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San Marino Chamber of Commerce Newsletter

Stepping Stones Adds Key Personnel

Long time Chamber member, **Stepping Stones to Learning**, is pleased to announce the addition of new key personnel at two of its affiliated programs, College Counseling Services (CCS) and Integrated Learning Solutions (ILS). Both programs are located at 2233 Huntington Drive in San Marino, adjacent to Stepping Stones.

Charlene Conrad Liebau recently joined the staff of College Counseling Services (CCS), as Co-Director. Liebau is the former Director of Admissions at the California Institute of Technology and was Occidental College's Dean of Admission. CCS provides individually tailored guidance and clear direction to high school students and their families as they explore post-secondary options. In addition, CCS also offers career counseling for persons of all ages and backgrounds. For further information, call 626-568-2732.

Dr. Jennie M. Thomas has been appointed Associate Director of Integrated Learning Solutions (ILS). Jennie recently received her doctorate from the Graduate School of Psychology at Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, California, and is completing a post-doctoral internship at the Switzer School and Clinic in Torrance, California. ILS provides comprehensive services to individuals with learning differences and/or AD/HD. These currently include case management through consultation and collaboration with each student's school and other professionals working with the student; diagnostic testing and psycho-educational evaluations to determine patterns of learning strengths and weaknesses and to identify learning differences; and educational therapy. For further information, call 626-568-8558.

Pillows and Plenty Christmas Project

Currently **Pillows and Plenty** is hard at work organizing its 2nd Annual Christmas Project. They will be giving new pajamas plus other items to low-income families near downtown L.A. During their first year, they reached 47 children and this year their goal is 75 children ages 1 month to 16 years old. Each child will receive a new pair of pajamas and a blanket.



Families have been interviewed to determine their need and the sizes of the children. Since these families are especially disadvantaged, Pillows and Plenty felt that by giving each child a new pair of pajamas and blanket they will not only be receiving a present for the holidays but also providing some basic necessities to keep them warm and comfortable throughout the winter. Depending on their needs, children may also receive socks, underwear and undershirts as well as a snuggle item or book.

The San Marino Girl Scout Troop 341 will be collecting items and also volunteering their time to wrap the gifts. The sixth grade class at St. Philip School in Pasadena will also be collecting items for donation from November 28th to December 1st.

This project follows a very successful Back to School Program, which provided school clothes and supplies for 90 children in Pasadena. Chamber members Ron and Eve Estrada donated toothbrushes and toothpaste for each child. Photographer Gail Howland volunteered her time to capture photos of the event.

If you are interested in donating to and/or volunteer for Pillows and Plenty, please contact Stephanie Pearson, Executive Director at 866-727-7287.

Important Dates

December 2, Friday, Christmas Around the Drive,
5-8:30 p.m.

December 8, Thursday, Christmas Mixer, Asanti,
5:30-7:30 p.m.

December 25, Christmas Day

December 26 Channukah



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Sylvan Learning Center	3 yrs
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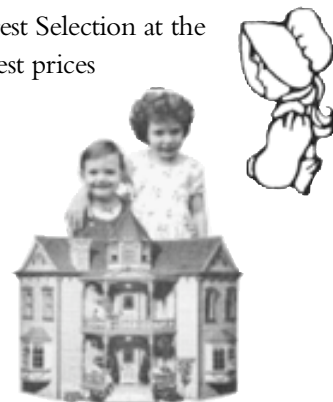


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Heard Around Town.....

News and notes about San Marino



☛ Tom Bristow recently announced that the **UPS Store®** at 2275 Huntington Drive, and other locations across the country, has teamed up with the Marine Toys for Tots Foundation and NASCAR® champion Dale Jarrett to bring smiles to the faces of children nationwide. The UPS Store customers can purchase Toys for Tots donation cards for \$1 to support the organization's local efforts. In addition, the store is also selling a limited-edition replica of The UPS Store/Toys for Tots #88 Ford racecar for \$9.95, with a portion of the proceeds also benefiting Toys for Tots. The UPS Store has a third holiday option. They will have bins for your donations of new, unwrapped toys

☛ Did you know that **Asanti Fine Jewellers** has a second shop? Yes, it is tucked away off the lobby of the Huntington Ritz Carlton on Oak Knoll. A lot of lovely jewelry adorns this smaller version of the San Marino store on Mission. Check it out.

☛ Vineyard Vines has come to San Marino. **P. M. Jacoy** features this hot line of products that come from Martha's Vineyard, MA. Even though P.M. Jacoy is a men's store, he can get items for women and children too. If you are hungering for a tie or a tote, a skirt or a swimsuit, talk to Tony. He will order it for you at the same price as Vineyard Vines website and you save the postage.

☛ If you are traveling soon, check out the new Pendleton Signature Bags at **San Gabriel Valley Pendleton** on Huntington Drive. Reminiscent of 20th century Navajo rugs from the Chinle area of Arizona, the bags combine blanket fabric with leather and/or canvas. Pack your belongings in any of the four sizes offered. A great gift idea for traveling family members.

☛ Quizno's was granted a conditional use permit at the last Planning Commission meeting to operate a shop next door to the SM Post Office (2968 Huntington Drive). They may appeal the Commission's restriction to no more than 6 outdoor seats behind the store.

☛ The new owners of the property at 2507 Mission have begun discussions with the City Planning Department for the construction of a one-story commercial building with parking in the rear. This gas station on this property was closed recently and the lot was sold.

☛ **Margie's** presented a trunk show of Amy Kahn Russell's one of a kind jewelry on November 17-19. She then turned around and donated 10% of the sales of this special event to the Neonatal Care Unit of Huntington Memorial Hospital. What a nice display of holiday spirit!

☛ **Anneticipation** will be celebrating its 7th Anniversary on Tuesday, December 20th. Owner Anne Turk will be offering guests refreshments, door prizes and a "special sale" Look for the store's second annual After Season Indoor Sidewalk Sale January 7th - 21st. They will have a \$2, \$5, \$10 and \$20 table. Last year's event was so successful this sale worth repeating.

☛ Three holiday entertaining ideas from Dennis Duling at **Artisan Gourmet**. Try his Tomato Cinnamon Clove Preserves; they are great for breakfast, make an easy and tasty appetizer served over cream cheese and crackers or sliced baguette, and also makes a wonderful glaze for ham, pork or chicken. People say it tastes like Christmas.

☛ For the third time in four years, **Southern California Gas Co.** (The Gas Company) earned the top ranking for customer satisfaction among the major natural gas utilities in the western United States and second nationwide, according to the research firm J.D. Power and Associates. The study was based on a random survey of residential natural gas utility customers.

☛ Sadly, we report that **La Fornaretta** on Mission has closed. However, their restaurant, of the same name, on Raymond in Pasadena is still open and serving the best food this side of Sicily. In a recent letter, Suzanna and Cesare Di Lorenzo thanked the Chamber for it's "endless support." Visit the Pasadena location and check out the new downstairs banquet facility while you are there.

☛ **A Stitch in Time** gets in the holiday spirit all through the month of December with a 25% off sale covering all in stock canvasses and knitting yarns. For those of you who work fast, you may be able to purchase and complete a few projects before Christmas arrives. Or, if you work at a slightly slower pace, stock up now and get ready for Christmas 2006.

☛ "Clang," is the title of a lecture to be held at the **Huntington Library** on Tuesday, December 13 at 7:30 p.m. in the Friends Hall. Robert C. Ritchie will trace the history of the bell as a way of communication and a community symbol. Bells will be sounded as part of this program.

☛ Opening on December 1 and running through December 18 at the **Fremont Centre Theatre** is its production, "Holiday Memories," an adaptation of Truman Capote's holiday stories. 626-441-5977 or the website, FCT@FremontCentreTheatre.com.

The B.E.A.T. Goes On

On Monday, November 24, members of the San Marino Police and Fire Departments presented a program for businesses and residents to help them be prepared for disasters. The program, the Business Emergency Action Plan (B.E.A.T) covers how to prepare and react to natural disasters and unnatural disasters. We have heard about the former a lot lately – hurricanes, floods and earthquakes. The unnatural disasters include credit card fraud and identity theft.

Detective Aaron Blonde of the San Marino Police Department, Fire Chief John Penido, Fire Captain Keith Lennox and Paramedic Randy Wilcox walked attendees through both the preventative steps and then action steps when facing a disaster.

We hope none of us have to cope with any kind of disaster. Those who attended the November 14 presentation are more prepared than those who missed it. Two good handouts were provided and the Chamber may be able to get some extra copies. We are grateful to these men who prepared such an important presentation for Chamber members and residents.



Chamber President Barbara Veenstra and Vice President Wayne Carter join Karen Milne and Andrea Auman, owners of Starr Salon as they cut the ribbon of this new salon. Chris Duran, Nikki Kato and Christina Orozco, key members of the salon staff and Councilperson Emile Bayle help hold the ribbon during this ceremony

Starr Salon Shines

Starr Salon has been on Mission in San Marino for a year and a half and has been too busy getting awards to have time for a ribbon cutting until now. Karen Milne and Andrea Auman arrived from Washington, DC and landed on Mission Street in San Marino. During their first year in business, they were awarded the 2004 Pasadena Weekly award for Best Beauty Salon. Recently, Starr was selected best for the second year in a row and added awards for Best Haircuts and Best Customer Service. Mentioned as the “hippest new salon in the San Gabriel Valley for the way it keeps customers coming back,” this is definitely a place to check out. We are proud to have them as members of the Chamber.



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- All our advertisers who make the publication of the Green Sheet possible.
- Tom Bristow, UPS Stores, for printing the Chamber Mixer postcards
- All the people who sent the Green Sheet editor information during the year
- The Chamber officers and board members who serve tirelessly
- To Chris Datwyler for keeping the website up to date and for putting the Green Sheet on the Chamber website
- To Huntington Pharmacy for sending Mixer flyers in their monthly statements.

Watch for the progressive raffle at each mixer. Each month \$25 is added to the pot and one Chamber member's name is drawn. If the member is attending the mixer, the cash is awarded on the spot. If not, the total is carried over to the next month when another \$25 is added. No raffle tickets are sold but you must be present to win.

The San Marino Library Foundation is seeking a small office – four walls, a door, room for two desks and a filing cabinet. Maureen Micklich, Development Director for the Foundation needs the space while the new San Marino Library building is under construction. In exchange for the use of the space for two years, the donor will receive in-kind credit as a donation. Please call Maureen at 626-300-0779 if you know of an office that would be available between now and March of 2006.

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Christmas Around the Drive 2005



The Christmas Around the Drive Committee Chairs Jim Anderson and Anna Dovlatian have asked San Marino residents Frank and Mary Haltom to join Santa aboard Old #1 during this Friday, December 2 event. Old #1 is a 1923 American La France 750 GPM pumper and was the first fire engine of the City of San Marino. It was in service until the 1950s when it was sold to a private party. A few years ago, the Haltoms purchased Old #1 and donated it back to the City. Jim Anderson of the San Marino Fire Department designated the couple to be Santa's helpers in ushering in the holiday season. The Chamber and the Fire Department are delighted to have the opportunity to thank the Haltoms again in this very public way.

Throngs of people will be walking and bussing along Huntington Drive from 5 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in anticipation of the festive season. So when you come to shop, snack, visit with Santa, hear carolers, and eat In N Out Burgers, you can also admire Old #1 and thank the Haltoms for their generosity.



November Mixer at A Stitch in Time/Hodge Podge

It was more than a mixer at A Stitch in Time/Hodge Podge on Thursday, November 17. On that autumn evening, Allison and Dan Hodgkiss hosted a lovely dinner party for Chamber members and guests. Table cloths adorned three large tables, Dan presided over a full bar and the folks from Bella Italia served a generous Italian dinner. Attendees were serenaded and then sang along to some favorite Italian songs. As guests gathered and shopped for holiday gifts, they were treated to dips and breads made from mixes featured in the shop. This evening proved to be one of the most festive events of the year.

Toward the end of the evening Dennis Duling of Artisan Gourmet had an opportunity to talk about his new business. The progressive raffle winner was drawn and since the person was not in attendance, the cash prize is rolled over to next month when another \$25 will be added to the pot. President Barbara Veenstra announced that next month's winner will win \$75, if he/she is in attendance.

The Raffle ticket sellers worked the crowd and gasps of surprise filled the room when winning numbers were called. The UPS Store, Draper's & Damon's, Anneticipation, Nick Boswell Photography, and Hodge Podge all generously donated prizes and gift certificates for the evening. A special and hearty thank you to Dan and Allison for hosting the memorable event. The Chamber is also grateful to all those members who donate gifts.

The place, the food and drink, the fellowship, the prizes, and the music blended into a special evening which put everyone in the holiday spirit.



Dan Hodgkiss poured for his guests.



A Stitch in Time/Hodge Podge was ready for holiday shoppers the evening the Chamber met to mix, shop and dine.



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Chamber members and guests feasted on fine Italian fare from Bella Italia and chose from lasagne, sausage, salad and garlic bread.



Celebrate the New Year with the San Marino Directory

The 2006 edition of the original San Marino Directory will be arriving on doorsteps in early January. The finishing touches on this community classic are being finalized as we prepare to go to print.

For the 2006 edition, the Chamber of Commerce is providing all Chamber members with a FREE bold listing (business name, address, and telephone number) in the Directory. We would love to hear your feedback and comments on the Directory. Feel free to call the Chamber office or Cathy Raacke at 626-286-1024 to share your comments and suggestions.

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