



The Green Sheet

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San Marino Chamber of Commerce Newsletter

Diana Dee's
Stationery & Fine Gifts

Celebrates 25 Years in San Marino and hosts our April Mixer

A nice size crowd gathered the evening of April 8th as Diana Doi and Jo Schmal opened their doors at Diana Dee's Stationery to host our monthly mixer. Celebrating their 25th anniversary in San Marino this month, they were excited to celebrate with Chamber members.

Their staff was ready and waiting to help those who were interested in stocking up on one of a kind gifts, or the latest pattern from Vera Bradley.

Guests enjoyed a delicious display of culinary delights and the dessert table was full of the sweetest selections.

A big thank you to those who worked the Mixer: Check In: Office Manager Rita Rodriguez, Bartenders: Mort Mortimer and Steve Johnson and Raffle Ticket Seller: Wally Lee.

As always, raffle prizes were a big hit of the night, as members were very generous with their donations. Raffle Prizes were compliments of:
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Chamber President Sandra Troup, Diana Dee's owners Diana Doi and Jo Schmal and their staff welcomed Chamber members to celebrate their 25th Anniversary!

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

12th ANNUAL EVENING AT THE HUNTINGTON

LIBRARY, ART COLLECTIONS, AND BOTANICAL GARDENS

*Thursday, May 13, 2010
5:00 to 7:30 p.m.*

*Enjoy the ambiance of the Gardens while sampling
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restaurants and merchants.*

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



Dear Members;

I hope you're all enjoying your Spring. A big thank you to Diana Doi and Jo Schmal and their fabulous staff at Diana Dee's for making us all feel welcome for our April Mixer. Great food, a festive display of desserts, good wine and friends. What more could we ask for? If you missed it, please stop in and wish them a happy anniversary and thank them for being a part of the business community of San Marino for 25 years. We appreciate their chamber affiliation, and wish them another 25 successful years in San Marino.

I hope you have made your reservation for our big night of the year. Our Annual Evening at the Huntington is just around the corner, and preparations have been in full swing for the big night. Ellen Daigle and Ceil Mortimer and their committee have been working hard to make sure the evening is enjoyed by all! Reservations can be made by calling the Chamber office @ 286-1022 or may be purchased at the door. Fabulous food from local restaurants as well as wine, martinis, margaritas and lots of sweets to finish the night off with! We are so lucky to have the Huntington literally in our backyards, and their invitation to the Chamber to continue to host our annual evening has been a delight. We thank them for their continued support of our

Chamber.

Summer is quickly approaching, and it always seems to bring slower times for local businesses. I encourage you all to support each other during the slower months of Summer. Shop locally, and support your fellow Chamber members. Make it a point to keep our business district alive and vibrant, and together we will get thru the slower months.

See you soon!

Sandy

Chamber President 2010-2011
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Attention Members-
Did you know that all Board meetings are open to the Membership? If at anytime you want to attend a meeting, or address the Board, please call the Office and you'll be put on the agenda for the following month. Minutes are available for viewing by any member, in the Chamber Office. Stop by if you'd like to view the most recent minutes.

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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other members



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**Have you joined us on FACEBOOK yet?
If not, what are you waiting for?
Did you know that**

- ~as of February 2010 there are over 400 million users on Facebook
- ~50% of active users log on to Facebook everyday
- ~more than 35 million users update their status everyday
- ~there are more than 5 billion pieces of content (web links, blogs, posts, photos) shared each week
- ~1.5 million local businesses have active pages on Facebook
- ~more than 20 million people become fans of pages each day
- ~the average user spends 55 minutes on Facebook each day
- ~average user becomes a fan of 4 pages a month
- ~there are over 111,212,840 users in the United States
- ~54% of those users are female, 42% male, and the other 4% unknown
- ~29% of those users are between the ages of 35-54
- ~there was a 144% growth rate from users in 2009 to 2010.
- ~there are more than 70 translations available.

Basically stated, if your business does not currently have a Facebook page, you've missed the boat. Time to get on board, and create a place where your customers and clients can interact with you. It's FREE advertising and offers business owners a great way to keep in touch with customers, offer last minute specials and/or savings, post new merchandise or new services.

Come on Chamber members....get on board!
And while you're out there creating your own page, make sure to Join the Chambers page.

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Renewing Members:

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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.

MAY CALENDAR

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| 5 | 8:00am | Board of Directors Meeting |
| 9 | | HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY! |
| 12 | 7:30pm | City Council Meeting- City Hall |
| 13 | 5:00pm | 12th Annual 'Evening at the Huntington' at The Huntington Library-All are Welcome! |
| 31 | | Memorial Day! Chamber Office Closed! |

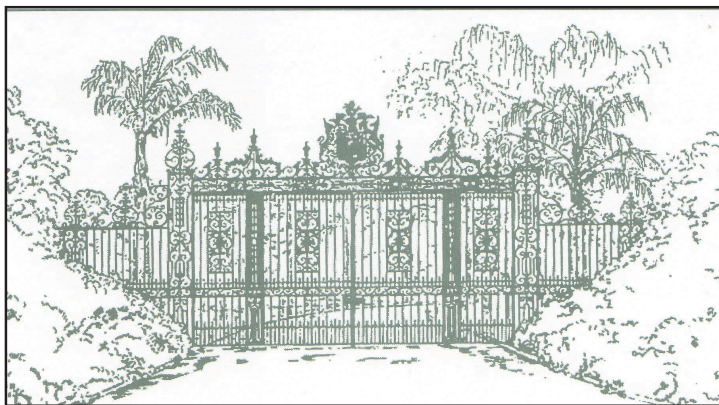
JUNE CALENDAR

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| 2 | 8:00am | Board of Directors Meeting |
| 9 | 7:30 | City Council Meeting- City Hall |
| 10 | 5:30pm | Monthly Mixer @ San Marino Security Systems All Are Welcome! |
| 14 | | FLAG DAY! SHOW YOUR PATRIOTISM! |
| 20 | | HAPPY FATHER'S DAY! |
| 21 | | First Day of Summer! Get out your flip flops! |

JULY CALENDAR

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| 4 | | 4th of July Celebration @ Lacy Park! |
| 7 | 8:00am | Board of Directors Meeting |
| 8 | 5:30pm | Monthly Mixer- Location TBA |
| 14 | 7:30pm | City Council Meeting- City Hall |

Mystery Mixer coming in August.....
stay tuned for more details.



WE ARE GATHERING RAFFLE PRIZES FOR AN EVENING AT THE HUNTINGTON MAY 13, 2010

The annual Evening at the Huntington is just around the corner and we are gathering raffle prizes for the big evening.

Donating a raffle prize is an excellent opportunity to advertise your business and/or services to the local community as well as their guests.

No prize is too big or small! If you would like to participate in the Chamber's biggest evening of the year, please contact the Chamber Office today to donate a raffle prize. We will be happy to arrange for pick up of your item, and deliver it to the Huntington for you!

The Chamber is a 501c(3) non-profit organization and your donation is tax deductible as allowed by law.

**Contact the Chamber Office today
to donate-**

**626-286-1022 or
sanmarinochamber@att.net**

Thank you for your support!



Grand Opening/Ribbon Cutting



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Twenty-year-plus photography veteran Aaron Gil has turned his knack for capturing priceless moments into a physical address: FotoNuova Photography officially opened its doors at 936 Huntington Drive in Suite E. "We are absolutely thrilled to share a unique perspective of interpreting imagery with the community," said San Gabriel Valley native Gil, whose work is inspired by vintage images and classical paintings. "We look forward to working with others who appreciate the aesthetic value of high-quality photography."

For Gil, who has been practicing photography since 1988, the studio will provide a space for consulting with clients and shooting onsite portraits and headshots. Gil currently specializes in weddings, portraits and on-location event shoots. In addition to his longtime freelance work as an on-location wedding photographer, he will now hold full-time office hours from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. every Monday through Friday.

A South Pasadena native, Gil strives to capture crisp, clean and timeless imagery within each photograph, and is dedicated to capturing the natural grace behind each subject he shoots. His San Marino studio reflects Gil's introspective shooting style and embodies clean, vintage timelessness with a European ambience. You can view some of his work at www.fotonuova.com. The Chamber welcomes Aaron Gil to San Marino and to the Chamber!



FotoNuova owner Aaron Gil and family are welcomed by Chamber Board members Lt. Steve Johnson (SMPD), Dina Lopez (Pasadena Service Federal Credit Union), Mayor Dennis Kneier and Chamber Board member, Pete Loeffler (RE/MAX Premier Properties).



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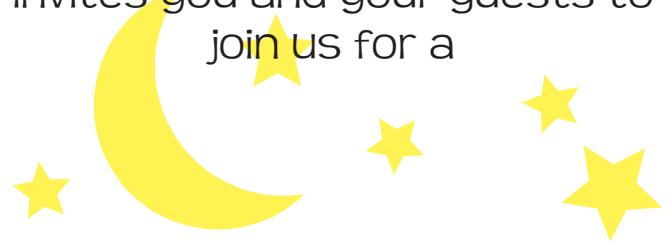
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The San Marino
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June Mixer

Thursday, June 10th

5:30-7:30pm

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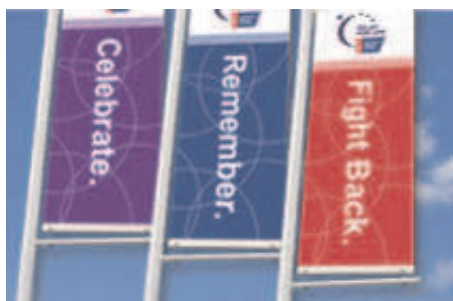
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our June Mixer!

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Summer series of Mixers!

Raffle Prizes
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Members- \$8
Non-Members-\$15



RELAY FOR LIFE

SOUTH PASADENA

APRIL 17-18, 2010



Marci Donovan started us off proud!

It was a gorgeous, sunny California day, and a perfect day for a Relay! The morning of April 17th marked the kick off of the South Pasadena Relay For Life. Chamber members Steve and Jamie Inzunza (Mamma's Brick Oven Pizza & Pasta) were the Chairs of this years annual event.

The idea is simple. One day. One night. One community. One Fight. Relay For Life is a life-changing event that brings together more than 3.5 million people worldwide- to celebrate the lives of those who have battled cancer; remember loved ones lost to the disease; and fight back against a disease that takes too much. Teams of people camp out at a local high school, park, or fairground and take turns walking or running around a track or path. Each team is asked to have a representative on the track at all times during the event. Relays are 24 hours in length; representing the reality that cancer never sleeps.



The San Marino Chamber was represented by a team, a very small, yet mighty one! With less than 10 members, we relayed and together with 39 other teams and over 350 people, helped raise over \$30,000 for Cancer research.

Chamber Kudos to Marci Donovan (San Marino Security) who started us off with 6 strong miles of walking! Jim and Dolly Anderson (SMFD) walked in the heat of the day and added up those miles for the Chamber. Shadye Peyvan (Green Wellness Acupuncture) joined us in the afternoon for a few laps and some picture taking. Janice Yee (Dilbeck Realty), Mayumi Onami (Scent of Lavender) and her friend joined us in the evening for some night walking. Big Chamber applause to Anne Turk (Anneticipation.com) who clocked in over 10 miles, and Rita Rodriguez who added up 13 for the Chamber. A big thank you to Rita's kids Andrew and Ashley who added another 15 miles together as they camped out with Rita and Anne to make sure the Chamber was well represented thru the night!

Team Chamber Chasers gives a big shout out to Jim Frawley (SMFD) and Lisa Watkins (Sylvan Learning Center) for donating to their efforts!



Jim and Dolly Anderson walked proud!

Big Thank You to Ellen's Silkscreening for making our fabulous Team T-Shirts! Great price, speedy delivery, and great last minute help!
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Joanna's Floral Expressions, Pete & Lisa Loeffler (RE/MAX), W2 Kitchen & Bath Inc., Ellen's Silkscreening, Embroidery & Promotional Products, Visage Hair Salon, Hiba Matta-Maalouf (RE/MAX).

The Chamber thanks them for their donations to our monthly raffle! The best way you can thank them, is by patronizing their businesses, and when you do, thank them for their Chamber affiliation!

Donating raffle prizes for our monthly mixers is a great way to advertise your business to the membership. If you would like to donate, call the Chamber Office today @ 626-286-1022.

Make sure to make plans to join us for our Annual Evening at the Huntington which takes the place of our May Mixer, on Thursday May 13th.

Our June Mixer will be hosted by San Marino Security Systems, on Thursday June 10th. Mark your calendars to join longtime Chamber member Phil Raacke and his staff as they host our after hours Mixer. Phil recently moved to a new location, and completely renovated the property at 2405 Huntington Drive. Make sure you stop by to see their beautiful new home in San Marino.

Mayor Dennis Kneier and Chamber President Sandra Troup sport a "Huntington" apron to help spread the word of the Chamber's big May event!



A beautiful array of food was the centerpiece for a fabulous evening!

Chamber President Sandra Troup awards a prize to member Janice Yee (Dilbeck Realtors)



Ceil and Mort Mortimer, Dina Lopez and Marci Donovan all show their support of "An Evening at the Huntington" by wearing aprons made by Ellen's Silkscreening!



Kristine and Mia from Visage continue their lucky streak as they win again!



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