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# President's Message

Over the past summer, the Chamber was part of placing, supervising and evaluating 140 summer interns. The effort is a partnership through the Pasadena Unified School District's College and Careers office and the career academies at Blair, Muir and Pasadena High Schools.

The Pasadena Chamber of Commerce was pleased to be part of the celebration marking the end of our summer internship program for 2018. The celebration was an opportunity to recognize our PUSD student interns, the host companies and the individuals, including our own Workforce Development Director Amy Foell, who made the summer so successful.

At the celebration, we recognized four Chamber member companies who have hosted student interns each year since we began the partnership with the PUSD in 2015. The Law Offices of Donald P. Schweitzer, Pasadena Ronald McDonald House, Vroman's Bookstore and the Pasadena Police Department were each presented with a plaque thanking them for their support of the internship program.

Sgt. Glenn Thompson of the Pasadena Police mentioned at the event that several of their interns had joined the PPD Explorer's Program and were interested in pursuing careers in law enforcement. One had recently joined the military with the intent of completing his service and then returning to do police work in our local community. This year's intern, Brandon Lopez, gained experience in forensics, property, investigations and more.

Ashlee Null and Dolores Bauer of Vroman's each talked about how mature and helpful the intern they hosted was, and how helpful she was in every task she was assigned. Megan Willerford helped out with marketing, sales, inventory and even worked Vroman's author events.

If you are interested in supporting our workforce development efforts by hosting an intern please contact Amy at amy@pasadena-chamber.org.

# Economist Somjita Mitra Speaks at Business and Economic Summit at University Club October 23rd

The Pasadena Chamber of Commerce and **The City of Pasadena** invite leaders of business and industry to a forum on the local economy, local industries and the future of business in Pasadena at the sixth *Pasadena Business and Economic Summit*. Join us on Tuesday, October 23, 2018, at 11:30am at **The University Club** at 175 North Oakland Avenue in Pasadena. Cost to attend is \$50 and includes valet parking and lunch. A corporate table of eight, including signage and recognition on the program, costs \$400.

Somjita Mitra, Ph.D., Director of the Institute for Applied Economics at the Los Angeles Economic Development Corporation will give an overview focusing on the San Gabriel Valley and Pasadena. Pasadena Economic Development Manager Eric Duyshart will highlight Pasadena development and economic contributors. Mayor Terry Tornek will provide an update of city priorities.

The panel discussion on the impacts of technology, healthcare and the arts on Pasadena and our economy will be facilitated by Mr. Duyshart. Industry panelists include **Jet Propulsion Laboratory** Chief Technology and Innovation Officer Tom Soderstrom.

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 www.pasadena-chamber.org/forms/business-and-

economic-summit. For information call the Chamber at (626) 795-3355 or visit our website at www.pasadena-chamber.org.

# Taste of Pasadena and SIP-tember Finale is September 13

SIP-tember: A Celebration of the Cocktail culminates in a grand taste-off at the Rose Bowl in Pasadena. Everyone attending the *Taste of Pasadena* that evening will be able to taste the four finalist cocktails and vote for your favorite.

Everyone (21 years-old or older) attending the Taste of Pasadena that evening will be

able to taste the four finalist cocktails and vote for your favorite. In 2017, more than four hundred people were on hand for the finale of the SIP-tember Cocktail Bracket Challenge. In addition to the four featured cocktail finalists, attendees at the SIPtember Bracket Challenge Finale will be able to taste culinary treats from El Cholo, Flemings Prime Steakhouse and Wine Bar and Nothing Bundt Cakes and many more. Stark Spirits will be tasting their libations, as well.

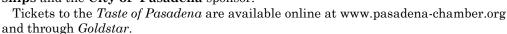
**The Rose Bowl** generously hosts the *Taste of Pasadena* on September 13, 2018.

Dance Syndicate is providing entertainment at the SIP-tember Finale and *Taste of Pasadena*. Wells Fargo, the Sierra Family of Dealer-

ships and the City of Pasadena sponsor.







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#### COMMERCE

Clockwise from right, new members introduced at our networking breakfast were Susannah Tomlin with TravelStore and Maxine Vo-McKennon with Transitions Hospice, Inc. We also met Lisa Jensen, Ali Gonzalez and Tatiana Viquez with the New School of Cooking, insurance agent Tim Carruth and Dick Weng of Konvoy Tesla Rentals. We introduce all new members who attend our Pasadena Chamber networking Luncheon Alliance or Connection Breakfast. New members also get a certificate good for attendance at either event.



Below, from left, we also met Christina Sherwood with Granville, the new restaurant opening on South Lake Avenue, Stan Chen and Min (Michael) Yu with the Shanghai Foreign Investment Development Board, Jeff Rosen of Cunningham Legal and Dr. Drew Carr, Ph.D. with Inner Space Psychological Services.





Board members John Leano and Michael David Gallego helped Danny Trejo Johrare Trejo's Cantina membership tel<mark>ebr</mark>ate Trejo' a membership in sadena Chamber. the



eano also helped celebrate the opening of Go Green Solutions new line of alternative therapy devices.

# New Members for June, 2018 Bankers Life & Casualty, Troy Franks, of Commerce and Industry of the Republic of Latvia, Amalia Ghukasyan,



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#### New Members for July, 2018

- Eureka Aerospace, Inc., James Tatoian, (626) 844-6664
- Exer More Than Urgent Care, Stephanie Cardenas, (949) 438-1072 Granville, Alison Gregory, (818) 981-1171 New School of Cooking, Ali Gonzalez, (858) 220-2760
- Nishan International, Ulan, (323) 823-8886 Shanghai Foreign Investment
  - Development Board, Stan Chen, (626) 688-2340
- **Transitions Hospice**, Inc.,
- Maxine Vo-McKennon, (626) 755-4665 TravelStore, Susannah Tomlin, (626) 795-0291



## **Renewing Members for June, 2018**

# ONE TO FIVE YEARS

Alexander's Steakhouse Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo California Closets Capstone Partners/MassMutual **Enchanted Bliss** First Quadrant Gerry Rothschild Band Glen Park at Monrovia Guardian HealthCare Partners Urgent Care Center Madeline Garden Bistro & Venue Residence Inn Old Town San Gabriel Valley Lawyer **Referral Service** Shriners for Children Medical Center Sierra Madre Animal Hospital TextMarks

### SIX TO NINE YEARS

Brown Armstrong Accountancy Corporation Hollywood Piano Law Offices of Timothy Bowles Maginnis Knechtel & McIntyre, LLP-Linda Ballesteros Modern Parking, Inc. Primerica Romero Law, APC The First Tee of Greater Pasadena Western Supreme Rooter, Inc.

## **Renewing Members for July, 2018**

#### ONE TO FIVE YEARS

Abbey Claire Professional Organizing City National Bank-Private Banking Coleman Inc. East West Bank Exceptional Quality Professional Development Hackler Flynn & Associates, APC Heartsent Adoptions, Inc. Kinsel Forensic Accounting, LLP Law Offices of Randy W. Medina Lee Green Stewart & Paul

#### SIX TO NINE YEARS

The Counter Fox Junk Removal Green Street Restaurant Kings Row Gastropub Mel Cohen Insurance Services Merry/San Marino Plumbing Mimi et Cie, LLC-Private Jewelers National Hispanic Media Coalition Pasadena Hastings Center Pavillions-East California Boulevard RE/MAX Premier Properties Vons-East Colorado Boulevard Von's-West California Boulevard

#### TEN TO FOURTEEN YEARS

Club Champion Gymnastics Kimberly C. Covey, CPA PM Realty Group Professional Child Development Associates Trio Apartments Young & Healthy

### FIFTEEN TO FIFTY YEARS

Courtyard by Marriott-Old Pasadena Flintridge Sacred Heart Academy Green Hotel Apartments Hathaway-Sycamores Child & Family Services Pacific Premiere Bank Pasadena Federal Credit Union Pasadena Highlands Tyent Water Premium Authorized Dealer

### MORE THAN FIFTY YEARS

BRYAN'S Cleaners & Laundry, 79yrs The Gas Company, 98yrs Krost CPAs & Consultants, 62yrs Typecraft Wood & Jones, 85yrs

#### FIFTEEN TO FIFTY YEARS

Community Bible Community Development Corp. Day One Hollywood Burbank Airport Honda of Pasadena McCurdy Body Works Office Depot Pacific Oaks College & Children's School Pasadena Convention Center Pasadena Humane Society & SPCA Pasadena Scottish Rite Childhood Language Center Shuster Financial Group, LLC Temple City Dental Care Tokio Marine Management, Inc. Walden School Whole Foods Market-Arroyo Parkway

## MORE THAN FIFTY YEARS

Southern California News Group & Adtaxi (Pasadena Star-News), 98 yrs.

## These Members Recently Had Significant Anniversaries with the Pasadena Chamber:

- 5-year Anniversary: Guardian, Lee Green Stewart & Paul 10-year Anniversary: PM Realty
- Group, Professional Child Development Associates
- **20-year Anniversary**: Shuster Financial Group, LLC
- **25-year Anniversary**: Pasadena Convention Center, Whole Foods Market-Arroyo Parkway
- **30-year Anniversary**: Day One
- **35-year Anniversary**: Community Bible Community Development Corp., Pasadena Federal Credit Union
- **85-year Anniversary**: Typecraft Wood & Jones



Mayor Terry Tornek helped cut the ribbon to celebrate a rebranding campaign of the Pasadeana Public health Department.







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### Luncheon Alliance

John Leano and BRYAN'S Cleaners and Laundry hosts our networking Luncheon Alliance on Wednesday, September 5th.

The lunch on October 3rd is sponsored by Nancy Davidson and The Foundation for Living Beauty.

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

#### **Connection Breakfast**

On September 13th at 7am, Bob Baderian and The First Tee of Greater Pasadena sponsors our networking Connection Breakfast at The Women's City Club at 160 N. Oakland Ave.

On Thursday, October 11th, psychotherapist Dr. Hillary Wright sponsors our breakfast.

Lunch and breakfast are \$25 for members/\$30 for nonmembers. Those reserving after the deadline pay \$5 more.

#### **Chamber After Hours Social and Mixer**

Join us at Foothill on September 20th at 5pm for the Chamber After Hours Social and Mixer from 5pm to 7pm at 2835 E. Foothill Blvd.

On Thursday, October 18th at 5pm join us as Courtvard Marriott at 180 N. Fair Oaks Ave. in Pasadena hosts our mixer. 90 minutes of FREE parking is available in the lot behind the hotel. Valet parking is \$2.

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

#### Discount Travel to China with Chamber Member Citslinc See Beijing, Shanghai, Hangzhou and more for less than \$2200 No-obligation informational meeting is September 19th

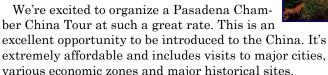
The Pasadena Chamber is offering a unique opportunity to experience

Chinese culture, history and business. Through a partnership with our member Citslinc, International, the Chamber is offering a cost effective trip to China from October 10 to October 20, 2019. The trip includes stops in Beijing, Shanghai, Suzhou and Hangzhou with opportunities to visit historic sites like the Great Wall of China and Tian An Men Square.

There is also an opportunity to visit with a local Chinese business. The meeting is optional and requires filling out an inquiry form indicating what type of business or industry you are interested in learning more about.

Cost for the trip is \$2199 for Pasadena Chamber members (and their families) and \$2299 for prospective members. Single occupancy and airfare upgrades are an additional cost. There is an additional cost of \$255 for your visa application processing (or you can obtain that yourself at the Chinese Consulate in Los Angeles).

We are hosting a free, no-obligation informational meeting on Wednesday, September 19, 2018, at 5:30pm at the Chamber offices at 44 North Mentor Avenue, Pasadena. There is free parking on the street. Light refreshments will be served.



The trip includes airfare from Los Angeles, hotel accommodations at 4 and 5 star hotels, three full meals a day, and professional drivers and tour operators. The cost is \$2,199 for Chamber Members (and their families) and \$2.299 for Potential Members.





Don't miss this great opportunity to see China at a hugely discounted rate. For more information, a brochure or to RSVP for the informational meeting, email leanne@pasadenachamber.org.



