# NORWALK CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ANNUAL HOLIDAY MIXER

Norwalk Chamber of Commerce Annual Holiday Mixer was a big success with many members and guests attending to raise a glass in holiday cheer and visit with the man in the red suit. In addition to the networking opportunities, attendees were able to support the Norwalk Social Services Department with donations for the food pantry. Many local families will be helped by the items that were brought that evening. Our traditional "Ugly Hat" competition was held, with the winner(s) being John Alba of Alba Professional Services/H & R Block and Ric Ochoa of So Cal Pizza. This event could not have happened without the support of our sponsors. Thank you to Gold Sponsor, Shylah Ratcliff of Norwalk Walmart for your ongoing support.

Thank you also to the following who donated raffle prizes and items for our ice chest O'Cheer: Teri Bazen, Norwalk La Mirada Pluming Heating & Air Conditioning, Francella Aguilar, Republic Services, Sue Arthur, Ambassador, Karla Butler, Thompson Bookkeeping, JJ Mastopietro, Outback Restaurant, Rich LeGaspi, TNT Fireworks, Gordon Stefenhagen, Norwalk Realty, Adam Stanchina, Doubletree by Hilton, Norwalk Los Angeles, Julia Emerson, Southern California Gas Co, Ric Ochoa, So-Cal Pizza, Ken Garcia, Golf n' Stuff, Gary Murphy, Norwalk Florist, Joseph Derthick, AFLAC, Trisha Gutierrez, Quartermania Fundraising & Tupperware, Yovani Flores, U.S. Bank, Amanda Correa, Starbucks Coffee, Tracy Polley, Kelco Sales, John Alba, Alba Professional Services/H & R Block, Amanda Blanton, Farmers & Merchants Bank, Holly Noble, Mary Kay Cosmetics/4 the Love of Horses, Marc Najjar, Norwalk Goal Carwash, Lynda Fisher, Walmart and Jessica Baeza, J & N Nut Products.

We also thank our Special Events Committee for putting together a wonderful evening full of fun and holiday cheer! Chair Lynda Fisher, Trisha Gutierrez, Susan Arthur, Amanda Blanton, Jessica Baeza, Yovani Flores, Teri Bazen, Francella Aguilar, Ric Ochoa and Joseph Derthick.



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Attending the Norwalk Chamber Annual Norwalk Chamber President Yovani Flores of President Elect Trisha Gutierrez and her husband Holiday Mixer and visiting with Santa Claus are U.S. Bank is pictured with Santa. Ambassadors Susan Arthur and Teri Bazen.





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Manuel Gutierrez are sharing their wish list with Santa Claus.



Cerritos College and Amanda Blanton, Farmers Member Rich LeGaspi, TNT Fireworks and Natalie Staff of the Doubletree by Hilton, Norwalk. (I & Merchants Bank.



LeGaspi, Soroptimist International of Norwalk. to r) Stacy Rancharan, Jennifer Pedroza and



Enjoying the evenings festivities are Toni Grijalva, Making sure Santa has their presents are Board Visiting Santa at the Holiday Mixer are the Sales **Christina Fortune.)** 



Attending the Annual Mixer are Larry Lee of Members of the Norwalk Soroptimist Club are Wearing their "ugly hats" are Laurie & Ric Ochoa SELACO Workforce Development Board and attending the Holiday Mixer and visiting with of So-Cal Pizza. Gordon Stefenhagen, Norwalk Realty.



Santa Claus.





Norwalk Chamber Members are enjoying the The participants in the ugly hat competition And it was a tie! Winners here are John Alba, **Annual Holiday Mixer.** 



show off their entries.



Alba Professional Services/H & R Block, Chamber President Yovani Flores and Ric Ochoa, So-Cal Pizza.

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entertainment.



Oscar Cairo of "A Touch of Enjoying the evenings festivities Class" DJ provided the evenings are Ambassador Susan Arthur and **Art Sanchez of Sanchez Restaurant** & Catering.

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#### **Norwalk Chamber of Commerce**

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> **PRESIDENT YOVANI FLORES**

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## CALENDAR **OF EVENTS**

Monday, January 8th

**Executive Committee** Meeting 12noon Norwalk Chamber

#### Wednesday, January 10th

11am Ribbon Cutting I-5 Rosecrans Ave/ Bloomfield Ave

#### Wednesday, January 10th

Women in Business Luncheon Frantone's Restaurant 11:30 to 1pm

### Thursday, January 11th

**Grand Opening** CAPC, Inc. 7702 Washington Ave. First Floor 4pm to 6pm

### Wednesday, January 17th

Board of Directors Meeting 7:45am Doubletree Hotel

## Monday, January 22nd

**Event Committee meeting** 12noon So-Cal Pizza

## Tuesday, January 23rd

Grand ReOpening Doubletree by Hilton Norwalk Los Angeles 5pm to 7:30pm

## Wednesday, January 31st

Open House at the Norwalk Chamber 3pm to 7pm

### **SAVE THE DATE**

### March 2nd

Annual State of the City Luncheon

### March 14th

Annual 9-Hole Golf Tournament Don Knabe Golf Center



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## **NEW AND RENEWING MEMBERS**

## **Renewing Members**

The following companies and individuals renewed their membership with the Norwalk Chamber of Commerce and the services we provide are made possible by their support.

43 Years CR&RInc.

Dan Stephanian 562-944-4716

**PDQ Rentals** 

Dennis Turner 562-944-3206 www.pdgrentals.com

42 Years **Dr. Paul Crismon** 562-864-6535

40 Years **Union Bank of California** 

Jose Carlos 562-863-3060

32 Years **Little Lake City School District** 

Dr. William Crean 562-868-8241

25 Years **Nationwide Environmental** 

Joe Samuelian 562-860-0604 info@nes-sweeping.com 20 Years **Norwalk Rotary Club** 

President 562-868-0610

17 Years **Community Legal Services** Anthony Filer

16 Years L.A. CADA Juan Navarro

562-864-9935

5562-906-2686

12 Years Sanchez Restaurant & Catering 562-926-1126 Sanchezcatering162@gmail.com

**El Clasificado** Martha DeLaTorre 323-278-5310

10 Years **Susan Arthur** Community Member Sa92849@aol.com

8 Years **Sullivan Management Group** Jennifer Sullivan 562-863-8078

4 Years L & W Service Co. Inc. James Etherton 562-868-9339 www.bluetowels.com

3 Years Scan Shipping Inc. Solita Javier 310-634-0130

### **New Members**

**Universal Fitness Club** Dominic Lucas 11029 Alondra Blvd. Norwalk CA 90650 855-753-4863 www.universalfitnessclub.com

## MEMBERSHIP ROUND UP

Norwalk Members attended our 4th Leadership Series Breakfast on November 29th which was hosted by El Clasificado, EC Hispanic Media. At this breakfast attendees were able to hear from local law enforcement and public safety who shared information about keeping your business safe, who you should contact for specific questions and tips on how to protect your business especially during the holidays. Special thanks to Norwalk Public Safety Director Carlos Ramos and Los Angeles County Sheriff's Lieutenant Michael Inge who were our guest speakers for this event.



to r) Los Angeles County Sheriff Lieutenant Michael of Helpline Youth Counseling. Inge, Norwalk Chamber Board Member Gordon Stefenhagen and City of Norwalk Public Safety Director **Carlos Ramos.** 



Pictured here at the Leadership Series Breakfast are (I Attending the leadership Series Breakfast are the staff



At the Leadership Series Breakfast, members were Samantha of Keywest Auto Collision Center shows off supporting the Angel Tree Program, but purchasing the Angel Tree Tags she purchased to support the City Tree Tags. Holding their tags are Chamber President of Norwalk. Yovani Flores, U.S. Bank and Ambassador Jessica Baeza, J & N Nut Products.



## **CREATING CONNECTIONS**

The Norwalk Chamber held our Annual "Creating Connections Holiday Luncheon & White Elephant Gift Exchange at Outback Restaurant on Wednesday, December 20th. This fun event brings members and guests together for networking while enjoying great food and a fun gift exchange game. This year there was much "stealing" of presents as the game progressed, but it was all in good fun and by the end everyone had a great gift!



School Board Clerk Dora Sandoval.



Attending the Creating Connections Lunch are Enjoying a fine meal at Outback Restaurant are Showing off their gifts are Little Lake City School Ambassador Susan Arthur, and Little Lake City Bob Arthur, retired Cerritos College Trustee and Norwalk City Council Member Jennifer Perez.



Board Clerk Dora Sandoval, Past Chamber President Toni Grijalva, Cerritos College and Past **Chamber President Joe Derthick, AFLAC.** 



A happy family with wonderful gifts are (I to r) Bob Arthur, City Council Member Jennifer Perez, Gabriel Perez and Ambassador Susan Arthur.



Excited about their gifts are Vivian Hansen, Karla Butler, Teri Bazen and Former Norwalk Mayor Cheri Kelley.



Let's kick off the new year with a great day of golf at the brand new Don Knabe Golf Center & Junior Academy in Norwalk.

Come join us for our Two Person Scramble tournament on **Sunday**, **January** 28, 2018. Shotgun Start: 10:00 a.m. \$10 per team (14 & under) and \$20 per team (15 & over). Grab a friend and sign up to enjoy a round of golf and lunch with us.

All registration will be taken at the Norwalk Arts & Sports Complex. Space is limited so register early.

We look forward to seeing you on the course.

### NORWALK CHAMBER OF COMMERCE HAS MOVED

After more than 25 years in our previous location, the Norwalk Chamber of Commerce has moved! We are now located at 14783 Carmenita Rd, Norwalk CA 90650. Our phone number will also change, effective January 5th and will be 562-404-0909. Our fax number will be 562-404-0911. We will be hosting an open house at our new facilities on Wednesday, January 31st, from 3pm to 7pm. We invite you all to stop by and tour our new office space while enjoying some light refreshments!



Special thanks to Allen's Locksmith, located at 11713 E. Firestone Blvd, Norwalk CA for responding quickly to the Norwalk Chamber request to rekey our new office space! If you need keys for your business, be sure and contact them at 562-864-8197 or 800-655-2552.

- Creating a Strong Local Economy
- Promoting the Community

The Norwalk Chamber of Commerce urges you to spend your money locally to support the business community and protect jobs.

Local sales tax dollars support basic city services...

When you shop in Norwalk, you are paying for:

- Public Safety Services
- Street Repairs
- Recreation Programs

**And Much More** 

## MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

## Stater Bros. Charities Celebrates Holiday Season with \$75,000 Donation to United States Marine **Corps Toys for Tots Program**

SAN BERNARDINO, CALIFORNIA – Since 2005, Stater Bros. has proudly partnered with the United States Marine Corps. (U.S.M.C.) Toys for Tots program to bring joy to families in need during the holiday season. On December 6, representatives from Stater Bros. gathered to present a \$75,000 check to local Toys for Tots Program ambassadors. Funds from this donation are used to purchase new toys for disadvantaged children in the communities Stater Bros. serves. "Stater Bros. is committed to giving back to the communities we serve," said Pete Van Helden, Chief Executive Officer of Stater Bros. Markets. "We are very proud of our continued partnership and support for the Toys for Tots Program which allows us to bring joy and brighten the holidays for children in need during holiday season," Van Helden concluded.

This generous donation was made possible through a partnership between Stater Bros. Charities, Stater Bros. Markets, manufacturers of Stater Bros. brand products, and national brand manufacturers which included Birds Eye®, Chobani®, the Clorox Company, the Coca-Cola Company, ConAgra Foods®, Lenny & Larry's The Compete Cookie® and Rachael Ray™ Nutrish® Dog Food. Stater Bros.' customers supported the United States Marine Corps Toys for Tots Program every time they purchased select Stater Bros. brand or national brand products.

#### **About Stater Bros. Charities:**

Stater Bros. Charities is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that supports critical needs in the communities where Stater Bros. employees live and work. Since 2008, Stater Bros. Charities has provided funding to countless local organizations and causes that benefit hunger relief, children's well-being, education, health, help for our nation's veterans and active service members. Funds are raised throughout the year from generous customers, supplier friends, and caring members of the Stater Bros. Supermarket Family.

#### **About Stater Bros. Markets:**

Stater Bros. was founded in 1936 in Yucaipa, California, and has grown steadily through the years to become the largest privately owned Supermarket Chain in Southern California and the largest private employer in both San Bernardino County and Riverside County. The Company currently operates 171 Supermarkets, and there are approximately 18,000 members of the Stater Bros. Supermarket Family. For more information, visit staterbros.com.

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Representatives from Stater Bros. present a \$75,000 check to local Toys Funds from this donation are used to purchase new toys for disadvantaged for Tots Program ambassadors.



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