



The Green Sheet

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San Marino Chamber of Commerce Newsletter

January Mixer hosted by the Board of Directors.....



Therese Mothershead and Past President Lisa Watkins take a turn bartending and helping themselves to another glass of wine!

A beautiful January evening welcomed Chamber members to the San Marino Centers warm fireside room. With the fireplace lit, we had the cozy setting for a champagne celebration to kick off the new year and welcome the Chamber to its new home. Adjacent to the fireside room, the Chamber now makes its home in the front office located on the west side of the Center.

Office Manager Rita Rodriguez welcomed members and their guests into the Office to get acquainted with the new location. In record time, Rita had the office unpacked and in working order to accommodate the Mixer. If you were unable to attend the Mixer, Rita welcomes members to stop by anytime to see the new office.

The Board of Directors hosted guests to an array of appetizers, desserts and champagne. City Manager Matt Ballantyne stopped in on behalf of the City to welcome the Chamber to its new home. Joanna [Joanna's Floral Expressions] lined the walkway with balloons to mark the spot of the celebration, and Wallace Lee [W2 Kitchen & Bath Inc] provided the champagne for everyone.

A special thank you to those Board Members who donated the food for our festivities: Ceil Mortimer, Joanna Jimenez [Joanna's Floral Expressions], Stewart Rogers [Alicecomputerworks], Gail Roque [Roque & Assoc.], Debra Graynom-Daly [Law Offices of Debra Graynom-Daly], Dina Lopez [Pasadena Service Federal Credit Union], Pete Loeffler &

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CHAMBER OFFICE REMODELED.....

If you were one of the many who attended the January Mixer to get a glimpse of the Chambers new home, then you are well aware that although it is a better location, the office space the City provided was in need of a facelift! Old discolored wall paper was manageable, but the carpet was definitely on its 9th life. Even after cleaning it was badly stained and not presentable for the Chamber.

Mayor Dennis Kneier pleaded the case to Chamber members in attendance, and secured enough donations for the carpet to be replaced. Meanwhile, behind the scenes, Dan Hodgkiss was making deals to secure a donation of carpeting for the Chamber, while Pete Loeffler worked his magic to secure the installation of the carpet for an unbelievably low price. Resulting in not only new carpeting, but the funds to have the wallpaper removed and a fresh coat of paint to give the office a completely updated look! The Chamber cannot thank Pete and Dan enough for stepping up and making things happen for the Chamber. Between them, they provided the muscle to get the Chamber Office emptied and the work completed! Please give them a big "Thank You" the next time you see them at a Chamber function.

The Chamber thanks those for their donations: Athens Services, Dr. Jack Hamilton, Liz & Dennis Kneier, Ceil & Mort Mortimer, Lee & Therese Mothershead, Soma Warna, Jessica Hamlin, John Morris, Brian Barreto, Foster Denker, Pete & Lisa Loeffler and Joel Friedman & Jeff Gertsman of Monarch Carpet for their generous donation of carpet & padding. You have all gone above & beyond for the Chamber and we thank you!



*An Enchanted Evening
Awaits you.....May 12, 2011*

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President's Message..... by Sandra Troup



Dear Members;

What a nice evening we all had to celebrate the Chambers big move to the San Marino Center. I would like to thank Mayor Dennis Kneier and City Manager Matt Ballantyne for being on hand to help welcome the Chamber to its new home. A big round of applause to your Board of Directors who came together with the help of Office Manager, Rita Rodriguez to coordinate a lovely evening for our members. It was especially nice to see our firefighters, who were the muscles behind our move. We cannot thank them enough for all they do for our Chamber and our community.

Our annual Board of Directors Off Site meeting was held in January. I was inspired by the newest members of our Board who came with such enthusiasm and jumped right in when we got busy on the Chambers calendar of events for the year. They each have something special to offer the Chamber, and will lend their insight to our Board. I hope you will take the time to get to know each of them. I hope that you will call on your Chamber Board for assistance when your business needs us.

Now....a little matter of importance. Who could use nine-hundred dollars cash? Yep, I said NINE-HUNDRED DOLLARS! Our Progressive Raffle is up to NINE-HUNDRED DOLLARS, and yet I still see members

who are not joining us at our monthly mixers. I guess I should have said, "who can afford to pass up nine-hundred dollars?" For those of you who are unaware of our Progressive Raffle, or what it is, let me explain. Each month the Chamber puts in \$25 to a Progressive Raffle. Each member "in good standing" [I repeat...IN GOOD STANDING] has a chance to win the cash prize. IF the member whose name is called is not in attendance, the \$25 rolls over to the next month when an additional \$25 is added. Now, are you up to speed? The pot has grown to NINE-HUNDRED DOLLARS. That's a lot of members who passed up on the cash because they weren't present when their name was called. Now, make plans to join us in February at Alex & Friends for your chance to win the cash. If no one wins, it will be \$925 in March!

I hope to see you all soon!

Sandy

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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.



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Let us know what's going on in your business. Email us your sales, anniversaries, special events awards or anything you want advertised to the membership.

Email any info to the Green Sheet Editor at makeupguru@att.net.

Information deadline is the 15th of the month for the following months issue!

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FOR THE FOLLOWING ISSUE

Renewing Members:

*San Marino Historical Society
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TRC Financial/Emile Bayle
Anchor Pacific Company
Alex and Friends
Arroyo Insurance Services
Daugherty's Pro-Tennis Instruction
Green Wellness Acupuncture
Kraemer Jewelers
Law Office of Brian D. Heckman
Stepping Stones to Learning*

*Thank you for your continuing support of
the Chamber and your investment in your
business thru Chamber membership.
We value your membership and encourage
you to be active members and participate
in Chamber events.*

FEBRUARY CALENDAR

2	8:00am	Board of Directors Meeting- Groundhog Day!
9	7:30pm	City Council Meeting- City Hall
10	5:30pm	Monthly Mixer- @ Alex & Friends- All are welcome!
14		HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!
21		Presidents' Day- Chamber Office Closed!

MARCH CALENDAR

2	8:00am	Board of Directors Meeting- Crowell Library
9	7:30pm	City Council Meeting- City Hall- Ash Wednesday
10	5:30pm	Monthly Mixer- Location TBA
13		DAYLIGHT SAVINGS BEGINS!
17		HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY! WEAR GREEN!
20		First Day of Spring!

APRIL CALENDAR

1		APRIL FOOLS DAY!
6	8:00am	Board of Directors Meeting- Crowell Library
13	7:30pm	City Council Meeting- City Hall
14	5:30pm	Monthly Mixer- Location TBA
19		PASSOVER BEGINS
24		HAPPY EASTER!

Meet 2011 Board Member:

Debra Graynom-Daly

Law Offices of Debra Graynom-Daly



Debra Graynom-Daly joins the Board of Directors this year. Debra has been an active member since joining the Chamber. Named one of the 2010 Top Attorneys in the December issue of Pasadena Magazine in the category of Probate, Wills, Trusts & Estate Planning. The Top Attorneys were nominated by and voted on by attorneys in the San Gabriel Valley and selected as best in their field of practice.

Debra was voted one of the 2011 Five Star Wealth Managers in the December issue of Los Angeles Magazine in the category of Estate Planning & Trust Services. Los Angeles Magazine surveyed high net worth households and financial services professionals in the L.A. area and named the professionals who scored highest in overall client satisfaction, expertise, integrity, and service.

In 2010 she received certification from the State Bar Board of Legal Specialization as a Certified Specialist, Estate Planning, Probate & Trust Law. Debra looks forward to working with the Chamber Board of Directors and future Committees for Chamber events. Introduce yourself the next time you see Debra at a Chamber function.

Welcome to the world Baby Jackson!

The Chamber congratulates new Board Member, Firefighter Nick Maza and his wife Julie, who gave birth to their son January 19, 2011.

Jackson Ray Maza~ 7lbs 9oz.

Tax Day- April 18, 2011

Traditionally, Tax Day falls on April 15 unless that day happens to be on a Saturday, Sunday or federal holiday. In 2011, April 15 meets none of those criteria -- it falls on a Friday, and there's no federal holiday that day.

So what's the deal? In 2011, Washington, D.C., will celebrate Emancipation Day on April 15, a day earlier than normal, since April 16 falls on a Saturday. Emancipation Day marks the anniversary of the day that President Lincoln signed the Compensated Emancipation Act. The Act, which was "for the release of certain persons held to service or labor in the District of Columbia," freed 3,100 slaves in the District, making DC residents the "first freed" by the federal government. In 2005, Emancipation Day was made an official public holiday in the District of Columbia.

In observance of the DC holiday, Tax Day will be moved forward one business day, this year landing it on Monday, April 18. That's the date your form has to be either submitted electronically or postmarked by for your tax return to be considered timely filed by the IRS.

Chambers 2011 Biggest Losers!

Friends of the Crowell Public Library are the first LOSERS of 2011! IF they would have attended the January Mixer, they would have won the Progressive Raffle of \$875!

Don't be the next member to join the Biggest Losers club. Attend the Mixers for your chance to win the big cash prize! EVERY member has a chance to win, but MUST attend to claim the prize!

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Chamber President Sandra Troup and RE/MAX's Dioni Rovello.

Longtime Chamber member and supporter Soma Warna [Realtor] wins a beautiful floral arrangement donated by Joanna Jimenez [Joanna's Floral Expressions] from Chamber President Sandra Troup.



Joanna Jimenez [Joanna's Floral Expressions], Mia [Visage Hair Salon], Steve & Shelly Gilmore [Kraemers Jewelers] enjoy some good conversations.

Dioni Rovello [RE/MAX Premier Properties], Nick Maza [SMFD] and Brian Barreto [Cal AM].

As always, our Mixer came to a close with our raffle. Raffle prizes were compliments of: **Anneticipation.com, Pasadena Federal Service Credit Union, Athens Services, Visage Hair Salon, Jan's Towing and Joanna's Floral Expressions, Ceil Mortimer.**

We are very fortunate to have such giving members. The best way you can repay them for their generosity is by patronizing their businesses. Please thank them for their continued Chamber support by using their services whenever possible.

If you would like to be a part of our monthly raffle please call the Chamber Office at 626-286-1022. Can't attend the Mixer, but would love to be represented with a raffle prize? Not a problem, we will provide pick up of your item.

If every member would donate just ONCE a year, we would have 30 prizes at every mixer. Won't you consider donating today? It's a great way to advertise your business and services to other members as well as providing a tax write off for your business

And a round of applause to those who helped out and worked our Mixer: Dioni Rovello [RE/MAX], Joanna Jimenez [Joanna's Floral Expressions], Dina Lopez [Pasadena Federal Service Credit Union], Wallace Lee [W2Kitchen & Bath Inc]. Your help and continued support is appreciated!



Returning Board member, Pete Loeffler [RE/MAX] welcomes Stewart Rogers [Alicecomputerworks] to the Board of Directors.



Joanna Jimenez wins another prize!

*The San Marino Chamber
of Commerce
invites you and your guests to the*

*March Mixer
Thursday, March 10th
5:30-7:30pm*



Host & Location TBA

*Raffle Prizes
Progressive Raffle*

Members- \$8 - Non-members-\$15



Ribbon Cutting



Winter marked the debut of La Belle's, a full-service florist, owned by San Marino resident, Keri Burton. Making its home at 2158 Huntington Drive, San Marino, nestled between Margie's and Bank of America, LaBelle's is a welcomed addition to the courtyard businesses that line the north side of Huntington Drive.

Stocking an inventory of fine flowers and creating floral designs with a truly couture attitude. Each piece is an exceptional creation, meticulously designed to encompass the feelings, personalities, and styles of the clients they work with. Dedicated to providing their clients impeccable service with custom floral designs to make your wedding, event, social gathering or delivery to someone special and remarkable. They choose premium flowers to create each individual arrangement, limiting the use of fillers. Using a variety of materials, props, and containers to give each arrangement uniqueness and character.

The Chamber welcomes LaBelle's to our business community.

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The San Marino
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Progressive April Mixer

Thursday, April 14th



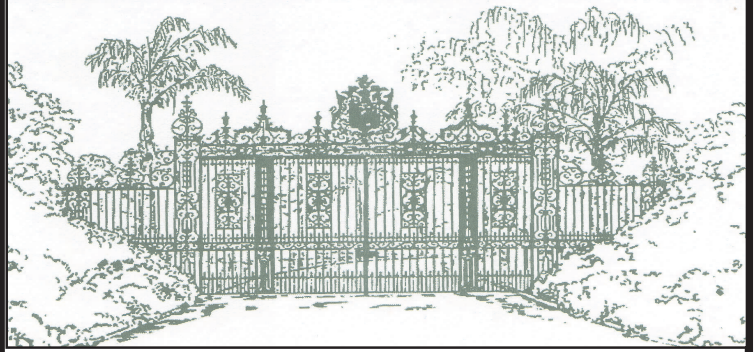
5:30-7:30pm

Details to follow

Be a part of this fun and
festive evening by donating
a raffle prize for the events
grand finale!



Members- \$8
Non-Members-\$15



The San Marino Chamber of Commerce
cordially invites you and your guests to
join us

for an evening at

THE HUNTINGTON
LIBRARY, ART COLLECTIONS,
AND BOTANICAL GARDENS

Thursday, May 12, 2011
5:00 to 7:30 p.m.

Enjoy the ambiance of the Brown
Garden and the newest addition to the
Huntington, The Chinese Garden
while sampling gourmet fare and fine
wine provided by area restaurants and
merchants.

LIVE MUSIC
RAFFLE PRIZES

*If you are interested in being a part of the evening
by hosting a Food or Beverage Booth or by
donating a raffle prize, please contact
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