

# PASADENA Commerce

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## President's Message

The Pasadena Chamber is working with our **Pasadena Unified School District** College and Career Pathway office to help place interns this summer. Working with the Health Careers Academy and Culinary and Hospitality Academy at Blair High School and the Law and Public Service Academy at Pasadena High School, we are coordinating intern placements. We are also seeking job shadow opportunities and business people and professionals to speak in classrooms. Chamber staff members are also meeting with instructional teams at each school, as well.

The interns are juniors (rising to seniors next year) who have successfully engaged with one of the three academy programs. Students are sixteen to seventeen years-old. Each has been through an interview process and will get extensive training through our member and partner, **Ideal Youth**.

Young people that we place will understand workplace dress and behavior, ethics and customer service. Students are required to be punctual, appropriately dressed and be ready to work. Students will be monitored throughout their internship experience. They will also have to attend a weekly internship class with PUSD.

This effort is a pilot partnership with the school district that we hope will continue into the future. We are seeking placement for about 40 summer interns.

Placing interns with appropriate work-based learning opportunities is a new challenge for the Chamber. We are hoping to work with our membership to place students in challenging and meaningful work experiences.

Host companies need not pay the students, though we are hoping some stipend is available. The Chamber is working on securing a separate funding source to compensate students we place.

The Chamber has hired a new staff member, Amy Foell, to lead this effort on our behalf. Amy has experience in finding and placing youth with work opportunities and is very well qualified. The Chamber is very fortunate to have her join our staff for this important initiative. If she calls, please help her find appropriate and meaningful placements for our summer interns.

## Inaugural Gala July 10th at the Langham Huntington Hotel

Pasadena Chamber of Commerce members, community leaders and guests welcome new Board Chair Tom Daly at the annual Pasadena Chamber of Commerce Inaugural Gala on Friday, July 10, 2015. 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 Tom Daly, CEO of **Christie, Parker and Hale, LLP**, as Chair of the Board for 2015-16. We also install new officers and Board members for the year.

The evening will feature the presentation of scholarships to local students. One scholarship will be awarded to a local high school student and others will be given to a graduating Pasadena City College student who will continue their education at a four-year college. The Pasadena Chamber will recognize a small member business and a large member business as Corporate Citizen of the Year.



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.

Corporate tables cost \$1750. Individual tickets to the Inaugural Gala cost \$175. Valet parking and a hosted cocktail reception are included.



Sponsorship opportunities are available at the \$5,000 and \$2,500 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](http://www.pasadena-chamber.org) to purchase tickets online.

## Tri-City Mixer with Pasadena, Burbank and Glendale Chambers May 6th at Castaways

Join friends from our local business community and meet business people from our neighboring cities as the Burbank Chamber hosts the 6th annual *Tri-City Mixer* with the Glendale and Pasadena Chambers. The 2015 Tri-City Mixer will take place on Wednesday, May 6th at The Castaways at 1250 Harvard Road in Burbank. Last year's event attracted more than 250 people from the business communities in Pasadena, Burbank and Glendale.



Cost to attend the Tri-City Mixer is \$20 at the door. The price includes admission, food, one drink ticket and a door prize drawing entry.

Food and your first drink will be provided by The Castaways. Additional drinks will be available at Happy Hour prices. Table top displays are available for \$100 each. For more information on the event or to reserve and pay for a table top display, please call (626) 795-3355.

The Tri-City Mixer is a collaboration between the Pasadena, Burbank and Glendale Chambers of Commerce. The event is a great opportunity to meet members of our neighboring business communities. The Tri-City Mixer is a fun forum to give those in attendance plenty of opportunities to meet potential customers and collaborators and learn about the business community in their neighboring cities.

New members (clockwise, from right) introduced at our Connection Breakfast in March were Kim and Michael Mockbee with MX3 Insurance Agency. We also met Jennifer Navarrete of SunGreen Systems. Julie Magallanes-Guevara of Great Minds in STEM was introduced as a new member along with Nancy Davidson of the Ronald McDonald House Pasadena.



(Below, from left) At the April Connection Breakfast we introduced new member Elizabeth Dever of Ronald McDonald House Pasadena. We also met David Dirks and Markus Zuleski with Electrical Services Connection, Inc.

The Pasadena Chamber hosts a networking lunch and breakfast are designed to provide opportunities for attendees to advertise their business, make meaningful connections and find collaborators and referrals.



**New Members for February, 2015**

- Art of Smiles**, Mohammed Seleem, (626) 415-4411
- Calimmune, Inc.**, Casey Sankey, (310) 806-6240 x 105
- Mark Nicoletti**, (310) 929-4409
- Meat District Co.**, Fallon Gomez, (626) 765-9902
- Pasadena Mini Storage**, Shayla Gambon, (626) 440-1000
- Sklar Kirsh, LLP**, Mark Nicoletti, (310) 929-4409
- Tolj Commercial Real Estate Services**, Mike Tolj, (323)258-4946
- Two Men and a Truck**, Jeanie Anello, (517) 803-2891

**New Members for March, 2015**

- Bantam Associates, Inc.**, Nelly A. Costanios, (626) 844-9000
- Culture Salon**, Mike Panossian, (626) 793-6222
- Electrical Services Connections, Inc.**, Markus Zuleski, (626) 926-3513
- Global Bank Academy**, Erin Mackey, (310) 730-3601
- Heartsent Adoptions, Inc.**, Laura Noonan, (626)793-8333
- Import Auto Works**, Jo Wilson, (626) 844-7955
- PARC, DC, Inc.**, Babak Nassirpour, (818) 370-4841
- St. Philip, the Apostle School**, Ryan Knoll (Board President), (626) 795-9691
- Sungreen Systems**, Jennifer Navarrete, (626) 851-0008
- ZW Enterprises. LLC**, dba **Pelletteria-Italian Leather Boutique**, Carlos Solis, (626)213-3990

**Chamber Member Openings, Celebrations and More**



El Portal celebrated its 20th anniversary with a ribbon cutting and grand celebration. Pasadena Council Member Victor Gordo joined the Ramirez family for the event.

Great minds in STEM celebrated their Pasadena Chamber membership with a grand ribbon cutting ceremony.

Gliga Violins USA-The Violin Place was recognized on the 5th anniversary of their Chamber membership.



Culture Salon opened with a ribbon cutting ceremony.

Mayor Bill Bogaard helped with the ribbon cutting to celebrate the opening of Pasadena Lumber on Lincoln Avenue.

We recognized Patricia Colonello, Kathryn Fitzgerald of Fitzgerald and Green and Heidi Wood-Brown of Pasadena Magazine on the anniversary of their membership.

## Renewing Members for February, 2015

### One to Five Years

Café Bizou  
 Center for New Directions  
 Chamber Marketing Partners Inc.  
 Chefs Center of California  
 Clear Stream Media Group  
 David N. Schultz Inc.  
 Du-par's Restaurant & Bakery  
 Employed Security Service Center  
 Insignia PMG  
 King Taco  
 Lindsey Manufacturing Company  
 Noor  
 Onyx Architects Inc.  
 Opus Bank  
 Pasadena Business Park  
 Pasadena Media  
 Pasadena Tour Company  
 Stone Brewing Company-Pasadena  
 Stonefire Grill

Studio 33 Design  
 Therapy  
 Trusted Choice Agents of Burbank,  
 Glendale, Pasadena  
 Vacation Living LLC

### Six to Nine Years

A Noise Within  
 Bernards  
 IUOE, Local 12  
 Richard A. McDonald, Esq. Of Counsel,  
 Carlson & Nicholas LLP

### Ten to Fourteen Years

Acura of Glendale  
 Ambiance Party Lighting  
 FountainGlen at Pasadena  
 President Thai Restaurant  
 RCB Consultants  
 Valley Vista Services

### Fifteen to Fifty Years

Flintridge Center  
 Jim Konoske Consulting  
 KAP Promotions  
 Kidspace Children's Museum  
 Law Offices of Richard A. Moss  
 Margarita's  
 Options  
 Pink Transfer, Inc.  
 Santa Anita Park (L.A. Turf Club)  
 Tom Sawyer Camps Inc.  
 University Club of Pasadena  
 The Westin Pasadena

### More Than Fifty Years

Langham Huntington, Pasadena, 95yrs

## Renewing Members for March, 2015

### One to Five Years

Alternative Energy Systems  
 Consulting, Inc.  
 Arcadia Performing Arts Center  
 Foundation  
 Arpeggio Apartments  
 Big Daddy's Fire Grill-Foothill Blvd.  
 Brooke Law Group  
 Caring Gentle Touch  
 GS1group, Inc.  
 Nicola Borland Photography  
 Pasadena Quarterbacks Club

### Ten to Fourteen Years

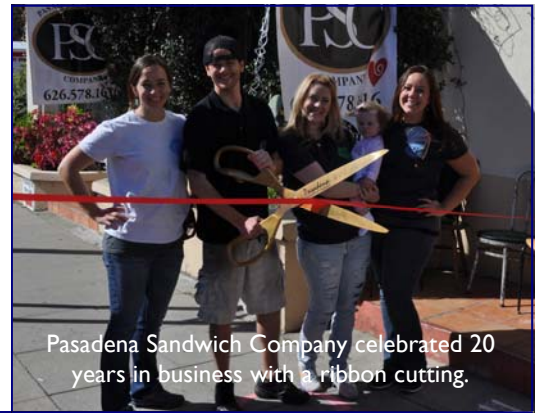
Image Quest Plus, LLC  
 Mijares Mexican Restaurant  
 SoCal Colorado Boulevard Self Storage  
 The UPS Store #4359

### Fifteen to Fifty Years

Bustamante Enterprises, Inc.  
 Hunt Ortmann Palffy Nieves Darling  
 & Mah, Inc.  
 John Hancock Financial Network  
 KPCC/So. California Public Radio  
 Pasadena Museum of History  
 ThyssenKrupp Safway Inc.  
 Union Bank of California  
 Warren Printing & Mailing

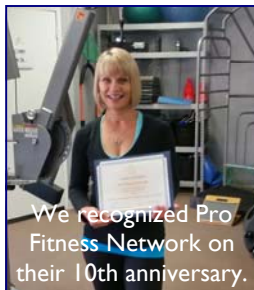
### More Than Fifty Years

The Changstrom Company, 63yrs.  
 House of Printing, 57yrs.  
 Jet Propulsion Laboratory, 54yrs.  
 Licher Printing & Mailing, 67yrs.  
 Martin Werbelow, LLP, 85yrs.



Pasadena Sandwich Company celebrated 20 years in business with a ribbon cutting.

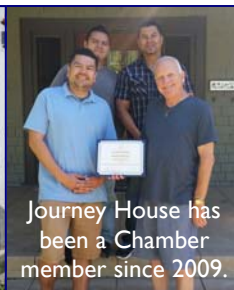
## Chamber Member Openings and Celebrations



We recognized Pro Fitness Network on their 10th anniversary.



Our Chamber Ambassadors helped celebrate We Rock the Spectrum Kid's Gym opening.



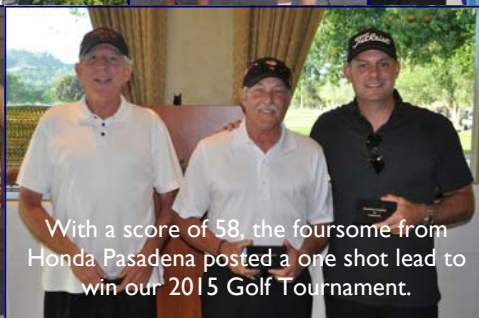
Journey House has been a Chamber member since 2009.



Cross Campus opened their Old Pasadena shared workspace with a ribbon cutting with Pasadena Mayor Bill Bogaard.



Ronald McDonald House Pasadena celebrated joining the Chamber with a ribbon cutting.



With a score of 58, the foursome from Honda Pasadena posted a one shot lead to win our 2015 Golf Tournament.



Pasadena Highlands team members were closest to the pin and longest drive for women at the tournament.



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**Luncheon Alliance**

**Pasadena Water & Power** sponsors our networking Luncheon Alliance on Wednesday, May 6th at 11:45am.

Steven Unruh of **Spring Bay Counseling** sponsors the networking lunch on June 3rd.

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

**Breakfast Connection**

Thursday, May 14th at 7am, Rick Caputo and **The Dynamic Advantage** sponsors our *Connection Breakfast* at **The Courtyard by Marriott** at 180 N. Fair Oaks Avenue.

On Thursday, June 11th, **Forest Lawn** sponsors our networking *Connection Breakfast*.

*Due to increased costs, price for the lunch and breakfast are now \$25 for members and \$30 for non-members. Those reserving after the Monday deadline pay \$5 more.*

**Chamber After Hours Social and Mixer**

Enjoy *Mingling and Munchies* at **Du-par's Restaurant & Bakery** for our *Chamber After Hours Social and Mixer* at 214 S. Lake Avenue in Pasadena on Thursday, May 21st, 5pm-7pm.

On Thursday, June 18th, enjoy *Summer Soiree* at **Magnolia House** at 492 S. Lake Avenue in Pasadena.

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

**Redefine How You Dine During Pasadena Restaurant Week April 26th to May 1st**

Pasadena's restaurant community opens its doors to guests from throughout Southern California for the fourth *Pasadena Restaurant Week*. The Pasadena Chamber is sponsoring the event which takes place from Sunday, April 26th through Friday, May 1st. Complete information can be found at [www.pasadenarestaurantweek.com](http://www.pasadenarestaurantweek.com).

Find out why *MyLife.com* named Pasadena the best mid-sized city for dining in the United States. Pasadena's favorite, most unique and finest dining destinations offer prix fixe menus, special meals and deals 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 offers menus and venues to suit every appetite, budget and craving.

*Pasadena Restaurant Week* is a citywide event featuring the cuisine of many of Pasadena's top dining establishments. Participating restaurants will offer fixed price dinner and/or lunch menu items for visitors. Dinners will be three-course meals while lunches will consist of two-courses. Depending on the venue and menu offered, meals will be priced at either \$26, \$35 or \$44 for dinner or \$15, \$20 or \$25 for lunch. (Some prices may vary.) Alcoholic beverages, gratuity and tax are not included in the price unless specified by the individual restaurants in advance.

Pasadena Restaurant Week is presented by the **Pasadena Chamber of Commerce** and our restaurant members. Gold Sponsor is the **City of Pasadena**. Silver Sponsor is the **Pasadena Convention and Visitors Bureau**.

Media sponsors include **Open Table, Pasadena Independent, Pasadena Star-News, and Pasadena Weekly**.

You can find full and complete information on the Pasadena Restaurant Week website at [www.pasadenarestaurantweek.com](http://www.pasadenarestaurantweek.com).



**Travel With the Chamber**

Cruise the Danube with **Jet Vacations** aboard a 5-star luxury riverboat from Budapest to Nuremberg from October 20 to October 28, 2015. The price of \$3,699 per person includes airfare from Los Angeles, transfers to your luxury cruiser, meals, drinks and more. See Bratislava, Vienna and more as you enjoy the food, people and sights of Europe's most storied and beautiful river.

Enjoy Australia and the South Seas from November 2 to November 14, 2015, for \$4,349 double occupancy with **Collette**. See the Great Barrier Reef, Sydney and the Sydney Opera House, Cairns and more before you depart for Fiji and paradise. Cost includes round trip airfare, hotels, tour and destination fees, meals.

Join us for a tour of Ireland with **Chamber Discoveries**. For only \$2649 per person (if booked by April 1, 2015) you can experience the beauty and history of Ireland. Includes roundtrip airfare, six nights at Adare Villas with breakfast, a medieval banquet dinner at Bunratty Castle, visits to the Cliffs of Moher, Kilkenny Castle and more.

For information or a brochure about any of our tours, please call the Chamber office at 626-795-3355 or email [leanne@pasadena-chamber.org](mailto:leanne@pasadena-chamber.org).

