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President's Message

This summer, the Chamber was able to place more than 40 interns in work experience opportunities. In partnership with the College and Career Pathways office at **Pasadena Unified School District**, Workforce Development Coordinator Amy Foell secured internships with many Chamber members.

I am very pleased to acknowledge and thank these Chamber member companies who hosted interns this summer:

- Advanced Urgent Care of Pasadena
- Beacon Media
- Brookside Golf Club, American Golf
- Center for Developing Kids
- City of Pasadena, Arroyo Seco Adventure Camp
- Collision Auto Repair Specialist
- Con Carino Home
- Congresswoman Judy Chu
- Figari Law Firm
- Fong and Aquino, LLP
- Health Advantage Physical Medicine
- HEAR Center
- Law Office of Donald P. Schweitzer
- Madeline Garden Bistro
- Nicali Sports Medicine
- One Veg World
- Pasadena Fire Dept., Station 33
- Pasadena Police Department
- Pasadena Ronald McDonald House
- Planned Parenthood
- Professional Child Development Associates
- Project Scientist
- Pasadena Unified School District
- So. California Public Radio (KPCC)
- University Club of Pasadena
- Vroman's Bookstore

Hands-on career exploration is crucial for young people as they consider college and the world of work. Each of these companies provided insight and experience to assist young people as they consider their future. The experience was very rewarding for the students and the companies, as well.

I would also like to thank **Ideal Youth** for providing work readiness training. If you are interested in being part of the Chamber's work with PUSD, please call or email amy@pasadena-chamber.org.

Economic and Business Summit October 29th sponsored by Pasadena Chamber and City of Pasadena

The Pasadena Chamber of Commerce invites leaders of business and industry in Pasadena discuss our local economy, local industries and the future of business in Pasadena at the second *Pasadena Business and Economic Summit* on Thursday, October 29, 2015, at 11:30am at The University Club at 175 North Oakland Avenue in Pasadena. Cost to attend the *Pasadena Business and Economic Summit* is \$45 and includes the program and lunch. A corporate table of eight, including signage and recognition on the program, costs \$400. Parking is included in the ticket price. Last year 200 attended.

The City of Pasadena and the Pasadena Chamber of Commerce annually join forces



to present the discussion of the economic health and the future of business and the economy in Pasadena. Cynthia Kurtz, President and CEO of **San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership** will give an economic overview, with particular attention to the San Gabriel Valley and Pasadena. The Pasadena Business and Economic Summit will also include presentations by leaders of our local arts, technology and engineering industries. Invited to take part as featured panelists are Lorne Buchman, President at **Art Center College of Design**, Randy Britt, director of sustainability at **Parsons Corporation** and Sasha Reed, director of strategic alliances with **Bluebeam**.

Pasadena Mayor Terry Tornek has been invited to give a welcome and update on City finances and priorities. Economic

Development Manager Eric Duyshart will give an update on economic development initiatives in the city.

This year, the format will be changed to include a conversation among the panelists. Karl Bird, Acquisition Department manager at **Jet Propulsion Laboratory** and chair of our Economic and Business Development Committee will lead the discussion.

Invitations will be mailed in mid-September. If you would like to be added to the invite list, please email Leanne@pasadena-chamber.org. You can sign up and pay online at the Pasadena Chamber website at www.pasadena-chamber.org (follow the link to Events and the Business and Economic Summit). Anyone wanting information can call the Chamber at (626) 795-3355 or visit the website at www.pasadena-chamber.org to purchase tickets online.

Taste of Pasadena September 24th at Rose Bowl

The Pasadena Chamber hosts the *Taste of Pasadena and SIP-tember Finale* at the **Rose Bowl**. Guests can enjoy unlimited food and drink tastings from many of Pasadena's finest restaurants at the Rose Bowl on September 24, 2015. More than two dozen restaurants and lounges will be giving out food samples at the *Taste of Pasadena*. The four SIP-tember finalist cocktails will be served in a live competition from 6:00 pm to 8:45 pm. Those in attendance vote to determine Pasadena's Cocktail of the Year for 2015. Pasadena's Favorite Cocktail 2015 will be named at 8:45PM.



Tickets are \$30 in advance and \$50 at the door. To purchase tickets call the Chamber at 626-795-3355 or visit the website at www.pasadena-chamber.org/events/taste-pasadena. Only 500 tickets will be sold, so reserve your ticket soon.

SIP-tember: a Celebration of the Cocktail and the Taste of Pasadena are presented by the Pasadena Chamber. Sponsors are the **City of Pasadena** and the **Rose Bowl** and **Rose Bowl Legacy Connections**. **Dance Syndicate** is providing entertainment.

New members (below, from left) introduced at our Breakfast Connection in July and August were Nate Bradley and George Woods with **5 Mile Media**, Darrell Benton with **Revolution Financial Management**, Sharon Griffin with **Thematic Learning Organization**, Robert Carlson with **The Los Angeles Times** and J.T. Centonze with **Off Kilter Kilts**.



(Clockwise, from right) At Luncheon Alliance networking events in July and August, we met new members Clarence L. Brown with **Longevity Acupuncture Center**, Gerry Rothschild leader of the **Gerry Rothschild Band**, Kai Wharton with **Del Frisco's Grille**, Roland Hinds with **FirstLight Home Care-Pasadena**, Linda Offray with **Shepherd's Door Domestic Violence Resource Center**, Kelly Chang with **Shriner's Hospital Los Angeles**, Marina Joe with **Assisting Hands Pasadena**, Chris Ojakian with **Ojakian Tennis, Inc.** and Jennifer Hanson with **Spring Ahead Academy**.



New Members for June, 2015

- Alexander's Steakhouse**, Suzanne Hughes, (626) 486-1111
- Alondra Hot Wings**, Garabed Kazarian, (323) 274-1024
- Baller Inc.**, Aaron Hawkey, (626) 247-4295
- First Light HomeCare-Pasadena**, Roland Hinds, (626)529-5604
- Focus Concierge**, Dianne Adriatico, (818) 720-0285
- Healthcare Partners**, Monica Vargas, (626) 585-1609
- Madeline Garden Bistro & Venue**, Ray Frost, (626) 795-5599
- Markit Rokit**, Jennifer Stern, (818) 519-9695
- Mindful Pediatric Gastroenterology**, Dr. Gilberto Bultron, (626) 800-4059
- Mutual of Omaha Bank**, Matt Flynn, (626) 844-1710
- Nekter Juice Bar**, Amy Tamillo, (949) 259-2745
- Pasadena Real Estate-Del Lile**, (626)222-0464
- Stone Tapert**, Jeanett Cordon, (626) 243-1448

New Members for July, 2015

- Domino's Pizza-Washington Blvd.**, Matt Lessa, (626) 794-3030
- First Quadrant**, Valerie Williams, (626) 795-8220
- Longevity Acupuncture Center**, Clarence L. Brown, (626) 795-9305
- Los Angeles Times**, Robert Carlson, (626) 252-3699
- New York Life-Marcus Brooks**, Marcus Brooks, (626) 371-4234
- Paul Mitchell the School-Pasadena**, Peggy Lee Cao, (626) 376-8226
- Rodney's Ribs, LLC**, Rodney Jenkins, (626) 797-8661
- Spring Ahead Academy**, Jennifer Hanson, (626) 578-5756
- The Walrus and the Hedgehog**, Shannon Clapham, (626) 827-0069
- Thematic Learning Organization**, Sharon Griffin, (626) 765-6454
- Verlux Energy, Inc.**, Carlos Javelera, (818) 416-9560

Chamber Member openings, celebrations and more



Marina and Ken Joe opened Assisting Hands Home Care with a ribbon cutting ceremony.

Ojakian Tennis opened at the Langham Huntington Hotel with a ribbon cutting ceremony.

White Horse Lounge opened with a ribbon cutting ceremony.

Mutual of Omaha Bank cut a ribbon to open their Pasadena office.

Shepherd's Door Domestic Violence Resource Center hosted a ribbon cutting.

Renewing Members for June, 2015

One to Five Years

Adult Sports Management
 Advanced Urgent Care of Pasadena
 Armed Exterminators
 Arte Flemenco Dance Theatre, Inc.
 Assessment, Consultation & Treatment (ACT)
 Blue Chip FoodSystems, Inc.
 Cancer Support Community-Pasadena
 Custom Comfort Mattress
 Encore-FFS
 Genesis Financial & Insurance Services
 Glen Park 24-7 Home Care
 Intelligentsia Coffee & Tea
 Larson & Gaston, LLP
 Law Offices of Raul M. Montes, A Professional Corporation
 National Hispanic Media Coalition
 Pasadena City College-Community Business Center
 Pete Whan & Associates Inc.-Keller Williams Realty
 Phlunte Riddle Leadership Consultants
 Primerica Inc.-John Leano
 San Gabriel Valley Lawyer Referral Service
 Sierra Madre Animal Hospital
 TeamLogic IT of Pasadena
 Tender Greens
 The Kensington
 TITLE Boxing Club

Urth Caffè
 Wang Plastic Surgery & Med Spa
 Western Supreme Rooter, Inc.

Six to Nine Years

First Tee of Pasadena, The
 Forest Lawn Memorial Parks & Mortuaries
 PM Realty Group
 Redstone Commercial Real Estate
 Rodeway Inn & Suites
 Secure Transportation
 Southern California Edison (SCE)
 Trammell Crow Company
 VITAS HealthCare
 YWCA Pasadena-Foothill Valley

Ten to Fourteen Years

Barrister Executive Suites Inc.
 Foothill Unity Center
 Huntington-Hill Breast Center
 Protravel International
 Stratz & Company
 Temple City Dental Care

Fifteen to Fifty Years

Arroyo Car Wash Crop.
 Avison Young
 California Linen Services
 Corcoran Bookkeeping & Tax Services
 Corporate Center Pasadena
 Courtyard by Marriott-Old Pasadena
 Fedde Furniture Co.

Gerrish Swim & Tennis Club
 Gonzalez Goodale Architects
 Hathaway-Sycamores Child & Family Services
 Honda of Pasadena
 LACERA Gateway Property Inc.
 Law Office of Felix W. Loya
 Linden Optometry, P.C.
 Malmberg & Associates
 Orswell & Kasman, Inc.
 Pacific Oaks College and Children's School
 Pasadena Federal Credit Union
 Pasadena Highlands
 Pasadena Symphony and Pops
 Pasadena Weekly
 Salvation Army
 Sauve Riegel Commercial Real Estate
 Sushi Roku
 Temo A. Arjani & Co., LLP
 Tokio Marine Management Inc.
 Woodbury University

More Than Fifty Years

California Institute of Technology, 68yrs
 The Gas Company, 95yrs
 Krost, Baumgarten, Kniss & Guerrero, 59yrs
 Symes Cadillac, 66yrs

Renewing Members for July, 2015

One to Five Years

Carmel Partners
 Casa de las Amigas
 Domino's Pizza-Arroyo Parkway
 Domino's Pizza-Los Robles
 Guardian
 John Wells Golf Shop-Brookside
 Joie
 Kids Dental Kare
 Legends Premium Sales/IMG
 Perfect Impressions
 PizzaRev
 Point C, LLC
 TextMarks
 Ultra Way LLC

Six to Nine Years

Art Deco Entertainment
 F & M Business Center
 Fauci Companies/Construction Services
 Hollywood Piano
 Kimberly C. Covey, CPA
 Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension Construction Authority
 National Construction Alliance
 Pasadena Home Health Care

Ten to Fourteen Years

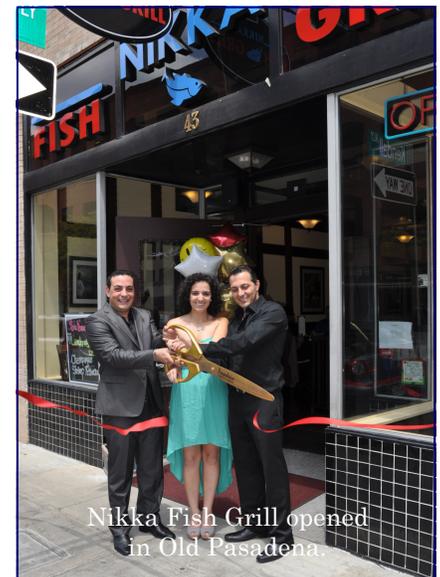
Bolton & Company
 Pacific Harps
 Peet's Coffee & Tea-South Lake
 Trio Apartments

Fifteen to Fifty Years

Advanced Laser & Anti-Aging Medical Center
 Carousel Custom Floors
 Chevron Car Wash
 Exchange Club of Pasadena c/o Affinity Associates
 Il Fornaio
 Leadership Pasadena
 Plati German Cars Service & Repair (BMW & Mercedes Only)
 Saint Francis High School
 Toyota & Scion of Pasadena
 USC Pacific Asia Museum
 Win-Win Workplace Solutions
 Women At Work

More Than Fifty Years

Pasadena Star-News (San Gabriel Valley Newspaper Group), 95yrs.
 Typecraft Wood & Jones, 82yrs.



Nikka Fish Grill opened in Old Pasadena.



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Luncheon Alliance

Carlos Javalera and **Verelux Energy** sponsors our networking Luncheon Alliance on Wednesday, September 2 at 11:45am.

Peggy Kelley of **Timeless Celebrations** sponsors the networking lunch on October 7.

The *Luncheon Alliance* starts promptly at 11:45am at **Brookside Golf Club** at 1133 North Rosemont Avenue in Pasadena.

Breakfast Connection

Thursday, September 10 at 7am, Vicki Knight of **Century Rooter Service and Plumbing** sponsors our *Connection Breakfast* at **The Courtyard by Marriott** at 180 N. Fair Oaks.

On Thursday, October 8th, Nicola Borland of the **Nicola Borland Photography** sponsors our networking *Connection Breakfast*.

Price \$25 for members and \$30 for non-members. Those reserving after the Monday deadline pay \$5 more.

Chamber After Hours Social and Mixer

Enjoy meet at **Alexander's Steak House** for our *Chamber After Hours Social and Mixer* at 111 N. Los Robles in Pasadena on Thursday, September 16th, 5-7pm. Parking is validated.

On Thursday, August 20th, enjoy an evening at **Alondra Hot Wings** at 2675 E. Colorado Blvd. in Pasadena. Park in the lot for FREE.

Admission is free for Pasadena Chamber members, \$10 for others.

SIP-tember: A Celebration of the Cocktail continues at restaurants and lounges throughout Pasadena

Patrons decide which cocktail is Pasadena's favorite during *SIP-tember: A Celebration of the Cocktail*. From August 15th through September 24th, restaurants will serve cocktails that are paired against each other in an online bracket competition. 64 cocktails will begin the competition that culminates in a live taste-off of the four bracket winners.



The Madeline Manhattan

Complete information, as well as brackets, will be available for viewing at the Pasadena Restaurant Week website at www.pasadenarestaurantweek.com.

The first challenge took place over two weeks and pitted 32 pairs of cocktails against each other. Each week winners were paired in head-to-head competition. There are still

two online rounds to go.

On September 24th, four finalists will be matched in a live tasting during the annual Taste of Pasadena hosted by the Pasadena Chamber of Commerce at the **Rose Bowl**. SIP-tember and the Taste of Pasadena are presented by the Pasadena Chamber of Commerce and sponsored by the **City of Pasadena**. The **Rose Bowl** and **Legacy Connections** also sponsor.

200 enjoy Chamber Inaugural Gala at Langham Huntington

200 guests celebrated the inauguration of Thomas Daly of **Christie, Parker and Hale, LLP**, as Chair of the Board for 2015-16. Mr. Daly has served on the Board for the past five years, including service as Secretary of the Board. He is also active with the our Member Services Committee.

New Board members Victor Griego of **Diverse Strategies for Organizing**, Raphael Henderson of **Wells Fargo**, John Leano of **Bryan's Cleaners** and Don Schweitzer of the **Law Offices of Donald P. Schweitzer** were sworn in. Returning Board members Valerie Prince of **Plaza Bank** and Gail Schaper-Gordon of **Vistage** were also installed. Sworn in as officers for the fiscal year were Chair-elect Ishmael Trone of **F&M Business Center**, Treasurer Valerie Prince and Secretary Robin McCarthy of **Fire Family Foundation**. Vice-chairs Karl Bird of **Jet Propulsion Laboratory**, Michael D'Antuono of **National Construction Alliance**, Joan De Souza of **Joan's Candles and Home Decor**, George Falardeau of **Art Center College of Design** and Justin Tsui of **TeamLogic IT** were also sworn in.

The Bill Bogaard Scholarship was presented to Gabby Hendrikson, an emancipated foster youth who recently completed her AA degree and will continue her education at Azusa Pacific University. The Christie, Parker and Hale, LLP, scholarship went to Carmen Noyola, also an emancipated foster youth, who will continue her education at the University of Southern California or Loyola Marymount University.



Tom Daly with Congresswoman Judy Chu.



Joe Sheldon accepted the Corporate Citizen award for Vroman's Bookstore.



Scholarship awardees.



Century Rooter's Vicki Knight with Vice Mayor Gene Masuda and CL Keedy



Guests enjoyed a hosted reception and silent auction before the Gala dinner at the Langham.

Photography services courtesy Nicola Borland Photography.

