



The Hawthorne HOTLINE

THE OFFICAL NEWSLETTER OF THE HAWTHORNE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

January 2005

Happy New Year From The Hawthorne Chamber!

Mission of the Hawthorne Chamber of Commerce

Act as a spokesperson for the business and professional community and translate into action the group thinking of its members

Render specific services to its members and to the community as a whole

All businesses within and around the City of Hawthorne are invited to join the Chamber and participate in its various community events

Location and Hours of Operation

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Monday and Wednesday
9:30 am—2:30 pm
Friday
10 am—3 pm

All Chamber members are welcome to attend the General Board meetings held the first Wednesday of every month, 8 am at the Chamber office.



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THURSDAY FEBRUARY 17, 2005
11:30 AM @ AYRES HOTEL
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January Mixer

First Mixer of 2005

Thursday January 20th, 5:30 pm

The Rustic Light

14019 Hawthorne Boulevard

Raffle Prizes

Appetizers

Networking

See you there!

Presidents Message

Center Stage

Act V

Blessings and Promises

As I sit here preparing this message it just occurred to me – I am completing my first 6 months in office. *Wow!* That went by really quick. It is no secret that your Hawthorne Chamber of Commerce has been moving forward and growing since July. It is due to the dedication and hard work of a great group of volunteers, and most of all, our Board of Directors. So I would like to take this opportunity thank everyone for their involvement. It seems everywhere I go people are telling me how well the Chamber is doing. Of course I thank them for the kind words, but I also tell them “You ain’t seen nothin’ yet!” We are really just getting started here!

In the upcoming months you will see more positive changes and growth at the Chamber. One big improvement is our monthly newsletter. Its now available online through our website, and is emailed and printed for distribution to our members. A

big thanks to Candy Cargill-Fuller and Joe Simone for this top rate publication.

And then there’s the latest must have fashion accessory – the “I Love Hawthorne” badges. They were developed as a fundraiser by the Business Women’s Council and have been selling like hotcakes. We’ve already sold the first two batches and have a third on order. This theme has really caught on and I think I understand why. We have a lot of great things to be proud of in our City and these badges just capture that spirit. Do you have yours yet? We plan to carry this spirit forward with our first event of the new year, the *State of the City Luncheon* on February 17th, and the theme of “We Love Hawthorne”. At the luncheon, Mayor Guidi will review the highlights of this past year and present the economic forecast for the upcoming year. Save the date now, you do not want to miss this important event.

Earth day will be coming up in April and we will be sponsoring the annual Earth day Celebration. May is the official ceremony to dedicate the Beach Boys Landmark at the site of the Hawthorne home of the Wil-

son family. To find out more about it, go to www.beachboyslandmark.org.

2004 was a great year and we plan to keep growing in 2005. As always, I invite everyone to get involved in this dynamic organization.

Don Harris

President



Upcoming Events- Also published at <http://www.hawthorne-chamber.com>

January Events

- 1/5 Monthly Board of Directors Mtg, 8 am, Chamber Office**
- 1/18 Women in Business Mtg, 12 noon, Ramada Plaza Hotel, Pat Feldman (310) 342-7676**
- 1/20 January Mixer, Rustic Light, 14019 Hawthorne Boulevard, 5:30 pm**

February Events

- 2/2 Monthly Board of Directors Mtg, 8 am, Chamber Office**

February Mixer *Date And Time To Be Announced*

- 2/15 Women in Business Mtg, 12 noon, Ramada Plaza Hotel, Pat Feldman (310) 342-7676**
- 2/17 State of the City Address, Ayres Hotel**

The Hawthorne Hotline would like to list your community or business events. Please contact the Hawthorne Chamber at info@hawthorne-chamber.com

Community News and Events

Government Affairs by Pam Fees

The election in November 2004 of former El Segundo mayor Mike Gordon as the State Assemblyman for the 53rd District will bring about a new focus on issues in the South Bay. In an interview with Daily Breeze writer Michael Gardner published November 22, Assemblyman Gordon said his primary interests are the airport, the Air Force, and air quality. He made the following five major points in the interview:

- 1) Assemblyman Gordon wants to see a cohesive plan for a regional authority to guide airport growth in Southern California.
- 2) He is adamant that the Los Angeles Air Force Base, which includes the Space and Missile Command Center, remain open. Each time in recent years that the closure of military installations is discussed, this site is one of those facilities threatened for shut-down.
- 3) On air quality, he hopes to work with other local elected officials to find ways to limit smog emanating from the area ports. The governor recently vetoed a smog-fighting bill that would have required the ports to find air quality savings before new projects could be approved.
- 4) Assemblyman Gordon feels a campaign needs to be developed to assist senior citizens in obtaining lower costs for prescription medicines.
- 5) He is exploring ways to maintain the existing 310 area code for phone service in the South Bay. This proposal to split the 310 area code was raised several years ago and is being made again.

Assemblyman Gordon agrees with the governor's position on four issues that have received a lot of recent debate. He is opposed to granting drivers' licenses to illegal immigrants and to gay marriage. He supports the negotiation efforts to bring additional Indian gaming revenue to the state and the governor's recommendations in the California Performance Review process on the restructuring of state agencies and operations to save money.

Assemblyman Gordon also supports closing tax loopholes, such as those given to corporations setting up headquarters offshore in an effort to avoid taxes. This deprives the state of revenues.

December Mixer Highlights

The December mixer, hosted by Abacus Security, was one of the most successful mixers of 2004! "We were thrilled to host the Holiday mixer" states Pat Feldman-Donaldson of Abacus Security. "We are always here to help the City." Pat, a long time supporter of Hawthorne, not only spends

time volunteering for the Chamber, but is a member of the Rotary and Lions Clubs too! Mixers are important events for Chamber members to attend. They give us an opportunity to support the Chamber, and to network with other businesses in Hawthorne. Our City is growing fast. You never know who or which company will be here next. Mixers are good opportunities to meet your business neighbors.

The next Mixer will be held January 20th at The Rustic Light, 14019 Hawthorne Boulevard, at 5:30 pm .

See you there!

Tell us what you would like to hear!

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Chamber President Don Harris (Left) with Jons Market CEO Jack Beberian (center) and Manager Bill Green (right)

Jons Market Grand Opening

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Hawthorne Chamber and Community Events

Hawthorne Holiday Parade



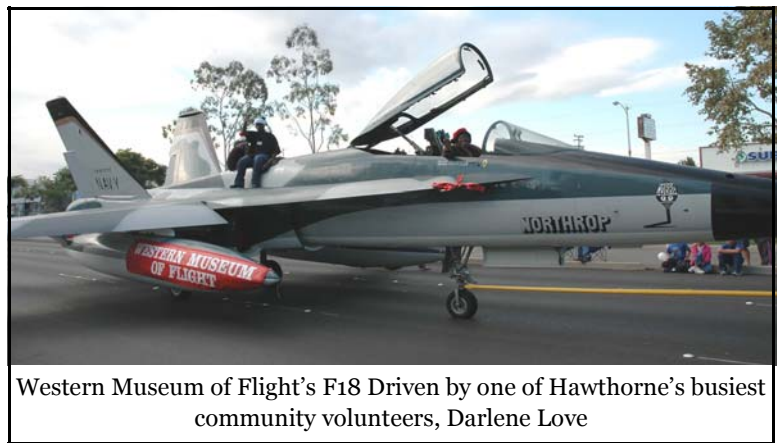
Hawthorne Police Department Color Guard



The Chamber participated in the Hawthorne Holiday Parade. Pictured are Chamber President Don Harris, Women in Business Communications Chair Cherise Vallas, Member Services and Women in Business Chair Pat Feldman-Donaldson, Communications Chair Candy Cargill-Fuller, and Ed Jenkins who is the driver and owner of the fire truck.



Santa with a few of his Hawthorne Guests



Western Museum of Flight's F18 Driven by one of Hawthorne's busiest community volunteers, Darlene Love



St. Joseph School Drill Team and Mayor Guidi



The Hawthorne Lion's Club

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