



The Green Sheet

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San Marino Chamber of Commerce Newsletter



A very small group gathered this year for our annual OKTOBERFEST. Despite having to move our location to the Thurnher House this year, those who attended enjoyed the festive atmosphere.

Delicious Brats, Kraut, and German beer helped to bring a taste of Germany to San Marino. Guests enjoyed the live music provided by Karl, our resident accordian enthusiast who has been playing at our event the past 3 years. Hats off to Joanna Jimenez [Joanna's Floral Expressions] for decorating all our tables with gorgeous Fall arrangements.

A big thank you to our host- Southern California Edison for making our evening possible, and to Rita Rodriguez for making all the details fall into place. Special thanks to Michael Mele [Bella Italia] for providing us with cocktail tables and linens- he even delivered them!

We hope to be back at the Old Mill next year with our regular big crowd on hand!



Our members being honored at our Annual Milestone Members Breakfast: Pete Loeffler with Diana Doi [Diana Dee's, Jose Guzman [Oak Knoll Barber shop], Foster Denker [Ambiance Party Lighting], Eugene Sun [Region 1 Realty], Dr. Jack Hamilton & Dr. Ron Estrada, and Anita [Julienne].

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*The San Marino
Chamber
of
Commerce*

invites you and your guests to our

*Annual
Holiday Celebration*

*Thursday, December 8th
5:30 - 8:00 pm*

*Hosted By:
San Marino Security Systems
2405 Huntington Drive
San Marino
\$20 per person*

*This is a pre-paid event- reservations are required!
Look for your invitations to arrive soon!*

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



Dear Members;

Hard to believe that we are coming to the end of yet another year, and my reign as President.

I cannot begin to say that I would not have been able to do the job without the supporting cast that I had. Without fail, our Office Manager Rita Rodriguez has been my right hand. Sometimes, single-handedly making sure that the wheels on the bus kept moving.

The April Spring Fling would not have come to fruition without Rita's dedication. I had the idea, but she MADE it happen. Thank you Rita for all that you do for our members!

A hard-working Board, who through this difficult economy that we are all trying to survive in, continues to brainstorm ideas that will bring more value to our members, keep our costs down and serve our membership. They represent the Chamber in various City functions, and they do so without hesitation.

I cannot thank those who served on my Board of Directors enough for their continued support. Marci Donovan, Wallace Lee, Ceil Mortimer, Pete Loeffler, Joanna Jimenez, Gail Roque, Debra Graynom-Daly, Brian Baretto, Stewart Rogers, Dioni Rovello, Nick Maza, Dina Lopez and Steve Johnson.

You all know that it's all about social networking these days, and I thank Anne Turk and Chris Datwyler for their continued efforts to make sure that the Chamber is always up to speed.

Chris not only created our website years ago, but he continues to keep it up and running and our information current.

Anne continues to make sure that the Green Sheet lives on. Without hesitation she

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.

puts together our monthly newsletter and gets the information to you. The Chamber wouldn't have a Facebook presence without her continued dedication to making sure that we are up to speed in the social networking world. I thank both Chris and Anne for their continued support of the Chamber.

And last, but certainly not least OUR MEMBERS! We have SUPER people involved in this organization, and when called on they answer! Over the past two years we have called on the following for their support, and they stepped up each and every time going above and beyond. My special thanks to:

Joanna Jimenez [Joanna's Floral Expressions] for making sure that we always have flowers to brighten our events. She donates each and every one, and we cannot thank her enough. **Michael Mele [Bella Italia]** who we seems to always be there when we need to "borrow" something- whether it be tables & chairs for Mixers or linens for our events- Michael donates his time and lends to us whenever we ask, donating it all!

And to all our members who continuously donate each and every month to our Mixer Raffle. You cannot find a better way to say "thank you" to all of them other than by supporting their businesses

In closing, I wish you all a happy holiday season. Enjoy time with family and friends to Give Thanks. And when shopping this holiday season, I urge you to support your fellow members. Whether it be retail shops, restaurants & caterers, flowers or whatever your needs may be- consider a fellow Chamber member FIRST! See you soon!

Sandy

Chamber President 2010-2011
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Welcome New Members:

Our Parenting Place

Gilda Riazí
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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!

Renewing Members:

Scent of Lavender

Compass Real Estate/Teri Barton
Friends of The Crowell Public Library
The Gas Company
Tapp, Tapp & Ng, CPA's

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.

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 and interact with
 other members



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NOVEMBER CALENDAR

- 2 8:00am Board of Directors Meeting- Crowell Library
 - 6 **DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ENDS! Move back 1hour!**
 - 9 7:30pm City Council Meeting- City Hall
 - 11 **VETERANS' DAY!**
 - 17 5:30pm Monthly Mixer @ HODGE PODGE
- *NOTE: The Mixer is the THIRD Thursday of November due to the Veterans Day Holiday!

DECEMBER CALENDAR

- 2 **CHRISTMAS AROUND THE DRIVE!**
- 8 5:30pm **ANNUAL HOLIDAY CELEBRATION**
- 14 7:30pm City Council Meeting- City Hall
- 21 **First Day of Hanukkah**
- 25 **Merry Christmas!**

****PLEASE NOTE****

NO GREEN SHEET OR BOARD MEETING IN DECEMBER!
The Chamber Office will be CLOSED December 23rd- Jan 2nd
It will re-open Tuesday, January 3rd.

JANUARY 2012 CALENDAR

- 10 6:00pm Annual Board of Directors Offsite Meeting
- 11 7:30pm City Council Meeting- City Hall
- 12 5:30pm **Monthly Mixer @ Hosted by Anneticipation & Bella Italia- ALL are welcome!**

The Green Sheet
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 from YOU!

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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!

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

November Mixer

Thursday, Nov. 17th*

5:30-7:30pm

Hosted By:
Hodge Podge *and*
Hodgkiss Insurance
Brokers

2465 Huntington Drive
San Marino

Join members as we welcome Fall
and step into the upcoming Holiday Season!
Feel free to find a treasure or two as you shop
the fabulous finds that Hodge Podge
has to offer.

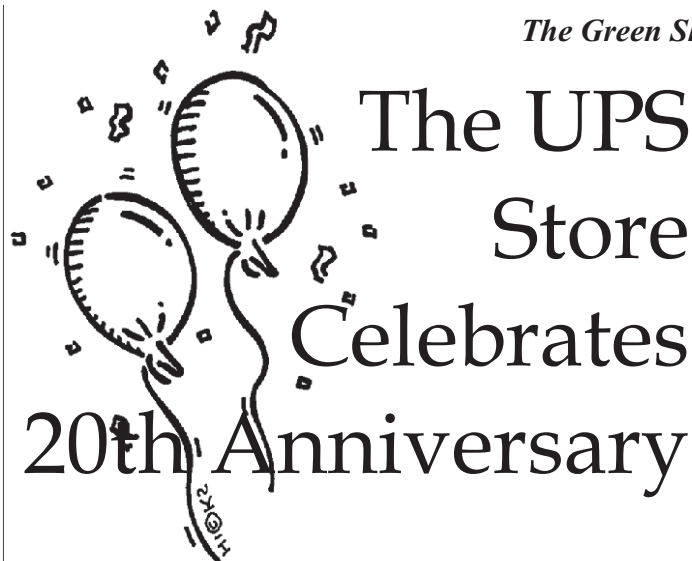
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Members-\$8
Non-Members-\$15

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Chamber Office
286-1022



Congratulations are in store for The UPS Store owners, Tom & Mary Bristow and their staff as they celebrate 20 years of service to San Marino. Tom and Mary have owned the store for the last 13 years as it went through the transition from Mailboxes Etc. to The UPS Store.

Did you know that The UPS Store offers two convenient services everyday without appointments? Passport Photos and Notary Services are available everyday, at any time. No need to search for a Notary, just stop by The UPS Store.

A recent facelift and complete overhaul with equipment upgrade has paved the way for many new additions coming soon.

Live Scan Fingerprinting will now be available, as well as full service Digital Format Printing. They will be able to fulfill all your printing needs for banners, signs and much more on the premises of their Alhambra store.

Tom is a past member of the Chamber Board of Directors, the mastermind behind the "Progressive Raffle" and a recent CLASS Award winner.

Stop by during the month of November to wish them a "Happy Anniversary" and thank them for their continued support of the Chamber and its events.

The UPS Store 

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San Marino

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Annual Milestone Breakfast Celebrating Members....



Pete Loeffler with members celebrating 25 years: Diana Doi & Jo Schmal [Diana Dee's], Anita [Julienne], Dr. Jack Hamilton & Dr. Ron Estrada and Eugene Sun [Region 1 Realty].



Foster Denker [Ambiance Party Lighting] with Pete Loeffler, celebrates 5 years of Chamber membership.



Celebrating 20 years of membership: Jose Guzman [Oak Knoll Barbershop] with Pete Loeffler



The Staff of Diana Dee's shared breakfast together and celebrated their Chamber membership.

A small group of members came together to celebrate the milestones of many members. They enjoyed the opportunity to network with one another over a leisurely breakfast.

Board of Directors, Pete Loeffler, Gail Roque and Joanna Jimenez represented the Chamber in the absence of President Sandra Troup. Pete did the honors of presenting our honorees with their certificates.

Dora Liang of Sweet & Savory provided breakfast for everyone and Office Manager Rita Rodriguez set the tables with Chamber mugs for all the attendees to enjoy.

Businesses celebrating Milestones and NOT represented were: Celebrating 5 years of membership- Moravecs A.P.C., One West Bank, SG Valley Music Theatre, Single Stone on Mission Street. Celebrating 10 years of membership- Atlantic Escrow and Hathaway-Sycamores. Celebrating 40 years of membership- Arroyo Insurance Services.

We celebrate all our members reaching milestones this year, and thank them for their continued dedication to their businesses through their Chamber affiliation.

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Oak Knoll BarbershopSold

After 23 years of service to San Marino, Jose Guzman decided to hang up his Business owner hat, and sold Oak Knoll Barbershop.

Jose assures me that he is not going anywhere yet. He will continue to rent a station at Oak Knoll Barbershop, working 4 days a week to serve his clients, and as always will continue to be an active member in the Chamber.

Jose sold his shop to employee Evita Flores, who has been working at there for 6 years. They will now switch roles, but continue the tradition of service that has always been at Oak Knoll Barbershop.

Please welcome Evita to the Chamber and the business community of San Marino.

Congratulations on your semi-retirement Jose- here's to the next phase of your career!



Christmas Around the Drive

Mark your calendars, the San Marino tradition continues....

Friday, December 2, 2011
5:00-8:30pm

Don't miss Santa's big arrival at City Hall, as he takes a spin on Old #1. Visit your favorite Huntington Drive shopkeepers while you stroll the drive on this fun and festive evening as we welcome the Holiday Season to San Marino!

Changes In Membership Dues Effective January 1st

In an effort to streamline our membership dues billing, and avoid unnecessary costs, the Chamber is making a few changes effective January 1, 2012.

ALL members will now be moved to an annual billing based on the FISCAL year [January-December], rather than the month in which they joined the Chamber. This will allow our Office Manager to focus time throughout the year on Chamber events and serving members needs. Yearly dues statements will be sent out December 1st and due January 1st of each year. Your dues will be considered **PAST DUE on January 15th.**

This new billing will be effective **January 1, 2012.** Members who join throughout the year, or who have recently renewed their membership will have their fees pro-rated. Please have patience with us as we move to this new system. The majority of Chambers, and civic organizations have been using this billing cycle for years. We hope that the system will transition smoothly.

At this time, we will also be implementing a slight fee increase. The Chamber has not raised its membership fees in over 8 years, and continues to be the **LOWEST** membership dues in a local Chamber. The majority of Chambers charge a base fee of \$150-\$200 PLUS the dues for total number of employees of the business, with a minimum 3% increase each year. We continue to be the lowest in the area.

We are committed to serving our members, and would like to remind you to get the most of your membership by participating in Chamber activities. If you're not available for our monthly Mixers, send your Manager or employee representative to make sure your business name is always in the mix. Donate services or raffle prizes to advertise your business, make sure that all your business info is given to the Green Sheet. Sales, special events, trunk shows, awards etc. It's about YOU our members, but we can't include it IF we don't know about it!

If you have any questions about our new billing, please don't hesitate to contact us at the Chamber Office @ sanmarinochamber@att.net or 626-286-1022.

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*January Mixer
Thursday, January 12th*

5:30-7:30pm

Hosted By:



*Bella Italia
7232 Rosemead Blvd.
San Gabriel*

*Join us as we ring in 2012
and celebrate the
New Year!*

*Raffle Prizes
Progressive Raffle*

*Please RSVP
to the
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@ 626-286-1022*

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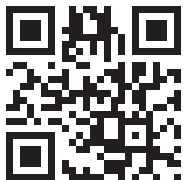


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