Chamber has struggled to maintain the resources necessary to continue advocating for the business community. Still, as the chamber celebrated its 50th Anniversary last month, it became apparent the character of the people involved in the Chamber- from its board of directors to all of its members and associates- is sufficient enough to see the Chamber through the worst of economic times. And as my tenure as President ends I feel the Chamber has accomplished its main goal for the past two years, which has been to bring the residential and business communities closer together. The Police and Fire Appreciation Luncheon, The Members Milestone Breakfast, The Day of Hope Cancer Awareness Fundraiser and Christmas Around the Drive are just a few examples of how the Chamber facilitated a renewed sense of community spirit and cooperation.

I want to thank my Board of Directors for their support, hard work, and commitment to the San Marino Chamber of Commerce: Wallace Lee, Ceil Mortimer, Anne Turk, Marci Donovan, Jim Frawley, Pete Loeffler, Steve Johnson, Ellen Daigle, Dina Lopez and Sandra Troup. I have learned much from each of these dedicated individuals and I commend them for freely giving to the Chamber their most valuable commodity- their time! I also want to congratulate incoming President Sandra Troup, who will assume leadership of the Chamber for the 2010-2011. Please provide Sandra with the same encouragement and assistance that you have

given me. As Past-President I will do my best to help Sandra achieve a smooth transition.

I want to thank our office manager Rita Rodriguez- the Chamber's only staffer who consistently does more for the Chamber than the budget covers. She is a true "team player" and the Chamber is fortunate to have her. Finally, I want to give special thanks to outgoing Board Member Anne Turk. Anne's experience and institutional knowledge of the Chamber has been developed from years of selfless dedication. Anne is the type of person who gives and gives and expects no recognition for her generosity and commitment. In the limited space reserved for this column- I cannot begin to convey all of the things Anne has done to sustain the Chamber year after year. And words cannot adequately express how much I appreciate her. I thank Anne from the bottom of my heart for all she has done.

As Director of Governmental Affairs for Athens Services, I have the pleasure of working with residents and businesses in cities throughout Southern California. Irrespective of its size or demographics, it seems every one of these cities is striving for one common goal- to achieve that "Small-Town" feeling, wherein warm and caring individuals work in harmony toward making the community a safe, peaceful, and prosperous place to live, work and raise a family.

But there's one city I work in that doesn't need to strive for that small town feeling because they already have it and always have- San Marino! That is why I feel honored and privileged to have served as the President of the San Marino Chamber of Commerce for the past two years. I wish each of you and your families and friends a blessed and peaceful holiday season and a happy and prosperous New Year!

Dr. Chris Carlos

Chamber President 2008-2009

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Founded in November of 1959 the mission of the San Marino Chamber of Commerce is to promote the economic well-being of the community, to be an advocate for its members and to provide community leadership.

Fifty years of Fearless Leaders....

1959-60	Stanley Clark
1960-61	Ed Brewster
1961-62	Dave Fiscus
1962-63	Jack Flynn
1963-64	Stuart Cypherd
1964-65	Alexander Smith
1965-66	Frank Dessel
1966-67	Robert Barlow
1967-68	James McCormick
1968-69	Marvin Burow
1969-70	Frank Donant
1970-71	John Youngken
1971-73	David Latham
1973-75	Ken Veronda
1976-77	Martin Jorjorian
1977-79	Bruce Hotra
1979-81	Julian Besel
1981	Dennis Dyke
1982	Lee Starkey
1983	Larry Chaconas
1984	Carla Mott
1985	A. Terry Dellinger
1986	Diane Monteleone
1987	Doug Larner
1988	Eugene Orlowsky
1989	Debra Lowrey
1990	Robert Nafie
1991	Larry Goodreau
1992-93	Jeff Scott
1994	Stephanie Siverling
1995-97	James Tanner
1998-99	Nancy Billings
2000-2001	Cathy Raacke
2002	Dan Hodgkiss
2003	Jack Hamilton
2004-05	Barbara Veenstra
2006-07	Lisa Watkins
2008-09	Dr. Chris Carlos



It has been our pleasure to serve as your Board of Directors for 2009.

We wish you and your loved ones treasured memories, magical moments and a successful holiday season!

We hope you'll join us at the Holiday Celebration as we celebrate the end of another year in the Chambers history!

*Your 2009 Board of Directors
Chris, Wally, Ceil, Anne, Dina, Ellen, Jim,
Marcie, Pete, Sandy and Steve
Office Manager- Rita
And City Council Chamber Liaison
Dr. Richard Sun*

DECEMBER CALENDAR

- 4 5:00pm CHRISTMAS AROUND THE DRIVE!
ALL ARE WELCOME!**
- 9 7:30 City Council Meeting- City Hall**
- 10 5:30pm HOLIDAY CELEBRATION @ HODGE PODGE
ALL ARE WELCOME!**
- 25 MERRY CHRISTMAS!**
- **The Chamber Office will be CLOSED December 23rd-25th and December 30th Jan. 1st.****

JANUARY CALENDAR '10

- 1 HAPPY NEW YEAR!**
- 7 5:30pm Annual Board of Directors Offsite Meeting**
- 13 7:30pm City Council Meeting- City Hall**
- 14 5:30pm Monthly Mixer- Location TBA**

FEBRUARY CALENDAR

- 3 8:00am Board of Directors Meeting**
- 10 7:30pm City Council Meeting- City Hall**
- 11 5:30pm Monthly Mixer hosted by Bella Italia &
Anneticipation.com ALL ARE WELCOME!**
- 14 HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!**

50th Anniversary Gala

have continued as the Chamber builds its place in the community. The Chamber still experiences the same challenges as it did several decades ago, but the dedication of its members to continue to build a bridge between the residents and businesses still stands firm.

A slide show took us back to days gone by, and Chamber memories of the past. Familiar faces that have moved on, and special friends no longer with us. It was a touching tribute to the many moments of recent years.

As the evening progressed our focus turned to the fabulous cake that was specifically designed for our big anniversary. Compliments of San Marino Security Systems, the five layer masterpiece looked as though it stepped right out of the hit show *Ace of Cakes*. Absolutely mouth watering, each layer consisted of a different flavor for everyone to try. Accolades to Marci Donovan (San Marino Security Systems) for taking on the task and making sure that the Chamber had a fabulous dessert to top off the big night.

The troubling economy has definitely hit San Marino, but you wouldn't have known it by the fabulous raffle prizes and silent auction items our members provided. When called on they were quick to donate. A big round of applause to Office Manager Rita Rodriguez who coordinated the Silent Auction and Raffle, and to Marci Donovan (San Marino Security Systems) who helped Rita round up donations.

A new twist to the typical raffle had members buying balloons that carried a number of a coordinating raffle prize inside. The big moment came when they were all popped and guests rushed to claim their prizes.

The big Gala was almost a year in the making, and many members gave of their time and talents to make sure it was a night to remember. A big round of applause to the Gala Committee: **Anne Turk- Chair**

(anneticipation.com), Ceil Mortimer, Marci Donovan (San Marino Security Systems), Wallace Lee (W2Kitchen & Bath Inc.) Office Manager Rita Rodriguez and Michael Mele (Bella Italia).

We had a fabulous Set up crew that got the job done in record time. Thank you to our Set up Crew: Anne & Pat Turk, Jim Frawley, Marci Donovan, Pete & Lisa Loeffler, Anthony from Athens and Rita Rodriguez.

And when it was all over, the mess needed to be cleaned up. Thank you to the clean up crew who stayed till the bitter end to return the Center to way we found it. Clean Up crew: Chris Carlos, Anne & Pat Turk, Rita Rodriguez and Jim & Dolly Anderson.

Special thanks to Gino Furiani and Eric Stewart of the Parks and Rec department for their help, and to Michael Mele (Bella Italia) and Foster Denker (Ambiance Party Lighting) for the beautiful decor and lighting which transformed the Center to the golden days of Hollywood.



Past Presidents: (34th) Dan Hodgkiss, (33rd) Cathy Raacke, (27th) Robert Nafie and (32nd) Nancy Billings were honored for their years of devoted service to the Chamber.



Jo Schmal (Diana Dee's Stationery), Past President Cathy Raacke, Lisa Loeffler (RE/MAX Premier Properties) and Diana Doi (Diana Dee's Stationery) enjoy the celebration.



Al & Norma Olivos (The Fresh Gourmet) enjoy the rare opportunity that they aren't serving the food, and delighted in the champagne and festivities with Annette Ousterhout (Jan's Towing).



Lisa Loeffler, Will Bortz and Judy Carter led the line of lucky winners eager to see what their prizes were!



Past Board Member & Chamber VP Wayne Carter, original Green Sheet Editor Judy Carter and Past Board Member Tom Bristow take a moment for a photo opportunity.

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Chamber President Chris Carlos congratulates Past President Ken Veronda (Southwestern Academy). Southwestern celebrates 50 years of Chamber membership as the only original member to date.



35 year members representing Coldwell Banker San Marino are Marlene Evans and Nancy Gibbs.



20 year members: Lillian Tomich Esq. and representing So.Pas-San Marino YMCA, Rick Larkin.



30 year members: Dr. Roger Anderson D.D.S. and representing Huntington Pharmacy, Mary Burgh.

Wednesday, October 28th we paid tribute to those members reaching milestones in 2009. Chamber membership is an investment in your business, and during these tough times we applaud those members who continue to support the business community through their membership. Although many businesses didn't send representatives, we thank those who did for supporting the Chamber and this special event. We also thank those members who attended in support of the honored members.



15 year Members: representing Huntington Advertising, Pat Rosengren.
Not Represented: IBAR Settlement



5 year Members: Representing Sunrise Senior Living, Skylar Sprowles and Pete Loeffler of RE/MAX Premier Properties. Not Represented: The Fair Oaks, Studio Physique, Benchmark Home Care Services, Scent of Lavendar and Dr. Peter Lam.



10 year Members: Representing Rotary Club of San Marino, Rotary President Emile Bayle.
Not Represented: Asanti Fine Jewellers, Subway, Jefferson Development, Chelsea Investment, Steve's InFocus, B-Man's, Nina Kirkendall- Prudential CA Realty, Tony's Pizza, Tapp Tapp & Ng, La Cienega Co., HOWS, NMN Enterprises.



The Fireman's Feature

By Jim Anderson-
San Marino Fire Marshal



Be fire safe this Holiday Season

While the holidays are a time for family, friends and special traditions, there are also certain fire dangers that exist during this time of year. The City of San Marino Fire Department encourages residents to follow these tips for a safe holiday season.

Holiday Lighting

- Be careful when burning candles. Keep a 12-inch "circle of safety" around candles near trees, wreaths, decorations or other combustible materials. Keep candles out of windows. Do not leave candles unattended.
- Always keep candles, matches and lighters up high and out of reach of children. Never leave children or pets unattended in a room with a lighted candle.
- When decorating with lights, be sure to purchase only those that have been labeled by an approved testing laboratory.
- Check the condition of lights and cords. If they are worn or frayed, replace them. **Never** cover an electrical cord with a carpet or mat.
- For outside decorations, use only those labeled for outdoor use and plug them directly into outdoor electrical outlets. **Never** use indoor lights outdoors.
- Always unplug indoor lights before leaving home or going to bed.

Holiday Parties

- Decorate using flame-retardant or non-combustible materials.
- Avoid using candles during parties.
- Provide large, deep ash trays for guests who smoke. Dispose of ashes in an empty coffee can with a lid, and

allow them to sit for 24 hours before tossing them into the trash.

- Cigarette smoking is a leading cause of fire fatalities, and smoking coupled with alcohol is a deadly mix. After a party, make a quick check for cigarette butts inside and under upholstered furniture, and check wastebaskets for cigarette butts that may still be smoldering.

Holiday Decorations

- When choosing a Christmas tree, pull on the needles to test the tree's freshness. If the tree is fresh, it will be hard to pull the needles off. If the needles are falling, the tree is too dry.
- Put the tree in a stand that will not tip over. Place the tree well away from heat sources and exits, and water it constantly.
- Make sure all artificial trees have a flame retardant label.
- **Never** burn your tree in the fireplace! Make sure your fireplace has a spark arrestor.
- If you have a fire burning in your fireplace, find an alternate spot to hang your Christmas stockings.
- Choose holiday gifts wisely, passing up on those that are highly flammable.
- Dispose of holiday wrappings as soon as you are finished with your gift exchange by placing them in a closed metal container outdoors. Do not burn them in the fireplace.
- Finally, check your smoke alarm batteries and replace them if necessary.

Keep in mind the same tips apply for your business decorations. Make sure that all decorations that will be in your store and/or office meet the same criteria with flame retardant labels on all artificial trees. If you aren't sure if your decorations are safe, call the SMFD for a quick inspection. They'll be happy to give you a brief run down of what is safe for your business this holiday season.



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