

President's Message

Sometimes it seems as if the federal, state and local governments are conspiring to undermine local businesses. Each passes rules, regulations and more that impact businesses and our local economy. Through our Legislative and Government Affairs Committee, the Chamber monitors legislation, provides input, advocates and monitors the result.

The Chamber and many of our members weighed in on the proposal to accelerate the Pasadena minimum wage increase to reach \$15 by 2020. We advocated for deferring to the State of California \$15 by 2022 schedule after polling members and determining that employment losses have been significant since Pasadena increased its minimum wage in 2016. One of the city's own economist consultants predicted a job loss of as many as 1000 if Pasadena accelerates on the faster schedule. Unfortunately for Pasadena businesses and workers, the City Council, with only Tyron Hampton objecting, voted to move Pasadena to \$14.25 per hour minimum wage July 1 and \$15 per hour July 1, 2020.

As of Friday, February 22nd, there had been nearly 3000 bills submitted for consideration. Thankfully, not all will even get a hearing, but many will move through over the next two years. We particularly watch for those related to energy and the environment, housing, transportation, workplace regulation, taxation and fees, healthcare, worker's comp and costs.

A recent State Supreme Court decision redefined consultants forcing many onto company payrolls. Neither the consultants nor businesses are in favor of the new definitions. The Chamber is supporting bills in Sacramento that would return the definition of consultant to the one that has been the rule in our state for decades.

If you have items you would like the committee and Board to consider, or would like to join the Legislative and Government Affairs Committee, email paul@pasadena-chamber.org.

Golf With the Chamber at our Annual Spring Tournament April 5th at Brookside, Support Programs for Members and More

Support the Pasadena Chamber of Commerce Annual Spring Golf Tournament. Tee off at 8am on April 5th at **Brookside Golf Club**. A morning of fun on the links is followed by hosted cocktail reception and awards ceremony.

Join Pasadena Chamber of Commerce members, business and community leaders for the annual *Pasadena Chamber of Commerce Spring Golf Tournament* on Friday, April 5, 2019, at **Brookside Golf Club**. Shotgun start is at 8am following the putting contest. Registration begins that morning at 7am.

Anyone wishing information or who wants to sign up to play or sponsor the tournament can call Leanne at the Chamber at 626-795-3355 or email leanne@pasadena-chamber.org. Information and sign up forms are posted at: www.pasadena-chamber.org/forms/pasadena-chamber-commerce-spring-golf-tournament.

Golfers of all abilities are welcome. The Tournament can only accommodate 144 golfers, so register early to ensure a place. The Chamber holds a raffle, sells mulligan packages, hosts putting, longest drive and closest to the pin contests and adds a few special nuances to play, making the tournament fun for everyone. Raffle prizes may include iPad minis, a flat screen TV and items donated by Chamber members including dinner at some of Pasadena's favorite restaurants, and much more.

Gold sponsor is **Corporate Center Pasadena**. Silver sponsors of the Chamber Golf Tournament are **First Choice Bank**, **IUOE**, **Local 12 (International Union of Operating Engineers)** and **Parsons Corporation**. Pasadena Chamber member **Sierra Family of Dealerships** is donating a new car as the prize, should any golfer be skilled (or lucky) enough to get a hole-in-one on the designated hole.

All golfers get golf, a cart, gifts, on-course snacks and a hosted cocktail reception and awards ceremony. You can sign up as a single, two, three or foursome. Cost for golfers is \$200 each or foursomes for \$800. The cocktail reception costs \$50.

Small Business Opportunity Fair April 2nd is the Chance to Meet and Partner With Large Local Companies

Join us for the *Small Business Opportunity Fair* on Tuesday, April 2nd at 8am at the Pasadena Convention Center at 300 East Green Street. The Pasadena Chamber partners with **Jet Propulsion Laboratory** and the **City of Pasadena** to host the event where small businesses have the chance to meet large local companies to do business together.

In addition to the City and JPL, companies attending include McDonnell Douglas, Raytheon, **Parsons Corporation** and many more. All are looking for small local companies they can partner, collaborate and do business with.

You must register to attend the Opportunity Fair. To register for the event, visit <https://acquisitions.jpl.nasa.gov/events/opportunityfair2019/>.

The Pasadena Chamber, JPL and the City collaborate to bring small business together with large companies to collaborate, form partnerships and work together.

Want to learn what large companies want from local small businesses? Want to hear what they procure from local small companies? Registration is open now.



Clockwise from right, new members introduced at our networking breakfast were Carmen Duran of the **ASHE Society**, Danni Bonnet with **Shiatsu of Pasadena Day Spa**, Jon Locarni with **Budberry**, Marianne Reyes and Kimberly Holbrook of **Jade's Fashions** and Kara Smith with **SoCal Building Ventures-Atrium**.



Below, from left, new members we met in February included Ken Teague with **Morse Construction Services**, David Cavazos of **G.T.L. CA, LLC**, Simone Wright of **Art of the Cosmos** and Andra Brosh with **Psyche & Salt**.



The Pasadena Chamber partnered with Wells Fargo to bring our sixth grade cents financial literacy program to Eliot Arts magnet students this winter.

Chamber Member Celebrations



Bank of the West celebrated joining the Chamber with a ribbon cutting. LeBerry Bakery opened on Colorado Boulevard in the Playhouse District.

New Members for December, 2018

Jade's Fashions, Marianne Reyes, (626) 999-7727
KForce, Asal Eftekhari, (858) 519-4191
Shiatsu of Pasadena Day Spa, Danni Bonnet, (626) 639-3999
U.S. Bank Home Mortgage, Julie Davis, (323) 300-4538

New Members for January, 2019

7PG Pasadena LLC dba WellBliss, Marlin Smith, (213) 344-0500
Alternative Horticultural Supply, Todd Schwarz, (818) 621-9188
Arroyo Village Escrow Services, Debra Fernandez, (626) 396-9999
Art of the Cosmos Art Show, Simone Wright, (323) 929-3748
Bank of the West, Vivi Hoang, (626) 457-4000
Buddha Company, Franco Brunetti, (213) 628-3144
Caviar Dreams, Lee Owens, (626) 872-0133
Chrysalis, LLC, Jonathan Watters, (310) 383-9876
Cindy's Restaurant, Monique King, (323) 257-7375
CoAdvantage, David Thi, (626) 264-0236
Coastal Holding, Devon Wardlow, (805) 637-0558
CPC of Pasadena, LLC, Howard Keum, (702) 605-2346
David Bosworth, Genevieve Towne, (818) 269-7034
Davtyan Therapeutic Services, Adrine Davtyan, LCSW (818) 632-1388
Eaze, Nicole Redler, (518) 435-5878
Encompass Wellness, Dafna Laurie, (310) 853-0709
Erba Pasadena, Bert, (818) 339-8001
Five Elements Capital dba 24 Herbs, Marco Ng, (347) 407-1984
Fox's Restaurant, Monique King, (626) 797-9430
G.T.L. CA, LLC, David Cavazos, (602) 538-7831
Green Elixir, Tony Fong, (626) 215-5656
Hybrid Fitness, Justin Hunter, (323) 767-4058
Integral Associates Dena, LLC, Jennifer Wilcox, (702) 324-8843
JCP Ventures, LLC, Trent Woloveck, (614) 271-4349
Lêberry Bakery, Jennifer Le, (714) 931-7050
Mobility Service Dogs West Coast Project, Janie Heinrich, (530) 263-4770
Morse Construction Services, Ken Teague, (626) 625-5780
Moscow Ballet, Akiva Talmi, (413) 499-1733
Muthatree, Dani Shaker, (310) 729-2269
One Cannabis Group, Rabbi Dr. Baruch HaLevi, (720) 768-6235
Pasadena Retail, Lunar Loussia, (619) 249-0624
Pasadena Wellness, LLC, Tony Huang, (949) 783-8868
Psyche & Salt, Andra Brosh, (310) 720-4373
Shepherds Row, Inc., Jeremy Roberts, (213) 320-9239
SoCal Building Ventures, Kara Smith, (818) 865-1700
Studio Ren Architecture, Cynthia Wang, (310) 892-9691
The Gabriella Foundation, Sarin Cemcem, (213) 365-2491
Thrive, Christopher Gomez, (661) 779-0386
Verano Pasadena, LLC, Teddy Blum, (847) 975-4555

Renewing Members for December

ONE TO FIVE YEARS

Aflac Pasadena-Kacey Riley
 Alexandria Real Estate Equities, Inc.
 California State University,
 Los Angeles
 Dorado Design & Construction, Inc.
 Envision Consulting
 Fiedler Group
 Friends in Deed
 Hatheway Design
 The Hudson
 Huntington Dining-The Huntington
 Library- Café Bon Appetit
 Jessie Salcedo-Rodriguez Crown Food
 & Beverage
 Lincoln Avenue Nursery, Inc.
 Lincoln Property Company
 Los Angeles College of Music
 School of Rock Pasadena
 Sullivan, Workman & Dee, LLP
 The Stand

SIX TO NINE YEARS

Brown Armstrong Accountancy Corpo-
 ration
 Dave & Buster's
 Dog Haus Biergarten
 Eagle Star Security
 Honeybee Robotics Spacecraft
 Mechanisms Corp.
 Robert Hall & Associates

TEN TO FOURTEEN YEARS

A Noise Within
 Barbara Rocha & Associates
 HealthCare Partners
 J. McCaleb CPA Firm
 L. A. Financial Credit Union
 Small Business Networking Group,
 Inc., dba Professional Referral
 Organization (PRO)
 South Coast Air Quality Management
 District-SCAQMD

FIFTEEN TO FIFTY YEARS

Business Networking Alliance/BizNet
 California Pizza Kitchen
 The Californian-Pasadena
 City of Hope
 Comfort Inn-Pasadena
 Consolidated Disposal Services-
 A Republic Services Company
 The Dynamic Advantage
 El Portal Restaurant
 First Lutheran Church
 Hilton Pasadena
 J. Robin & Associates Graphic Design
 Ossman Project Management
 Consulting
 Pasadena Museum of History
 Paseo Colorado
 Rusnak/Pasadena

Space Bank Mini Storage
 University Club of Pasadena
 Woodbury University

MORE THAN FIFTY YEARS

Anderson Business Technology, 100yrs.
 D. A. Davidson & Co., 66yrs.
 Fedde Furniture Co., 53yrs.
 Hahn & Hahn, LLP, 94yrs.
 Huntington Hospital, 91yrs.



Students in the Graphic Design and Advertising Department **Pasadena City College** created our most recent Shop Pasadena ad campaign.

These Members Had Milestone Anniversaries with the Pasadena Chamber

Five Years: Hearken Creative Services, Pasadena Media

Ten Years: John Blanchard Company, Inc., A Transportation Management Company (Convention Shuttles)

Fifteen Years: Health Insurance Brokers, LLC

Twenty Years: Kidspace Children's Museum

Thirty Years: Hillside

Renewing Members for January

ONE TO FIVE YEARS

Air-Tech Air Conditioning & Heating, Inc.
 Business 4 Business Think Tank
 City National Bank-Commercial Banking
 Copyfree Document Imaging & Solutions
 Farmers Insurance Alsabery Agency
 Green Street Tavern
 Hearken Creative Services
 Innovate Pasadena
 Judson International School
 Pasadena Media
 Sklar Kirsh LLP
 Two Men and a Truck

SIX TO NINE YEARS

Chamber Marketing Partners, Inc.
 Cheveux Hair & Makeup Salon
 Collision Auto Repair Specialist
 Dog Haus
 Domino's Pizza
 Insignia PMG
 Morales Holistic Health Center
 Pasadena Business Park-Sunny Hills Man-
 agement
 Stonefire Grill
 Urth Caffè
 The Walnut Plaza, LTD
 Wang Plastic Surgery & Med Spa

TEN TO FOURTEEN YEARS

Cushman & Wakefield
 D'Veal Family and Youth Services
 Express Employment Processionals
 Health Advantage Physical Medicine
 John Blanchard Company, Inc.,
 A Transportation Management Company
 (Convention Shuttles)
 Secure Transportation
 Vertical Wine Bistro

FIFTEEN TO FIFTY YEARS

AnKara Designs
 Diversified Securities, Inc.
 E-Central Credit Union
 Health Insurance Brokers, LLC
 Hillside
 KAP Promotions
 Kathleen's Restaurant
 Kidspace Children's Museum
 Kinometrics, Inc.
 Pasadena-Sierra Madre YMCA
 Santa Anita Park (L.A. Turf Club)



TravelStore Pasadena celebrated joining the Chamber with a ribbon cutting and mixer. John Leano of Bryan's Cleaners won the grand opportunity prize-three days at Club Med in Mexico.





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Luncheon Alliance

Please note our new location at The Women's City Club. The Luncheon Alliance on March 6th is sponsored by Dave Wagner and Go Green Solutions Kitchen and Bath division.

The April 3rd lunch is sponsored by Tairen Truong and New York Life.

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

Connection Breakfast

On Thursday, March 14th at 7am, Nancy Davidson of **The Foundation for Living Beauty** sponsors our networking *Connection Breakfast* at **The Women's City Club**.

On Thursday, April 11th, at 7am Justin Tsui of **TeamLogic IT** 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 as **Hilton Pasadena** sponsors the *Chamber After Hours Social and Mixer* on March 21st from 5pm to 7pm at 168 S. Los Robles Ave. Valet and self parking are discounted.

Celebrate the newly opened addition as the **Hotel Constance Pasadena** hosts our April 18th event at 928 E. Colorado Blvd. from 5pm to 7pm. *Admission is free for Pasadena Chamber members. All others pay \$10.*

Mission Match Job Fair at Pacific Oaks College March 22nd Brings Non-profits Needing Employees and Job Seekers Together

The Pasadena Chamber of Commerce in partnership with Pacific Oaks College presents *Mission Match: A Non-Profit Job Fair* at Pacific Oaks College, Friday, March 22nd from 11am to 2pm. There is no charge for exhibitors or job seekers. (There will be no commission-only or multi-level marketing companies at the job fair.) Pacific Oaks College is at 45 West Eureka Street in Pasadena. Parking is available in the Pacific Oaks parking lots and on the street.

Statistics from a recent Gallup poll suggest that roughly 70% of American workers aren't fully engaged at their place of employment. More and more people are seeking meaningful work. *Mission Match: A Non-Profit Job Fair* connects job seekers with organizations that can help them pursue their passion in our local communities while making a living with a local non-profit organization.

If you are a non-profit organization that would like to host a table at no cost please reach out to Amy Foell, Workforce Development Director of the Pasadena Chamber of Commerce at amy@pasadena-chamber.org.

Job seekers should bring copies of your resume and be prepared to meet potential employers.



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.

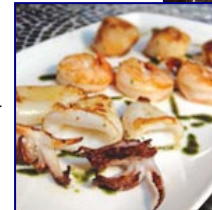
Find out why MyLife.com named Pasadena the best mid-sized city for dining in the country. Pasadena's favorite, most unique and finest dining destinations offer prix fixe menus, special meals and deals during *Pasadena Restaurant Week*.

Return to an old favorite or try someplace new. Taste the best Pasadena has to offer at unbeatable prices. Pasadena Restaurant Week is a great opportunity to

visit Pasadena favorites such as **Green Street Restaurant**, **Roy's Hawaiian**, **Sushi Roku**, **Il Fornaio**, **El Cholo**, **Parkway Grill** or **Bistro 45**. You can also visit **Kathleen's**, a North Lake Avenue favorite, **Celestino's Ristorante** or one of the new

Pasadena Chamber member restaurants taking part.

Information will be available soon at pasadenarestaurantweek.com.



SAVE THE DATE

Pasadena Chamber of Commerce Inaugural Gala is June 28, 2019, at the Langham Huntington Hotel Pasadena.

Look for invitations in May.