

## 5th Annual Norwalk Chamber Golf Tournament Classic

Norwalk Chamber of Commerce spent the afternoon of March 14th at the newly renovated Don Knabe Golf Center hosting our 5th Annual 9-hole Golf Tournament. Golfers were able to participate in a putting competition, hole in one contest and a competitive round of golf to win the coveted Golden Golf Ball trophies. The competition was fierce as Team Gordonator attempted a "Five-Peat" victory against the very talented St. Linus Church Team, Norwalk La Mirada USD golfers and all of the other competitors. In the end there could only be one champion and with five victories in a row under their belts, Team Gordonator once again was victorious. There was much fun and camaraderie at the awards ceremony where many were recognized for either great achievements or perhaps need just a little more practice. Those that were recognized were:

- Putting Competition Winners:** Mitzi Duarte St. Linus Church, Carlos Espinoza, Republic Services and Norwalk City Manager, Jesus Gomez
- Most Athletic:** Ron Mejia, Active Pest Control
- Best Score Overall:** Bill Kearns, City of Norwalk Recreation & Parks Services Director
- Highest Scoring Team:** Mr. Rosewood Team
- 3rd Place Team:** St. Linus Catholic Church
- 2nd Place Team:** Norwalk La Mirada Unified School District
- 1st Place Team:** Team Gordonator

This event could not have been such a success without our generous sponsors and contributors. We would like to thank the following Sponsors:

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**Thank you also to all who donated raffle prizes and silent auction items:** Trisha Gutierrez, Tupperware, Amanda Blanton, Scentsy, Budget Car Sales & Rentals, Phil Arey, Norwalk Chamber of Commerce, Frantone's Restaurant, John Tesoriero, Golf n' Stuff, Ken Garcia, Outback Restaurant, JJ Mastopietro, In & Out Burgers, AFLAC, Joseph Derthick, Thompson Bookkeeping, Karla Butler, Teri Bazen, Norwalk La Mirada Plumbing, Francella Aguilar, Adam Stanchina, Doubletree Hotel, Republic Services and Julia Emerson, Southern California Gas Company.



Golfers and volunteers are getting ready to start the Annual 9-Hole Classic after enjoying a BBQ dinner provided by Walmart Norwalk, Shylah Ratcliff and Cerritos College, Dr. Jose Fierro & Zurich Lewis.



Golfing together on a beautiful afternoon in Norwalk are Rick Patterson, Pat's 605 Cyclery, Gabriel Bueno, US Bank, Norwalk City Manager, Jesus Gomez, Chamber Board Member Adam Stanchina, Doubletree by Hilton, Norwalk and John Islas.



Past President, Francella Aguilar, Republic Services, Dora Sandoval, Little Lake City School Board Vice President and city of Norwalk staff Sal Ortiz getting waiting for the tournament to begin.



Team Gordonator receiving their Golden Golf Ball trophies, after 5-peating at the Annual 9-Hole Golf Classic.



A new team award was given this year, the black ball trophy! This year Team Mr. Rosewood & Active Pest Control received the award.



The putting competition winners are pictured here receiving their awards.



Lowest score of the day was awarded to Bill Kearns, City of Norwalk Recreation & Park Services Director.



Ambassador Susan Arthur pictured with Rick Miranda, VP Academic Affairs of Cerritos College.



Ron Mejia of Active Pest Control received the "Most Athletic" award.



The Team from St. Linus Church received the 3rd place trophies.



Ric Ochoa of So-Cal Pizza is serving up the dinner to the golfers at the 5th Annual 9-Hole Golf Classic.



Golfing at the Tournament, Team Republic Services.

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2nd place team in the Annual Golf Classic is Norwalk La Mirada USD. Received their Silver trophies are (l to r) Michael Gotto, Director Human Resources NLMUSD, Event Chair Lynda Fisher, Walmart, Event Committee member Sue Arthur, Chamber President Yovani Flores, US Bank, Jesse Urquidi, NLMUSD School Board Member and John Lopez, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources, NLMUSD



Pictured here is the golf team from C R & R Environmental Services, Inc.



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**CALENDAR  
OF EVENTS**

**Wednesday, April 11th  
Women in Business Luncheon**

Frantone's Restaurant  
11:30 for networking  
12noon for lunch & learn

**Tuesday, April 17th  
Creating Connections  
Luncheon**

Golf n' Stuff  
12noon to 1pm

**Wednesday, April 18th  
Board of Directors**

7:45am  
Doubletree Hotel

**Wednesday, April 18th  
Cerritos College**

Festival of Asian Cultures  
11am to 1pm

**Sunday April 29th  
Thinkers 4 Autism Expo**

10am to 2pm  
Gahr High School Gym

**Thursday, May 3rd  
Norwalk Education Alliance  
Education Expo**  
Norwalk City Hall

**Friday, May 4th  
Norwalk Rotary Club  
Quartermania Fundraiser**

**Saturday May 5th,  
Southeast Academy  
Quartermania Fundraiser**

**Thursday, May 10th  
Kaleidoscope 6 Chamber  
Mixer**  
Doubletree by Hilton  
4pm to 7pm

**SAVE THE DATE**

**Wednesday, June 13th  
Norwalk Chamber of  
Commerce 95th Annual  
Awards & Installation  
Luncheon**  
12noon to 1:30pm  
Norwalk Arts & Sports Complex



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Heather Danko  
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**Norwalk Chamber President Yovani Flores of US Bank attending a Norwalk City Council meeting with Norwalk Chamber Intern Michelle Romero.**

**MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT**



The Norwalk Annual Golf Tournament held on March 14th 2018 was a huge success thanks to all hard work of our ambassadors, board members, and Caren. Special thanks to Lynda Fisher from Walmart Norwalk, for the great food and to our famous cook Ric Ochoa of So-Cal Pizza.

This tournament wouldn't have been such a huge success without the tremendous work of our ambassador Sue Arthur. Because of her all the following sponsors participated making this event a complete success.

Million thanks to the following sponsors:

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Beverage Sponsor: Liberty Utilities

Another event that many Chamber members participated in was "Principal for a Day at the Norwalk-La Mirada Unified School District. Thank you for volunteering. Everyone was impressed with how well behaved all the students were and how hectic a principals day is. Many thanks to all the Principals for adding us into their already busy day and for making us feel welcomed. It is an experience that we will never forget.

I am honored to have such a great group of individuals involved in all our wonderful events. There are no words that could express our gratitude for all the hours that everyone volunteered to these and all our events.

The Norwalk Chamber, Caren, and I sincerely hope that everyone's Easter was full of joy, happiness, health, and peace! Please contact the chamber office at 562-404-0909 for more information on our upcoming events or visit us at [info@norwalkchamber.com](mailto:info@norwalkchamber.com).

*Sincerely,*  
**Yovani Flores**  
2017-18 President  
Norwalk Chamber of Commerce  
US Bank Branch Manager



## NORWALK HAPPENINGS

### Networking Provides Value to Chamber Members

Norwalk Chamber members were able to connect with other members and guests at an After Hours Mixer hosted by the Doubletree Hotel in Norwalk. General Manager Adam Stanchina was on hand to meet our guests and provide them with some tasty appetizers. He also took some visitors on tours of the hotel that was recently renovated. Many business owners and community leaders attended and were able to meet and get to know each other in a social setting while enjoying the ambiance of the hotel. Thank you to Adam and hotel staff for providing great service and a wonderful experience at the mixer.



Guest enjoyed the food and ambiance of the newly renovated Doubletree Hotel in Norwalk. Pictured here are some of our attendees.



Norwalk Chamber Ambassadors were on hand to welcome guests to the After Hours Mixer. Enjoying the evening were (l to r) Teri Bazen, Norwalk La Mirada Plumbing & HVAC, Amanda Blanton, Farmers & Merchants Bank, Ambassador Chair Karla Butler, Thompson Bookkeeping, President Elect Trisha Gutierrez, QM Fundraising and Jose Rios, Berkshire Hathaway.

### Visiting our Norwalk Chamber Members

Norwalk Board members and Ambassadors began visiting our Chamber members in March to give them their renewal packages and have an opportunity to meet some of them at their business. Ambassador Amanda Blanton of Farmers & Merchants Bank and Board Member Ric Ochoa of So-Cal Pizza spent time connecting with Chamber members and sharing upcoming networking opportunities with them. Special thanks to both Amanda and Ric for taking time out of their busy works schedules to visit with our Chamber members.



Ambassador Amanda Blanton of Farmers & Merchants Bank presents Ken Garcia of Golf n' Stuff with their 43 year renewal plaque.



Board Member Ric Ochoa presents Espana Motel (SARP Corporation) with their membership renewal.



Delia Castro of El Taco Locco, receives her renewal plaque from Ric Ochoa.



Amanda Blanton presents Valente Quintero of State Farm Insurance with his 2 year renewal plaque.



Norwalk Business Services is receiving their 43 year membership renewal from Ambassador Amanda Blanton.



Roy Okimoto of Okimoto Automotive Center is accepting the membership renewal plaque from Amanda Blanton for their 37 years of membership.



Ron and Rick Patterson receive their membership renewal plaque from Board Member Ric Ochoa for Pat's 605 Cyclery.



Lucy Rodas of State Farm Insurance is receiving her membership renewal plaque from Ambassador Amanda Blanton.



Starbucks Coffee located at Rosecrans and Shoemaker receives their 3 year renewal plaque.



## Executive Director Message

Principal for a Day was brought back by Norwalk La Mirada USD to provide community members an opportunity to “shadow” a Principal from one of the schools in the District. Many of the Principals were members of the Norwalk Chamber of Commerce and they were able to connect with the local schools and see the great achievements that have been made in the District. Escalona Elementary School was the location that I spent my day at, and meeting Principal Bonnie Lytle, her staff and the many students was a great experience. This school is a hidden gem in the District, with exceptional educators, staff and students. They are currently in the process of once again being honored as a California Distinguished School, and are waiting to hear the outcome of their application. But beyond that distinction being on their campus and seeing firsthand the quality of the educational experience that is being offered to these students’ shows that NLMUSD is fulfilling their commitment to the students so that they are “Future Ready!”

Another hidden gem here in Norwalk was an opportunity to meet over 50 graduates of Excelsior High School who gather bi-annually to stay connected to the school and the community. We came upon these “young” men at our Women in Business lunch in March where they have been gathering for many years in a sort of reunion of former athletes and friends from Excelsior High School. The attendees at the lunch graduated anywhere from 1962 to 1974 and are all men, so very similar to a fraternity. They started as a small group of friends and have grown to a large group of guys that come together twice a year to remember the glory days! Steve Brinkley is the coordinator of this gathering and he shared that they really enjoy seeing what is going on in Norwalk and remembering their great times in high school. If you are looking to reconnect with your high school friends from Excelsior, you can contact Steve at claudiabrinkley@frontiernet.net.

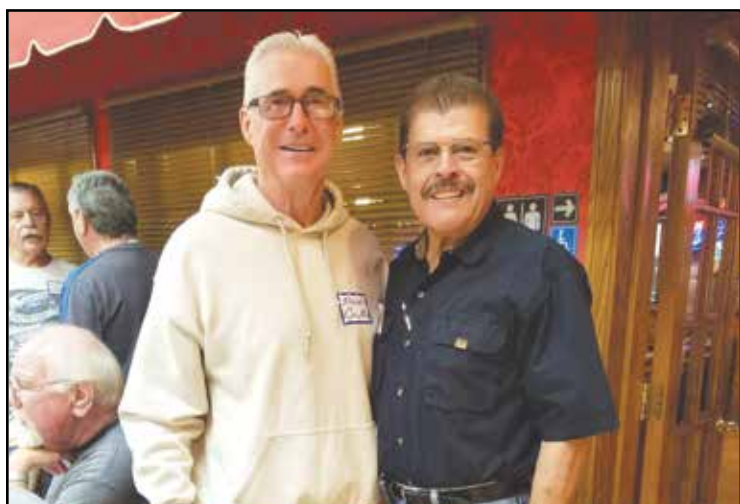
Want to make sure you mark your calendars for the upcoming networking opportunities here in the Norwalk Business Community.

- April 17th Creating Connections Luncheon, Golf n’ Stuff 12noon Cost \$5.00 must RSVP
- April 18th Cerritos College Festival of Asian Cultures, 11am to 1pm, Visit the Norwalk Chamber Booth
- May 10th Kaleidoscope Annual 6 Chamber Mixer, 4pm to 7pm, Doubletree Hotel, WEAR RED!!
- May 23rd Leadership Series Breakfast, Natural Disaster Prep for Businesses, 7:30am NASC
- June 13th 95th Annual Awards & Installation Luncheon, NASC 12noon to 1:30pm

Contact the Norwalk Chamber with any questions about these events at 562-404-0909 or by email to info@norwalkchamber.com

Sincerely,

Caren Spilsbury  
Executive Director/Editor  
Norwalk Chamber of Commerce



Excelsior Alumni Steve Brinkley stands with one of the attendees.



Some of the many who attend the Excelsior bi annual reunion luncheon



Principal for a Day event with Principal Bonnie Lytle, staff and Executive Director Caren Spilsbury.

## Norwalk Community Coordinating Council Hosts Annual State of the City Address

March started with a bang in Norwalk as the NCCC hosting the Annual State of the City Address. This event brings community leaders together to hear from the Chamber of Commerce, Los Angeles County Sheriff and City of Norwalk on what has happened in the community over the last year and what to expect in the upcoming months. After a welcome from NCCC President Gordon Stefenhagen, Norwalk Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Caren Spilsbury shared what has been going on in the business community over the last year and presented an overview of services that the Chamber provides. Following the Chamber was Norwalk Sheriff Station Captain James Tatreau who provided valuable information about how Norwalk is doing from the law enforcement viewpoint. The City of Norwalk had a combined presentation with both Deputy City Manager Gary DiCorpo and Deputy City Manager Kevin Gano sharing updates on their respective areas. The last speaker was new City Manager Jesus Gomez, who focused on providing information on the climate for positive economic development here in Norwalk along with an overview of the last year’s activities. Thank you to the NCCC for hosting this annual event which provides opportunities to learn more about the Norwalk community and brings together the many different stakeholders here in Norwalk.



Enjoying the State of the City are Norwalk Chamber Board members (l to r) Adam Stanchina, Doubletree by Hilton, Norwalk, Joseph Derthick, AFLAC, Francella Aguilar, Republic Services and John Alba, Alba Professional Services/H & R Block



Attending the State of the City are (l to r) Miya Walker, Cerritos College, Toni Grijalva, Cerritos College, Dr. Shin Liu, Board of Trustees Cerritos College, Dora Sandoval, Little Lake City School Board Vice President, Dr. William Crean, Superintendent, Little Lake City School District and Zurich Lewis, President Cerritos College Board of Trustees.



Art Sanchez of Sanchez Restaurant & Catering is seen here with city staff (l to r) Gina Cosylyon, Margie Reyes, Ruby Picon and Peggy Hathaway.



Norwalk Chamber Ambassador Jose Rios of Berkshire Hathaway with Norwalk City Council Member Margarita Rios.



Los Angeles County Sheriffs are enjoying the lunch at the Annual State of the City Address.



Norwalk Community Coordinating Council President Gordon Stefenhagen with his wife Marilee Stefenhagen at the State of the City.



Norwalk Chamber members and guests attending the Annual State of the city Address.



Attending the State of the City Luncheon is former City Council Member Judy Brennan with her husband Jim Brennan.



Norwalk La Mirada USD Superintendent Dr. Hasmik Danielian with Assistant Superintendent Human Resources John Lopez.



Norwalk Chamber Ambassadors and Board Members Richard Sneed, Norwalk Records, Gary Murphy, Norwalk Florist and Teri Bazen, Norwalk La Mirada Plumbing, Heating & Air Conditioning.

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