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2008 CHAIRMAN'S CIRCLE

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4th of July Celebration

Chamber of Commerce 26th Annual Pancake Breakfast

7:30-11:00am

Crown Valley Community Park

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7:00am – 10K run

8:40am – 5K run

8:45am – 5K walk

10:00am – Children's races

For info 495-9622 or www.ymcaoc.org



Laguna Niguel Parks and Recreation

9:00-12:00pm – Lap Swim

12-5:00 pm – Open swim

6:00-8:00pm – Soul Concert, Crown Valley Amphitheater

8:15pm – Community Walk to Regional Park (Bring Flashlights)

9:00pm – Fireworks Regional Park

For info 425-5100

Taste of Laguna Niguel (The Event of the Year)

At Mercedes-Benz of Laguna Niguel Dealership
ONE Star Drive

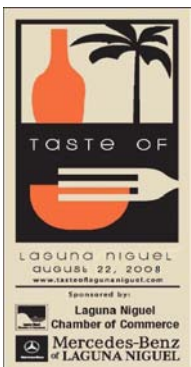
Friday, August 22, 2008

6:00 – 10:00pm

\$85 Inclusive

Admission Includes

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Chance to win a weekend getaway to Temecula Creek Inn



July Chamber Events

Tuesday, July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

Niguel Networkers

Cedar Creek Inn

11:15AM-12:45PM

\$17 Members

\$22 Non-Members

Thursday, July 10

MIXER

Hosted by

California Style Home Collections

23811 Aliso Creek Road, Ste 111

(In the Laguna Design Center)

Ribbon Cutting at 5:30pm

5:30-7:00PM

\$10/Members & \$15/General Public

Includes 2 beverages & food

Friday, July 11

Governmental Affairs

Committee Meeting

Chamber Conference Room

7:30-8:30AM

Breakfast refreshments provided!

Friday, July 18

Networking Breakfast

Sponsored by US Blackbelt Academy

El Niguel C.C.

7:15-9:00AM

\$16/Members

\$21/General Public

\$5 additional fee if you RSVP after 6/18/08

No denim attire at the Country Club

*\$1 OFF All Networking Events
with Cash Card*

Chamber Messages



Derek Quinn
Chairman of the Board
 OC Interior Flair

Words versus Action

In business, marketing is a very important strategic cornerstone. The ability to compellingly communicate your message can make the difference between success and failure. In order to be successful over time, backing up your marketing words with deeds is essential. For example, how many people buy products from vendors based solely on their tag line without investigating the product or service quality and price?

When you meet commitments to clients and get positive feedback, you feel good having earned acclaim for your deeds and actions. It speaks volumes about your character. However, while positive feedback blossoms slowly, negative feedback travels at light-speed.

A great example of this was given last evening by Lieutenant Colonel Eric C. Hastings at an event sponsored by the 1-4 Marines in conjunction with Laguna Niguel's Military Support Committee. Another California city had recently made disparaging comments and taken petty actions against the Marines that produced highly negative national attention. That city in trying to repair their image declared their 'support' for the military.

In this case, support meant 'we will acknowledge and tolerate you'. Support was the politically correct 'thing' to say; no demonstration of true support would be forthcoming. Keep in mind that in our politically correct world that there are no fines for being pious, rude, stupid, arrogant, ignorant or self-righteous.

Our military is the basis of our country's freedom and independence. Everything we have and enjoy was made possible by our military and decisions of all of our commanders. Whether or not one agrees with the premise of a war when our country is involved, the military personnel who offer their *lives* for our continued freedom deserve more than just respect. They have earned our eternal gratitude.

As business people, may you have many clients who respect you and appreciate your product or service and may you feel free to demonstrate your respect for those who have made and continue to make that possible.

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DINNER THEATER, MARINE STYLE

“Mr. President – Request permission to speak and move about freely.”

“Permission granted Mr. Vice, but make it quick!”

“Mr. President – an egregious error has been made by a member of this Mess”

“Say it ain’t so!”

And so it went - not exactly the kind of dialogue one would expect to find at a formal black tie affair – but that was only the beginning! On Friday, May 30th, 2008, the Laguna Niguel Military Support Committee hosted its first annual Mess Night to support the marines and families of the First Battalion, Fourth Marines, and what an evening it was! For an event steeped in history and tradition, and remembrance of those gone before, it was filled with more than its share of light-heartedness.

Around 250 marines and invited guests gathered at the South Mesa Staff NCO Club at Camp Pendleton to participate in a time-honored military event that dates back centuries – a Mess Night. Mess Night began when the members of the Mess marched into the dining hall, followed by the head table guests. After the “tasting of the beef” the President of the Mess declared it fit for human consumption and dinner was served. Then the real fun began!

With the meal underway, the President opened the floor to the levying of fines. Members received fines for violations of etiquette or protocol, real or perceived, including anything from arriving late to visiting the restroom without permission. Most of the fines were between \$1 and \$5, but in a show of support many guests agreed to pay much more; in some cases as much as \$500.



The evening concluded with a formal toasting ceremony to honor and respect the campaigns the Marines have fought in. The final and most formal toast of the evening was in honor of fallen comrades and had to be one of the most moving and memorable parts of the evening. This tribute was marked by an empty table that had been draped with a black tablecloth. On the table sat an inverted glass, blank dog tags, a slice of lemon (symbolizing tears) and a peaked cap. As members of the Mess raised their glasses to toast their fallen comrades, the room fell silent and military taps echoed from a lone trumpet.

This was no ordinary evening, and those who attended will have fond memories for a long time. The event was by all counts a hugely successful inaugural event and many in attendance are already making plans to attend next year’s event. Congratulations to the members of the Laguna Niguel Military Support Committee who helped make it happen and for a job well done.

July Events City of Laguna Niguel

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| 07/04/08 | 4th of July Events (see cover) | 07/17/08 | Snake Lecture/Display, 7pm, (CVCP) |
| 07/09/08 | Online priority registration for LN residents for sessions 3 & 4 swim lessons | 07/18/08 | Rule the Pool, 6-8 grades, 8-10 pm CVCP Pool |
| 07/11/08 | Blues Concert, 6:30-8:30pm, Crown Valley Community Park (CVCP) | 07/25/08 | Rolling Stones Tribute Concert, 6:30-8:30 pm, (CVCP) |
| 07/12/08 | Kids Kampout, 7-13 yrs, (CVCP) | 07/27/08 | Shakespeare by the Sea, 7-9 pm, CVCP |
| 07/16/08 | Open/Walk-in registration for sessions 3 & 4 swim lessons | | |

Governmental Affairs

Governmental Affairs Committee (GAC)

Friday, July 11, 2008

7:30 - 8:30am

Laguna Niguel Chamber of Commerce
Conference Room

28062 Forbes Road, Suite C

Breakfast refreshments will be served

Hope to see you there.

Duane D. Cave

Chair – Governmental Affairs



Get Involved with Your City Government!

Attend Laguna Niguel's Meetings in the
City Council Chambers at 27841 La Paz Rd.

City Council Meetings

1st & 3rd Tuesday of the Month at 7:00pm

Planning Commission Meetings

2nd & 4th Tuesday of the Month at 7:00pm

Parks & Recreation Meetings

2nd Monday of the Month at 6:30pm

Traffic & Transportation Meetings

4th Wednesday of the Month at 7:00pm

Orange County District Attorney Bad Check Restitution Program

The District Attorney's Office is serious about stopping bad checks in Orange County. An important first step in that direction is working with chambers throughout the County to educate merchants on how to effectively recoup their losses without cost.

The Bad Check Restitution Program provides free assistance for checks under \$2,500. The primary goal of the program is to obtain restitution and secondly, to hold check writers more accountable for their actions without creating an added burden for the criminal justice system. Check writers referred to the program must pay restitution and attend a mandatory educational class or risk criminal prosecution.

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**Cox Communications Presents:
Coastal Chambers Legislative Coalition Luncheon**

“Build It or Not, They Will Come”

The beautiful Renaissance ClubSport Aliso Viejo will be the site for the Coastal Chambers Legislative Coalition (CCLC) luncheon to be held on **Friday, September 19th at 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.**

The CCLC fall program “Build It or Not, They Will Come” will include the Economic Development Directors representing San Clemente, Laguna Niguel, Laguna Beach, San Juan Capistrano and Dana Point. In addition, Supervisor Pat Bates will speak on infrastructure issues affecting Orange County. Cox Communications Vice President of Public Affairs, Jim Leach, will welcome the guests and attendees as the CCLC Master of Ceremonies.

This unique event, sponsored by CCLC, attracts residents and businesses from the South Orange County area. The Coastal Chambers Legislative Coalition luncheon is a great venue to network and market your business.

Below is the list of sponsorship marketing benefits as well as the sponsor contribution levels.

\$1,000 PLATINUM SPONSORSHIP

- Your company name and/or logo identification on all advertisements and press releases.
- Your company will be listed as Platinum Sponsor in the Official Program.
- Your company banner displayed in the lobby area.
- Opportunity to display your company’s promotional material in the lobby.
- Announcements naming your company as sponsor during the event.
- Four complimentary admissions to the luncheon.
- Your company listed as Platinum Sponsor in the Thank You article of each Chambers’ newsletter.


\$500 GOLD SPONSORSHIP

- Your company name and/or logo identification on various advertisements and press releases.
- Your company will be listed as Gold Sponsor in the Official Program
- Opportunity to display your company’s promotional material in the lobby.
- Announced as sponsor during the event.
- Two complimentary admissions to the luncheon
- Your company listed as Gold Sponsor in the Thank You article of each Chambers’ newsletter.

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- Your company will be listed as Silver Sponsor in the Official Program.
- Announced as sponsor during the event.
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Membership News

Membership Anniversaries

We want to thank the following businesses and residents that, through their continued support of our chamber programs, have expressed their dedication to the future growth of our Chamber by renewing their membership for another year.

26 Years

Stinchfield, Mellotti & Rasmusson.

25 Years

The Ritz-Carlton, Laguna Niguel

20 Years

Verne Potter/Prudential California Realty

16 Years

Beacon Carpet Cleaning

15 Years

Frank J. Mogavero, DDS, MS

14 Years

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13 Years

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10 Years

Savannah Steak & Chop House

9 Years

St Mary & All Angels School

8 Years

D & S Medical Billing Services

7 Years

Peter Hersh, Resident Member

6 Years

Monarch Veterinary Hospital
The St. Regis Monarch Beach Resort & Spa

5 Years

Glaab & Associates, Inc.

3 Years

Pacific Sign Center
Paychex
Kristy Vetter, DDS, Inc.

2 Years

Dream Dinners
Rotary Club of Laguna Niguel

1 Year

Debra DeLong, Accounting Services
LN Garage Door Service, DBA - Entry Systems
Laguna Sapphire, LLC
Geoffrey Kotzbach, Prepaid Legal Services, Inc.

Welcome New Members

The following businesses joined the Chamber in the month of May

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May Networking Breakfast



Welcome new members: Mike Streit & Dan Hawkins (California Style Home Collections, LLC) and Nedalee Ruiz (Healing Water Machines)

Thank you for donating a gift to the May Breakfast:

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- Krug Financial Services
- Neighborhood Car Care
- David Weiss Designs Fine Jewelry
- Welcome Express
- The Lions Club
- Soka University



Thanks for your breakfast sponsorship, Rami Lazarescu, Ampro Vacation, Inc.



Thanks you for renewing your membership for another year: Randall Krug (Krug Insurance Services), Veronica Wilkins (Dave & Busters), Councilman Mike Whipple (MF Whipple & Assoc.), Kristine Holliday (Call Yellow), & Jo Beth Prud'homme (Travelhost of South Orange County) & Tom Wilson



Paul Herzbrun was the emcee for the May Breakfast



The Lion's Club Table featured Judy Whitelock, Bonnie Kotzbach, Tom Wilson, Lisa Lu and Chris G. Alexander

June Mixer

Thanks to the lovely ladies that hosted the June Mixer.



Donna Billman, Donna B's Bakery Boutique, Leisa Ruiz, Pura Vida Day Spa, Amy Cady, ABC Pilates.

June Mixer Gifts Donated By:

- Pura Vida Day Spa
- ABC Pilates
- Donna B's Bakery Boutique
- Dana Beach Tourism Council

ABOUT OUR JULY 10th MIXER HOST

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California Style Home Collections will be hosting the mixer on **July 10th** at the Laguna Design Center in Laguna Niguel. Please join us for a fun filled "Beach Fiesta" evening and a chance to win a beautiful designer silk floral arrangement priced at \$169 retail. Come see our beautiful showroom and familiarize yourself with the prestigious Laguna Design Center.

California Style Home Collections is a showroom featuring : California Coastal / French Country elegance including, antique furniture from France and Europe, English Pine and Custom Furniture, Italian Pottery, Accessories and Custom Silk Florals. California Style offers full service interior design services featuring the following: Window Treatments, Custom Draperies and Window Coverings, Flooring, Custom Bedding and Pillows, Home Accessories, Fine Furniture, Custom Furniture, Reupholstering, Wood Working and Color Coordination.

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Congratulations to Board Member Carole Allen, the new Citizen of the Year!

Just to give you a little run down on what Carole Allen does for the citizens and the young students of the City of Laguna Niguel:

1. Worked in Laguna Niguel for 40-years and has lived here for 30 of those years
2. Spent 37-years as a volunteer director for the award winning California Junior Light Company productions, for which she has never asked to be compensated. Was responsible for everything for the entire production, costumes, props, set design, lighting, choreography, singing, acting, music directing, casting...
3. Helps with fund raising for the two high schools by running the scholarship auction at the breakfast
4. A member of the Laguna Niguel Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors and Chairs the Education Committee to solicit scholarship donations, organize ways to connect education with the business community, organizing professionals to read to elementary school students on Dr. Seuss Day, recruiting Chamber members for Principal For the Day, and by submitting articles to the School News
5. Graduated from the Sheriff's Department's Citizen Academy of Laguna Niguel and is an Alumni Member
6. Graduated from the Laguna Niguel Disaster Preparedness Academy
7. A member of Laguna Niguel Responds & was there to help those whose apartments were condemned because of mud slides, taking continuing education classes in First Aid, CPR, shelter care, disaster preparedness, fire patrol, and school safety during earthquakes. Attended an earthquake preparedness event at Cal-Tech and is working on the Big Shakeout simulation in November
8. A member of the Trauma Intervention Program where citizens help other citizens
9. Volunteers to work for LN Police Services at the various safety fairs
10. Has attended fire fighting exercises



Carole Allen, Citizen of the Year joins Laguna Niguel City Council, Mayor Paul Glaab, Councilman Mike Whipple, Mayor Pro Tem Robert Ming, Councilwoman Linda Lindholm, Councilman Gary Capata

11. An active member of the Military Support Committee
12. Instrumental in getting books donated for school children and for the siblings who sit through Juvenile Court proceedings of their brothers & sister on trial
13. A retired teacher, but still finds time to substitute when a teacher is sick
14. A volunteer on the Parade Committee and is responsible for the VIP viewing stands where the celebrities, state, county, school district and city officials and their families are seated to view the parade.
15. Has worked at a variety of charitable golf tournaments
16. Was "Johnny-on-the-spot" when the 1/4 Marines has their car wash in LN, which raised \$8,637 dollars for our Marine families.
17. Has single handedly put together a group of volunteers to make a giant 100-foot lei as a welcome home greeting for the USS McClusky FF-41 and it was flown out to them to drape on the bow as then returned home from their recent duties at sea.

Member Tid Bits

Have You Joined the **South Coast Medical Center** Women's Advisory Council Yet? You are invited to join the Women's Advisory Council (WAC) and be a part of a dynamic group of women. Formed in 1987, the Council consists of local women who help facilitate community fundraising events in support of SCMC, so the hospital may continue to bring patients the high quality care they need. WAC members are key for such fundraisers as the annual Fashion Show. Join the Women's Advisory Council now and be a part of the planning for the 2008 Fashion Show & Luncheon. For information, email Kate Buda, Director of Women's Advisory Council, at BudaKJ@ah.org or call the Foundation at (949) 499-7229.

Handyman Matters lets you know what's hot in decks this summer. Luxury touches like firepits and spas, aesthetic accents like designer railings, multiple levels and more variety in shapes and sizes top the list of deck trends for summer 2008, Beaudry says. Here are some of the top deck trends for summer 2008: Railings - beyond safety, multiple level decks, indoor luxuries, outdoors, side decks, new deck

shapes, and using composite materials. Your local Handyman Matters can help answer any questions you might have about either adding a new deck or upgrading your current one. To find a Handyman Matters location near you, please visit www.handymanmatters.com.

Volunteers Wanted:

The mission of Orange County Ronald McDonald House and Family Rooms is to provide a comforting home away from home for families with seriously ill children receiving treatment in local hospitals. They rely heavily on volunteer support, especially in the Family Room Programs. There are two Family Rooms in Orange County. One is in CHOC Hospital in Orange, and the other is in CHOC at **Mission Hospital**. A Ronald McDonald Family Room is a special place in the hospital where the parents and family members of critically ill children can relax, watch television, grab a snack, take a nap, use computers, or sleep overnight. Please contact Ashley Robinson, the Ronald McDonald Family Room Manager for CHOC at (714) 516-3667 if you are interested in volunteering.

Education Committee Awards Scholarships

By Carole Allen

Dr. Laurence Wahl, Betsy Sater, and Carole Allen were able to present four one thousand dollar scholarships, thanks to all of you. Making our final selections was a most difficult task because all of the applications were so very impressive.

Our first scholarship went to Jeffrey “Ryan” Hill, a Dana Hills senior. We were amazed with the fact that he not only had straight As, but he was also a star athlete. We were impressed with all that he had accomplished during his high school years, including establishing a School For Schools program with Uganda and building homes in Mexico. His awards are too many to list here. Everything we read in his letters of recommendation told us he was a young man who possesses a great sense of integrity, honesty, determination, responsibility, and compassion.

Our second award went to Dana Hills senior, **Danielle Horton**. This fine young woman amazed us, as well. She hopes to become an equine veterinarian. She participated in the rigorous Health and Medical Occupations Academy (HMO) at Dana Hills and was chosen as the “Volunteer of the Year” for South Coast Medical Center. She is also a scholar athlete, with her expertise in the area of golf. Ms. Horton excelled academically by being on the Principal’s Honor Roll for all four years of high school. In addition to all of this, she is a member of the National Charity League and worked with disabled children and adults at the JF Shea Therapeutic Riding Center. She is active in the Laguna Niguel Presbyterian Church, working tirelessly on whatever is asked of her.

Our third winner, **Bridget Brennan**, was from Aliso Niguel High School. This straight As, seventeen year old wowed us all with her endless activities, awards, and accomplishments, from her Special Olympics coaching, National Charity League work, her leadership roles as Class President for grades 10 and 11, and ASB President in her senior year. She came off as a powerful young lady with great determination to achieve all her dreams. She is said to be positive, creative, balanced, intelligent, compassionate, and motivated. She will be off to Harvard University to major in Business. Oh, and by the way, she, too, is a scholar athlete. With all of this going on, she was voted “Most Caring” by the ASB and was a Scholar of Distinction.

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Our fourth choice was **Sun Choi** from Alison Niguel High School. This seventeen year old is headed to USC and will major in Biological Science. She is an active member of the drill/dance team, newspaper staff, and volunteered with the Mission Viejo Library, Mission Hospital, to name just a few. She came here from Korea, learned English, and then became fluent in Spanish. Nothing ever gets this young woman down. She was determined to make her parents proud and will be the very first person in her family to graduate from high school. She won an AP Scholar with Honors Award and has been a member of the National Honor Society for all four years of high school. I would say her parents must be very proud, indeed. Congratulations to you and to all our Laguna Niguel graduates. And thanks again to all those Chamber members that made these awards possible.



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July 2008

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
All meetings held at the Chamber Office unless otherwise noted.		1 11:15 am - 12:45 pm Niguel Networkers <i>Cedar Creek Inn</i>	2	3 7:30 - 8:30 am Membership Committee	4 7:30 - 11:00 am Pancake Breakfast 4th of July (Office Closed)	5
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Buon Appetito!

Good Appetite!

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KASSRA PERSIAN CUISINE

MANGIA BENE PASTA & PIZZA

MCDONALD'S

SANGO SUSHI JAPANESE CUISINE

SUBWAY

TACO BELL

VIENTO MAR GRILL
FRESH MEXICAN FUSION FOOD

AMSTERDAM CAFE

CEDAR CREEK INN

CORNER BAKERY CAFE

FROSTED CUP, FROZEN YOGURT & GELATO

GOLDEN DRAGON CHINESE FOOD

HEALTH WORKS & ORIGINAL JUICE BISTRO

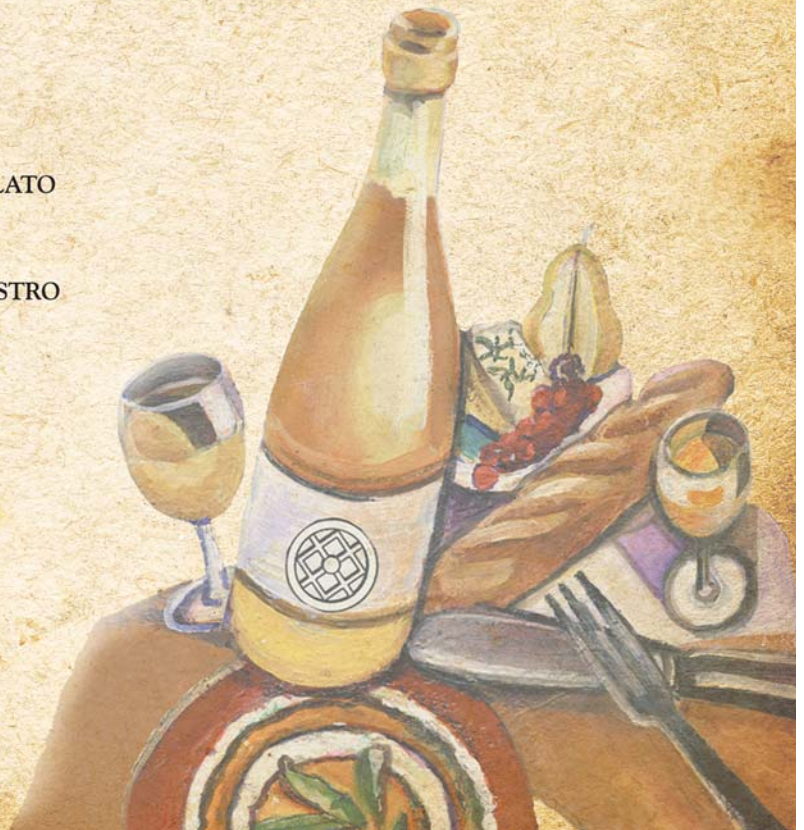
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