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San Marino Chamber of Commerce Newsletter

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President's Message..... by Chris Carlos

Dear Members;

The holidays are upon us once again, and another year comes to a close. I would like to take this time to thank the many people behind the scenes of the Chamber that keep things running smoothly.

First and foremost to our Office Manager Rita Rodriguez who keeps our Office running day to day. Rita is the face of the Chamber to members and visitors alike, and we are fortunate to have her.

To our Past President Lisa Watkins, who has been my right hand thru my first year as President. Her dedication to this organization and to the Business Community of San Marino is an asset to us all.

To the Board of Directors: Betsy Jones, Les Rune, Teri Barton, Hilary Dorsey, Nelson Holdo, Wally Lee, Dr. Mike Milinkovic, Ceil Mortimer and Anne Turk. I thank you all for giving of your time to see that new ideas to keep our business community going strong were always your priority, and bringing those ideas to fruition was your goal. Your commitment to our Chamber is an example of the dedication you each have to the community of San Marino. 2009 will see many of you leaving your Board positions, and I would like to thank you on behalf of the membership for your service.

As the holidays approach, I would like to urge you all to support local businesses for your holiday needs. Look to the small independent stores this holiday season, and dine in one of a kind restaurants. If we support each other through this difficult time we will all emerge richer on the other side.

Chris Carlos

Chamber President 2008-2009

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The Fresh Gourmet at The Peacock Café



Norma and Nicole Olivos on the terrace of their Peacock Café at the Los Angeles County Arboretum in Arcadia.

The next time you drop by the Arboretum for a stroll thru the gardens, make sure you stop by to say hello to the ladies who brought San Marino The Fresh Gourmet.

Norma and Nicole have been providing food for the Arboretum's café for the past year. Special events and weddings are also available on their terrace that overlooks the gorgeous grounds.

Make sure to join us **Thursday December 11th** when they open their Café and Terrace to the Chamber as they host our Annual Holiday Celebration. The ambiance of the grounds is sure to put everyone into a festive mood. For more information or to make your reservation for the Holiday Celebration call the Chamber Office today @ 286-1022.

The Peacock Café @ the LA Arboretum
301 N. Baldwin Ave., Arcadia



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.

Renewing Members.....

Chris Datwyler

Citizens Business Bank

HOWS Market

Ellen's Silkscreening, Embroidery & Promotional Products

Region One Realty

Hathaway-Sycamores

Dreammaker Bath & Kitchen

Mamma's Brick Oven Pizza & Pasta

Saturday's Child

We thank you for your membership and continued support. We encourage you to be active members and participate in Chamber events!

DECEMBER CALENDAR

5	5-8:30PM	CHRISTMAS AROUND THE DRIVE
11	5:30	Holiday Celebration @ The Fresh Gourmet at The Peacock Cafe-LA Arboretum ALL ARE WELCOME!
22		Hanukkah Begins- Happy Hanukkah!
25		Merry Christmas!
PLEASE NOTE: The office will be Closed December 23rd-26th and December 31st - January 2nd, re-opening January 5th.		

JANUARY '09 CALENDAR

1		HAPPY NEW YEAR!
5		Chamber Office re-opens
13	5:30-8pm	BOARD OF DIRECTORS OFF SITE MEETING
14	7:30pm	City Council Meeting- City Hall
15	5:30	Monthly Mixer Location TBA

Last Chance



The 2009 San Marino Directory will close its Business Section in the next couple weeks. If you are a new Chamber member, or a new business to San Marino and are not yet represented in the Directory, consider advertising today.

In this faltering economy, the time to advertise your business and attend networking and business meetings is **NOW**. Backing off because your business is slow, the economy is scary or because the Holiday Season is rapidly approaching is a sure way to make it even slower and an invitation to your competitors to fill in the void you are creating. Old, but true, phrase: When the going gets tough, the tough get going. Go out and meet some people. Advertise, Advertise, Advertise. Promote yourself. Don't slow down and don't give up. Now more than ever it's important for the community to see your businesses name, to keep you on the forefront of their minds when choosing services.

It's not too late to get your Ad in for the 2009 Directory. Call Advertising Manager **Anne Turk** today @ 626-437-3179 or email Ads@sanmarinodirectory.org.

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

*Annual
Holiday Celebration
Thursday, December 11, 2008
5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.*

*Hosted By:
The Fresh Gourmet
at The Peacock Café
LA Arboretum
301 N. Baldwin Ave.
Arcadia
\$20 per person*

*Raffle Prizes
Business Person of the Year Award
The CLASS Award*

*★This is a Pre-Paid Event★
Please Call the Chamber Office
for more information
626-286-1022*



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**CALL THE CHAMBER OFFICE
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AD MATERIALS DUE BY THE 15TH OF THE
MONTH FOR THE FOLLOWING ISSUE

BUSINESS CARD

\$35 PER MONTH

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November Mixer at

A Stitch in Time- Hodge Podge



A large crowd was drawn to A Stitch in Time- Hodge Podge the evening of November 13th as three members came together to co-host our monthly gathering. Admission was compliments of **Hodgkiss Insurance Brokers**. Alison Hodgkiss and her staff at **A Stitch in Time-Hodge Podge** had their halls decked with holiday delights that touched the child in us all. Santas large and small adorned tables while ornaments covered the trees and swags of holly draped throughout the store in traditional holiday style.

Guests were treated to an Italian feast compliments of Steve and Jamie Inzunza and **Mamma's Brick Oven Pizza & Pasta**. Assorted Pizzas could be found throughout the store, while tables of Toasted Ravioli, Toasted Gnocchi, and assorted Pastas & Salads were overflowing. Dan Hodgkiss provided a full bar to keep members and their guests sipping on their favorite beverage while peaking at the selection available for gift giving this holiday season.



Raffle prizes were over-flowing for our November Mixer. Members were quite generous, as always, when donating for our monthly mixer. Guests gathered round as our Mixer came to a close and the much anticipated awarding of prizes began. Prizes were compliments of: **A Stitch in Time-Hodge Podge, Anneticipation.com, Athens Services, Ceil Mortimer, Jan's Towing, Marguerite Gardens, The Ice Cream Shop, The UPS Store, W2 Kitchen & Bath Inc.**

Our monthly mixer couldn't have come together without the help of our members and Board of Directors who worked the various shifts to ensure a smooth and festive evening was had by all. Thank you to our **Check In Staff: Office Manager Rita Rodriguez, Raffle Ticket Seller: Wally Lee (W2 Kitchen & Bath Inc)** and the **Bartender for the evening: Dan Hodgkiss (Hodgkiss Insurance Brokers)**

Donating Raffle Prizes gives your business exposure and advertisement to possible new clients or customers. If you would like to donate a prize for an upcoming Mixer, please call the Chamber Office at 626-286-1022 or email snmarinocofc@earthlink.net.

Shop San Marino this Holiday Season

Support local businesses and fellow Chamber members by shopping San Marino when possible this holiday season. No matter what you're looking for, it can be found from one of our members. Many of them offer Gift Certificates as well as gorgeous complimentary Gift Wrap.

Men, Womens, & Childrens Clothing:

DeVelle
Margie's
Oshun
P.M. Jacoy Fine Menswear
Saturday's Child
San Gabriel Valley Pendleton

Art:

Athony's Art & Frames

Children's Toys & Books:

San Marino Toy & Book Shoppe

Specialty Candy:

Sweet Nora's

Fitness Memberships:

Curves
Studio Physique
Women's World

Holiday Floral Arrangements:

Mary Falkingham Floral Designs

Furniture & Home Accents:

Henredon Drexel Heritage

Garage Organization:

Garage Envoy

Gifts:

Anneticipation.com
A Stitch in Time-Hodge Podge
Diana Dee's Stationery
Fancy That
Huntington Pharmacy
Lexington Place

Oshun

Simply Fresh

Ice Cream Gift Certificates and Holiday Cakes:

The Ice Cream Shop

Jewelry:

Asanti Fine Jewellers
Single Stone on Mission Street

Family Portraits:

Nick Boswell Photography
Steve's In Focus

Restaurants for Holiday Parties and Gift Cards for Giving:

Bella Italia
B-Man's Teriyaki & Burgers
Julienne
Mamma's Brick Oven Pizza & Pasta
Nonna Pizzeria
Noodle World
Pie n Burger
San Marino Grill
Subway
Sushi Bar Yoshida
The Fresh Gourmet
Tony's Pizza
Twohey's

Theatre Tickets:

Fremont Center Theatre
San Gabriel Valley Music Theatre

Gift Certificates for Facials, Spa Days, Nails and a New Cut and

Color:

Headliners Hair Salon

Scent of Lavender
Starr House the Salon
The Gates Salon
Times Square Nails
Med Aesthetics

Once you have those gifts don't forget to have them wrapped for shipping and sent on their way:

The UPS Store

And once your gifts are on their way you should be to:

Grand American Travel
Titan Travel

Whether its to buy your Christmas cards, wrapping and bows, or ornaments to adorn your tree, you can find everything you need to decorate your holiday right here in San Marino.

From cards, and gift-wrap, to gifts of all kinds, from caterers to party planners, and lighting specialists, we have it all.

So make San Marino your one stop shop this holiday season, and help keep our business community going strong by supporting your fellow Chamber members.

Together we can survive the economic crisis by supporting each other.

**Find all our members and their contacts at*

www.sanmarinochamber.com

Mayor's Breakfast- November 19, 2008

On the morning of November 19th, the City of San Marino hosted their first Mayor's Thanksgiving Breakfast. I had the privilege of attending with several fellow board members, Wally Lee (W2 Kitchen & Bath Inc), Hilary Dorsey (Stepping Stones to Learning), Betsy Jones (Huntington Pharmacy), and Office Manager Rita Rodriguez.

The breakfast was a beautiful time to join with others in San Marino, to reflect on the upcoming holiday, Thanksgiving and to see familiar faces and rekindle friendships. The theme was "Don't Run Alone". A very fitting theme for the present time of our nation, and with the holidays approaching. Although the theme and the speech that followed were related to a Father and Son and their quest to cross the country together, I immediately thought of our Business Community.

It is no great secret that our nation is in an economic crisis and that Businesses are suffering all around us, but as Dr. Barry Corey's words remained with me after the breakfast-when it comes to our businesses we are not in it alone.

Each Business owner, might have the "know how" and the financial means to own their business, but it is our employees, partners and associates who might have the spirit. Your business could not survive if you didn't have what I like to call "a supporting cast" behind you.

So this holiday season, make sure your employees and those who work for, or with you, know how much they are appreciated. "Thank You" is the least used phrase in our language second only to "I'm Sorry". At a time when holiday bonuses might be tough to come by, remember that there are various ways to say "thank you" everyday, without draining your wallet. Maybe a midmorning Starbucks run for everyone, or a mid-afternoon ice cream break. A flower left on a desk is sure to bring a smile to even the grumpiest face. Small gestures of kindness can work wonders for employee morale throughout the year. And make sure that "Please" and "Thank You" are phrases you use everyday in the workplace, and don't miss those rare opportunities to let your employees know that without them your business would not be as successful as it is, because in business, as at home, we Don't Run Alone!

Don't Run Alone-

When we work together, our efforts can make a difference at home, at work, and in our community. If we want to be truly competitive, victorious and inspirational we cannot run through life alone.

Together we can achieve greater results...break down barriers... promote positive reinforcement...discover the perfect solution...bring excitement to everyday....make an impact in the community...educate one another...help those in need....

Make a Difference.

*City of San Marino
Mayor's Thanksgiving Breakfast
November 19, 2008*

*The San Marino
Chamber of Commere
invites you and your guests
to our*

*January Mixer
Thursday, January 15th
5:30-7:30 p.m.*

*Location TBA
Check our website
for more details
www.sanmarinochamber.com*

*Raffle Prizes
Progressive Raffle*

*Members \$8
Non-Members \$11*

The Green Sheet loves to hear from you. If you have something to share with our Members, please let us know. You can email the Chamber Office @ snmarinocofc@earthlink.net or call 626-286-1022.

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THE GREEN SHEET IS GOING GREEN IN 2009!



In order to do our part to help cut back on wasteful producing and in an effort to help cut costs the Green Sheet will be going Green in 2009. Starting in January 2009 you will no longer receive a 'hard copy' of the Chambers monthly Green Sheet unless you order it. All members will receive a monthly newsblast with the link to download the Green Sheet for viewing online. If you do not have an email address, and would like to continue to receive the Green Sheet via snail mail, you must call the Chamber Office @ 286-1022 to arrange for delivery. Hard Copies of the Green Sheet will be available for a fee of \$25 a year to cover the cost of postage and printing.

Green Sheet advertising will continue to be offered. Look for new rates and opportunities in the January 2009 Green Sheet. And don't miss an issue- make sure the Chamber has your email address. You can email it to snmarinocofc@earthlink.net today!

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- ★ FREE LINK TO YOUR BUSINESS WEBSITE (\$25 A MONTH OR MORE) \$300
- ★ FREE MONTHLY GREEN SHEET (11 MAILED A YEAR) \$33
- ★ FREE BUSINESS REFERRALS (OVER 250+A MONTH) \$100
- ★ FREE BOLD LISTING IN THE SAN MARINO DIRECTORY (PRINTED YEARLY) \$50
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Christmas Around the Drive Friday, December 5th 5pm - 8:30pm

A San Marino tradition continues.....

Hop aboard a trolley for a ride around the drive before Santa makes his grand entrance on Old Engine #1. Stroll along the Drive as Carolers entertain the crowds, and get into the Christmas spirit as you visit shopkeepers for this fun and festive evening, and get started on your Christmas shopping. Santa will arrive at City Hall at 6pm

Come out and support the Chamber members on Huntington Drive as they continue this long running Chamber tradition.

Call the Chamber Office for details **626-286-1022** or email snmarinocofc@earthlink.net or visit us on the web www.sanmarinochamber.com