



The Green Sheet

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San Marino Chamber of Commerce Newsletter

Top Chamber honor goes to Phil Raacke.....

A very festive crowd gathered for the Chambers annual Holiday Mixer, hosted by Hodge Podge, A Stitch in Time and Hodgkiss Insurance Brokers. Guests were treated to a delicious array of Italian cuisine compliments of Jamie and Steve Inzunza of Mamma's Brick Oven Pizza & Pasta.

Top honors of the evening went to a very surprised and speechless Phil Raacke (San Marino Security Systems) who was named the Business Person of the Year. Phil has been a San Marino business owner for over twenty years and continues to support the Chamber in various ways.

Another surprised recipient was Office Manager Rita Rodriguez, whose name was added to the long list of CLASS Award winners. Making Peggy Class proud, Rita goes above and beyond for the Chamber each day to insure the absolute best service to our members.

Congratulations Phil & Rita! (contd. on pg.6)



Chamber President Chris Carlos presents the 2009 Business Person of the Year Award to San Marino Security Systems, Phil Raacke.

Huntington Drive businesses light up for Christmas Around the Drive



Fireman David Tannehill, Mayor Eugene Sun, Mrs. Claus, Chamber President Chris Carlos and Santa hop aboard Old #1 for a trip around the Drive as eager children awaited Santa's arrival.

In festive holiday style, the businesses along Huntington Drive, once again came together to host the annual Christmas Around the Drive. Keeping with tradition, the Mayor, accompanied by Chamber President Chris Carlos escorted Santa on Old #1 for his grand arrival at City Hall. A big hit with the kids this year was the addition of Mrs. Claus. Taking the day off from busy Christmas baking, she accompanied Santa and helped him remember the long lists the children had prepared for him.

Big Chamber applause go to Phil Raacke and his staff at San Marino Security Systems and Debbie Priester (Titan Travel) for their fabulous Christmas displays. Debbie had the entire strip of businesses up San Marino Avenue lit up for the holidays, and Phil turned his corner into a Winter wonderland- complete with the energetic entertainment of his annual puppet show. Good job Phil & Debbie! The Chamber salutes you for your dedication to this community event!

(See more pictures on Pg. 5)

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



Dear Members;

I start this new year with great anticipation for what is to come. I am thrilled, elated and honored to be serving as the thirty ninth President of this great organization. I truly believe that San Marino is a great place to live, raise a family and run a business.

If you are new to the Chamber, welcome! I hope you'll get to know us and let us get to know you by attending as many Chamber functions as you can possibly squeeze into your schedules. I know life can be hectic, and at times our schedules are over-booked, but promise yourself to try to attend at least one Chamber event each quarter. Make it an investment in your business.

What will I do for you as President? As I write this on the eve of our Annual Board of Directors Offsite meeting, I am pondering what it is that most of you want from your membership. Perhaps, support when things aren't going very well, a voice with City government, information when you have questions, an avenue for you to advertise your business to others, networking opportunities and much more I'm sure.

I thank you for your membership and renewed spirit that is so desperately needed in times like these. I know we can get through these difficult times together if we stay positive and use our resources. That's why I'm calling on all members to get involved. Whether your involvement is attending functions, or helping to plan them. Together we can do great things for the business community of San Marino.

Come out and introduce yourself- I look forward to meeting each and every one of you. If you have a thought or idea you want to share with the Board please email me. See you soon!

Sandy

Chamber President 2010-2011
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Calling All Members

The Chamber is looking for members who are interested in getting involved and serving on a Committee for our yearly events.

If you have a flair for planning events, decorating, organizing Raffle prizes, or just make a good "workerbee" or have interest in the following events:

An Evening at the Huntington
Christmas Around; the Drive
Police & Fire Appreciation Luncheon
Milestone Members Breakfast
Monthly Mixers

We want to hear from YOU!
Call the Chamber at 286-1022
or email sanmarinochamber@att.net

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.



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*Welcome to the
 San Marino Chamber of Commerce!
 We value your membership and encourage
 you to get involved.
 Let us get to know
 you, by attending Chamber events.
 Contact us with any information you would
 like shared about your
 business with our membership.
 Once again, on behalf of our
 membership-
 WELCOME!*

THE ULTIMATE MEASURE OF A MAN
 IS NOT WHERE HE STANDS IN MOMENTS
 OF COMFORT, BUT WHERE HE STANDS AT TIMES OF
 CHALLENGE AND CONTROVERSY.

~ MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.~

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*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.*

JANUARY CALENDAR

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| 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 @ Bella Italia co-hosted by
Anneticipation.com All are Welcome! |
| 18 | | MLK Jr. Day- Chamber Office is Closed!! |

FEBRUARY CALENDAR

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| 2 | | Groundhog Day! |
| 3 | 8:00am | Board of Directors Meeting |
| 10 | 7:30pm | City Council Meeting- City Hall |
| 11 | 5:30pm | Monthly Mixer- Location TBA |
| 14 | | Happy Valentine's Day! |
| 15 | | Presidents Day- Chamber Office Closed! |
| 17 | | Ash Wednesday |

MARCH CALENDAR

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| 3 | 8:00am | Board of Directors Meeting |
| 10 | 7:30 | City Council Meeting- City Hall |
| 11 | 5:30pm | Monthly Mixer- Location TBA |
| 14 | | DAYLIGHT SAVINGS BEGINS! |
| 17 | | St. Patrick's Day- Wear Green! |
| 20 | | First Day of Spring- Plant some flowers! |




THE SAN MARINO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
INVITES YOU AND YOUR GUESTS TO A

JANUARY MIXER

THURSDAY, JANUARY 14TH

5:30 – 7:30PM



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Christmas Around the Drive 2009



Mrs. Claus helps Santa keep all those wishes straight!



The firefighters take a minute with Santa. A big round of applause and "thank you" to the shift who helped us set up Santas house and a special thank you to Firefighter Dominic Petta for keeping the busy workers hydrated with refreshments. You guys are the best!



The UPS Store was packed with friendly faces. Customers and friends dropping by to wish all a Merry Christmas. Kids dropped by for free balloons and everyone enjoyed the holiday refreshments.



Art, Jessica and Diana Doi and Jo Schmal (Diana Dee's Stationery) treated their guests to goodies.



Heidi, Marci Donovan and Phil Raacke (San Marino Security Systems), Frank Khonsari and Chamber President Chris Carlos. SM Security was one of the hot spots on the Drive with the fabulous puppet show that amazed the child in us all!



Mia and Kristine Sansevieri (Visage Hair Salon) and Debbie Priester (Titan Travel) made sure their businesses were decorated in grand style.



Jamie & Steve Inzunza (Mamma's Brick Oven Pizza & Pasta), Chamber President Chris Carlos and Alison & Dan Hodgkiss (Hodge Podge) welcomed Chamber members.



Office Manager Rita Rodriguez is presented the 2009 CLASS Award from outgoing Chamber President Chris Carlos.

Everyone enjoyed the fabulous displays of holiday selections that Hodge Podge offered the last minute shopper.

A full bar was flowing compliments of Dan Hodgkiss, and each guest was treated to cocktails to toast in the new year.

Chamber President Chris Carlos delayed his own birthday festivities to celebrate the holidays with Chamber members. We surprised him with a birthday cake that everyone was more than happy to share with him.

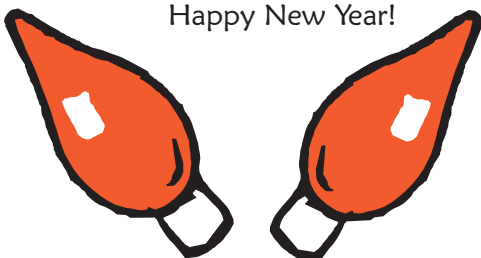
A fabulous array of Raffle prizes were donated by members. **Raffle Prizes were compliments of:**

Anneticipation.com, Athens Services, Bella Italia, Hodge Podge, Pasadena Federal Service Credit Union, San Marino Toy & Book Shoppe.

The evening ended with the announcement of new Board members for 2010- Stephen Lam (Lam USA Group) and Dioni Rovello (RE/MAX Premier Properties) will join the Board of Directors in 2010, and a farewell to outgoing Board member Anne Turk.

The 2009-2010 Chamber Board of Directors and Chamber staff wish all of our members a happy and prosperous New Year. We look forward to serving you and your businesses!

Happy New Year!



Hodge Podge owner and Mixer hostess Alison Hodgkiss presents Chamber President Chris Carlos with a birthday cake for his big day!



Dolly Anderson keeps her winning streak alive as she accepts her prize.



Longtime Chamber member Jose Guzman (Oak Knoll Barbershop) accepts his prize from Dr. Chris Carlos.



Board member Marci Donovan (San Marino Security) accepts her prize donated by Pasadena Service Federal Credit Union.



The food was a stunning display of Italian favorites compliments of Mamma's Brick Oven Pizza & Pasta.

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February Mixer
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5:30 – 7:30 pm

Host and Location
TBA

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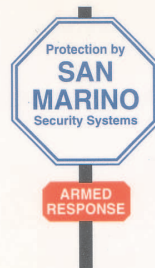
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