

President's Message

This year marks our 100th at the Chamber of Commerce and Civic Association of Pasadena. In 1919, noting the changing economic landscape of Pasadena, the Board of Trade began transitioning to the Chamber of Commerce. Rather than focus on bringing investment and infrastructure improvements to Pasadena, the Board recognized that advocacy and business support within the city were necessary to grow the local economy and our city.

It was not an easy process, if meeting minutes are accurate, and took several months of discussions before the change officially took place in March of 1920.

We still have members who were part of that founding group. We recognized one, **Anderson Business Technology**, for 100 years of continuous Chamber membership at last year's Inaugural Gala. Others, including **Vroman's Bookstore**, **SoCal Gas Company** (then Los Angeles Gas and Electric), the **Pasadena Star-News** and **Hahn and Hahn** are approaching that milestone, as well. Other founding members included a who's who of Pasadena: Greene and Greene, Cheesewright Studios, Home Telephone and Telegraph (now **AT&T**), Henry Huntington and David Gamble.

At that time, the Board of Directors adopted a mission statement that remains with the Chamber today: *To be an effective economic and political force for our membership.* For 100 years we have been both.

Our positions are not always popular, and there are times we know we have little likelihood of success. We are also constrained by our tax status from organizing or spending money on political campaigns. We can advocate and editorialize, but not spend money.

We don't always make friends, and occasionally we irk those in power. Even when we know the risks, it is our obligation to fight on your behalf, as best we can, even if we risk losing funding or support for events.

Pasadena Chamber Inaugural Gala is June 28th- Celebrate With Us at the Langham Huntington Hotel

Pasadena Chamber of Commerce members, community leaders and guests celebrate our business community at the annual Pasadena Chamber of Commerce Inaugural Gala on Friday, June 28, 2019. The hosted cocktail reception and silent auction begins at 6:00 p.m. at the **Langham Huntington Hotel** in Pasadena. Dinner and the festive program begins at 7:30pm.

This year, the Chamber celebrates the installation of Justin Tsui of **TeamLogicIT** as Chair of the Board for 2019-20. We also install new officers and Board members for the year.

The evening will feature the presentation of scholarships to local students. Scholarships are awarded to emancipated foster youth who are transferring from **Pasadena City College** to a four-year university. The Pasadena Chamber will also recognize a small member business and a large member business as *Corporate Citizen of the Year*. There will be surprise special presentations, as well.

Chamber members contribute thousands of dollars worth of valuable and unique services, products and treats for the silent auction. This year, items include travel packages, golf outings, event and sports tickets, dinners, opportunities to explore local attractions and VIP treatment at local wonders. Proceeds support Chamber activities and member services.

Each year, Chamber members donate items for the Gala Silent Auction. Donations include tickets to music and sporting events, dinners at favorite local restaurants and unique experiences, as well as once-in-a-lifetime trips.

Corporate tables cost \$2,000. Individual tickets to the Inaugural Gala cost \$200. Valet parking and a hosted cocktail reception are included along with dinner and the festive celebratory program.

Sponsorship opportunities are available at the \$5,000 and \$3,000 levels. Each includes recognitions, advertising placement and more. Anyone wanting information can call the Chamber at (626) 795-3355 or visit the website at www.pasadena-chamber.org.

SGV Chambers After Dark Multi-Chamber Mixer Returns to NOOR on May 16th at 5pm-Meet, Mix and Mingle With Members from Seventeen Neighboring Chambers

Members from fourteen San Gabriel Valley Chambers meet at **NOOR** in Pasadena for the second *SGV Chambers After Dark* multi-chamber mixer on Thursday, May 16th from 5pm to 8pm. Cost to attend is \$10 and includes food, one drink ticket and entry in the opportunity drawing. You can pay at the door or skip the check-in line and register online through EventBrite.

Pasadena Chamber members will be joined by business people from Alhambra, Altadena, Arcadia, Claremont, El Monte/South El Monte, Glendora, Monrovia, Montebello, Pomona, Regional Chamber (Walnut/Diamond Bar), Rosemead, San Gabriel, San Marino, Sierra Madre, South Pasadena, Temple City and Whittier.

Noor generously hosts the event with food and drink provided by **Noor** and **El Cholo**. Noor is located in the Paseo at 300 East Colorado Boulevard in Pasadena. 90 minutes of validated parking is provided in the Paseo parking lot (enter off Marengo).



Clockwise from right, new members introduced at our networking breakfast in March were Ken Teague of **Morse Construction Services**, Amy Lee with **HSBC Bank**, Andrea Montenegro of **Rabco Financial and Insurance Services**, **Barbara L. Janetzke, Ph.D.**, Bea Egeto with **The Bunker Experience**, Nancy Elias with **Mintwood Pharmacy**.



New Members for February, 2019

- ASHE Society**, Anahi Tellez, (626) 641-5107
- Brain Balance of Pasadena**, Lori Sheldon, (626) 737-5000
- The Bunker Experience**, Bea Egeto, (626) 487-9777
- Don Bosco Technical Institute**, Anne Sigoloff, (626) 940-2027
- HSBC Bank**, Thomas C. Olson, (626) 568-0832
- International School of Los Angeles**, Serina Guillaume, (818) 994-2961
- KidsZone Preschool Academy**, Jennifer Perez, (626) 345-5922
- Mundo Academy**, Marina Grijalva, (626) 354-2032
- Networking Bizz Digital, LLC**, Luis R. De Luna, (213) 792-4577

Clockwise, from right, introduced at March's lunch were Harvey Slater of **Harvey Slater Holistic Nutrition**, James Proctor with **Real Services Corp.** and Marina Grijalva with **Mundo Academy**. In April we met **David Kapojos** and **George Ramos** of **FirstLight Home Care of Pasadena** and **Maria del Rio-Gomez** of the **International Myeloma Foundation**.



Below, from left, at our networking breakfast in April we met Antonio Carbajal and Linda Akesson with **Travelers Insurance**, Jennie Walker with **Walker/Viden Luxury Consignment**, Andy Duguay with the **Moscow Ballet** and Yvonne Withers with **Kidszone Preschool Academy**.



New Members for March, 2019

- Ahiah Center for Spiritual Living Pasadena**, Elizabeth Gant, (626) 795-4216
- Anderson & Associates Attorneys at Law**, Scott Hill, (626) 449-8131
- Dr. Barbara L. Janetzke**, (626) 255-7512
- Dr. Ermshar & Associates**, Dr. Annette Ermshar, (626) 405-0521
- Fidelity Investments**, Monte Gagnier, (626) 625-5586
- Final Touch Media**, Kyle Minton, (209) 764-5061
- FirstLight Home Care of Pasadena**, David Kapojos, (626) 360-0048
- Harvey Slater Holistic Nutrition & Wellness**, Harvey Slater, (323) 527-7430
- Laura Acupuncture Clinic**, Laura Huang, (626) 616-7179
- Mintwood Pharmacy**, Nancy Elias, (626) 314-2945
- Mkhtchian Insurance Agency**, Peter Mkhtchian, (626) 268-0202
- Rabco Financial & Insurance Services, Inc.**, Andrea Montenegro, (626) 795-5522
- Real Services Corporation**, James Proctor, (626) 715-0544
- Walker / Viden Luxury Consignment**, Addy Viden and Jennie Walker, (626) 844-9244



The Chamber and Pacific Oaks College hosted the 2nd Mission Match Job Fair for local non-profits seeking employees.

Chamber Member Events, Activities and Celebrations



From left, The Chamber, Jet Propulsion Laboratory and the City of Pasadena Finance Department hosted the Small Business Opportunity Fair at the Pasadena Convention Center. US Bank opened its Mortgage lending office with a ribbon cutting ceremony. CoAdvantage celebrated their new Pasadena location with a ribbon cutting.

Renewing Members for February

ONE TO FIVE YEARS

Altadena Realty Group-Berkshire
Hathaway Home Services
Golden Properties
Cabrera's Mexican Cuisine
California College of Music
California Institute of Advanced Management
Clean Junk Out
Edwin Mills by Equator
Foothill Cardiology
Hariton Engineering, Inc.
HartmanBaldwin Design/Build
Home Care Assistance
Institute for Educational Advancement
Jane Reese-Wilkins & Associates
Learning Works Charter School
Masbuild, Inc.
NDLON/Pasadena Community Job Center
P. I. E., Inc.- Accounting Management Services
Pacific Crest Youth Arts Organization
Pasadena Sandwich Company
Post Pack and Ship
Spectrum Reach
Thomas Jesse Goff
Timothy G. Shannon Insurance Agency
Tolj Commercial Real Estate Services

Renewing Members for March

ONE TO FIVE YEARS

Angeles Chorale
Aspires West Pasadena
Beck&Call
Birdi & Associates, Inc.
Custom Signs, Inc.
Foothill Restaurant
Gold's Gym Pasadena
Kona Ice Central Pasadena
L.A.'s Largest Mixer
New York Life Insurance- Mike Minassian
New York Life, Southern California - Michael Rahimzadeh
Pasadena Rotary Club
Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom, LLP
Southern California Reproductive Center

SIX TO NINE YEARS

Bistro 45
Casa Treatment Center
GS1group Inc.
Lee Green Stewart & Paul
Specialty Taxes
Visiting Angels Living Assistance Services

TEN TO FOURTEEN YEARS

Bernards
CIBA Property Management, Inc.
Ground Level Consulting

SIX TO NINE YEARS

A Car Auto
AccessoryEyes Optometry
Amara Chocolate & Coffee
American Cancer Society
Arcadia Performing Arts Center Foundation
Arpeggio Apartments
David N. Schultz, Inc.
Marx/Okubo Associates, Inc.
Noor
Onyx Architects, Inc.
Pasadena Language Center
Sue Cook Real Estate- Deasy Penner Podley

TEN TO FOURTEEN YEARS

301 Organics
Forest Lawn Memorial Parks & Mortuaries
IUOE, Local 12 (International Union of Operating Engineers)
Mijares Mexican Restaurant
Richard A. McDonald, Esq. Of Counsel, Carlson & Nicholas, LLP
Trammell Crow Company

FIFTEEN TO FIFTY YEARS

Boston Court Performing Arts Center
Chiropractic Health Center

The Hill Medical Corporation
J. McCaleb CPA Firm
Playhouse Plaza-IDS Real Estate Group
SORRISO-Bar Celona

FIFTEEN TO FIFTY YEARS

Altadena Town & Country Club
Corporate Center Pasadena
Foothill Unity Center, Inc.
FountainGlen at Pasadena
Hunt Ortmann Palffy Nieves Darling & Mah, Inc.
Il Fornaio
Law Offices of Richard A. Moss Orswell & Kasman, Inc.
Planned Parenthood Pasadena & San Gabriel Valley, Inc.
ResultWorx Technology Solutions, Inc.
Saint Francis High School
Sushi Roku Pasadena
Temo Arjani, LLP
Toyota & Scion of Pasadena
Villa Esperanza Services
Warren Printing & Mailing

MORE THAN FIFTY YEARS

California Linen Services, 54yrs.
California Institute of Technology- Caltech, 72yrs.
San Gabriel & Pomona Valley Chapter of the American Red Cross, 52yrs.
Symes Cadillac, 70yrs.

Ellen's Silkscreening, Embroidery & Promotional Products
Getaways Travel
Goodwill Southern California -Altadena Drive
Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites
Jim Konoske Consulting
Kaiser Permanente
Margarita's
Options For Learning
Pink Transfer, Inc.
Rose Bowl Aquatics Center
SoCal Colorado Boulevard Self Storage
TD Ameritrade, Inc.
Tom Sawyer Camps, Inc.
The Westin Pasadena

MORE THAN FIFTY YEARS

The Changstrom Company, 67yrs.
House of Printing, 61yrs.
Licher Printing & Mailing, 71yrs.



The Pasadena Chamber arranged for PUSD high school students to be part of the Airport Academy at Hollywood Burbank Airport.

These Members Had Milestone Anniversaries with the Pasadena Chamber

Five Year Anniversary: Birdi & Associates Inc., California Institute of Advanced Management, P. I. E., Inc.-Accounting Management Services, Pasadena Sandwich Company

Ten Year Anniversary: 301 Organics, Bernards, CIBA Property Management Inc., Richard A. McDonald, Esq. Of Counsel, Carlson & Nicholas, LLP

Fifteen Year Anniversary: Foothill Unity Center, Inc., FountainGlen at Pasadena

Twenty Year Anniversary: Hunt Ortmann Palffy Nieves Darling & Mah Inc., Options For Learning

Thirty Year Anniversary: The Westin Pasadena

Thirty-five Year Anniversary: Kaiser Permanente

Forty Year Anniversary: Margarita's
Seventy Year Anniversary: Symes Cadillac



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Luncheon Alliance

Please note our new location at The Women's City Club. The Luncheon Alliance on May 1st is sponsored by Joumana Barakat of the **Foothill Workforce Development Board.**

The June 5th lunch is sponsored by Keri Ohlrich of **Abbracci Group.**

The *Luncheon Alliance* starts promptly at 11:30am at **Women's City Club** at 160 N. Oakland Ave in Pasadena.

Connection Breakfast

On Thursday, May 9th at 7am, Sonia Tapia of **Enchanted Bliss** wedding and event photography sponsors our *Connection Breakfast* at the **Women's City Club.**

On Thursday, June 13th, at 7am Gerry VanBooven and **Pacific Crest Youth Arts Organization** sponsors breakfast.

Lunch and breakfast are \$30 for members/\$35 for non-members. Those reserving after the deadline pay \$5 more.

Chamber After Hours Social and Mixer

Join us at the **Multi-City Mixer** at **Noor** on May 16th from 5pm to 8pm in The Paseo. \$10 admission. 17 Chambers collaborate.

Altadena Realty Group of Berkshire Hathaway Home Services Golden Properties hosts the *Chamber After Hours Social and Mixer* on June 20th at 482 N. Rosemead Blvd., #101 from 5pm to 7pm. *Admission is free for Pasadena Chamber members. All others pay \$10.*

Pasadena Chamber Members and Friends Enjoyed a Morning at Brookside for Our Spring Golf Tournament

The Pasadena Chamber's Spring Golf Tournament teed-off in early April at **Brookside Golf Club.** Members and friends enjoyed a morning of golf followed by a hosted cocktail reception and awards ceremony. Jeff Christoffel of **Honda Pasadena** won the putting contest. Teammate Corey Nakatani won the longest drive contest. Carl Mendenhall of **IUOE, Local 12** was closest to the pin.

The Honda Pasadena team, consisting of Mr. Christoffel, Mr. Nakatani, Steve Crawford and Bo Gutzwiller took first place in the tournament. Second place

went to the team from **Rose Bowl Premium Seating** consisting of Jonathan Jackowski, Nick Zanotto, Nick Andre and Meaghan Paschall. Blair Salisbury, Kyle Sandoval, John Ramos and Gene Buchanan won third place.

We are very grateful to our sponsors: Gold Sponsor **Corporate Center Pasadena** and Silver Sponsors **First Choice Bank, IUOE Local 12, Parsons Corporation** and the **Sierra Family of Dealerships.** **Dunkin'** provided coffee and breakfast foods and **A.J. Longo and Associates** donated raffle prizes. **Villa Gardens** also donated a prize. **Sierra Family of Dealerships** provided the hole-in-one prize car.



Pasadena Restaurant Week Returns May 6th

Pasadena's restaurant community opens its doors to guests from throughout Southern California for the third *Pasadena Restaurant Week.* The Pasadena Chamber is sponsoring the event which takes place from Monday, May 6th to Friday, May 10th.

Find out why MyLife.com named Pasadena the best mid-sized city for dining in the country. Pasadena's favorite, most unique and finest dining destinations offer prix fixe menus, special meals, deals and more during *Pasadena Restaurant Week.*

Return to an old favorite or try someplace new. Taste the best Pasadena has to offer at unbeatable prices. Pasadena Restaurant Week is a great opportunity to visit Pasadena favorites such as **Bone Kettle, Green Street Restaurant, Roy's Hawaiian, Meat District Company, Il Fornaio, Foothill, El Cholo, Fleming's** or **La Grande Orange.** You can also visit **The Terrace at the Langham Huntington Hotel, Sushi Roku, Kathleen's, Celestino's Ristorante, New School of Cooking** or one of the new Pasadena Chamber member restaurants taking part.

Pasadena Restaurant Week is presented by the Pasadena Chamber of Commerce and sponsored by **Wells Fargo, The Pasadena Convention and Visitors Bureau** and the **City of Pasadena.** Partners include the **LA Times Food Bowl** and **Open Table.** Information is available at pasadenarestaurantweek.com.



SAVE THE DATE

**Pasadena Chamber of Commerce
 Business and Economic Summit
 October 22nd at The University Club in Pasadena**