



The Hawthorne HOTLINE

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE HAWTHORNE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

April 2006

Happy Easter!

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

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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.

SBWIB Awarded \$912,177 for South Bay Energy Project

The South Bay Workforce Investment Board (SBWIB) Executive Director, Jan Vogel stated that the SBWIB was recently awarded \$912,177 in federal Workforce Investment Act funds by the California Employment Development Department for the **South Bay Energy Project**. The purpose of the project is to enhance state-wide workforce development efforts addressing emerging labor needs within the region's energy, chemical and advanced manufacturing industries.

The Los Angeles area has a large pool of skilled, dislocated mechanics and machinists resulting from sequential workforce reductions by aerospace and airline companies in California. The pool of dislocated workers includes machinists, mechanics, technicians, and others with specialized training applicable to other industries. At the same time, major employers in the refining, infrastructure, manufacturing, and food processing industries have identified a strong need for workers with related skills including industrial electricians, instrumentation technicians and machinist/millwrights. Such major employers include British Petroleum (BP), Conoco-Phillips, Exxon-Mobil, Shell, General Mills, United Water, and CEMCO Steel.

The Project will provide eligible unemployed workers job screening, skills assessment, occupational training at El Camino College, and referral services to participating employers with openings in skilled craft positions. Hawthorne Mayor, Larry Guidi announced that the project will make a particular effort to train dislocated workers from the airline and aerospace industries who have backgrounds in machining, instrumentation, electrical and mechanical engineering, equipment maintenance, and other specialties for retraining for high-wage positions in energy and advanced manufacturing.

Mr. Vogel also added that the South Bay Workforce Investment Board, in cooperation with the Airline Mechanics Fraternal Association and participating Workforce Investment Boards and One-Stop Business & Career Centers, will provide outreach, case management, and job placement for project participants. Upon its conclusion, the Project will add approximately 95 new workers to the region's labor pool and provide participants access to jobs with annual earnings ranging between \$70,000 and \$100,000 per year.

Congratulations SBWIB!

April 20th Mixer at Chester Washington Golf Course!
1930 W. 120th Street, Hawthorne
Food, Drawings, Networking, Be There!

President's Message

Center Stage II - Act VIII

Taking a Breather & Gearing Up

If you recall, last month I reported to you on our biggest event of the year, the State of the City luncheon. Well, after that we took a much deserved breather. Just for a minute, though, because plans for next year are already under way. With our fiscal year just around the corner on July 1, 2006, there is much to be done. Our nomination committee is hard at work bringing you a slate of candidates to vote for. This is an opportunity for those interested in serving the Chamber to "throw their hat into the ring" and run for a directors position. We strive to have representation from all types of business and industry on our Board. So if you

receive a call from a committee member about a Board position, please consider it.

We are also planning our annual Installation Banquet. We have been fortunate the last few years to have it at Chevron Park and very lucky that the weather has co-operated (sort of!). We're going to move it indoors this year, and I'll report the exact location to you next month. But rest assured, it will be GREAT!! The committee is planning a first class evening to give President-elect Patricia Feldman-Donaldson a fantastic start to her term as President. So mark your calendars now for Friday June 2, 2006 at 5:30 pm for the 36th Annual Installation of Directors and Officers. Of course, we will also be giving out the prestigious Ned

Chaffee Award and the Hawthorne Citizen of the Year Award. Tickets go on sale soon, so get yours early!

That's it for this month. As always, there's a lot going on at the Chamber and I invite you to stop by and say hello!

Don Harris

Chamber President



Hawthorne Chamber Board Members

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Treasurer Larry Franklin, Commercial Capital Bank

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Communications Candy Cargill-Fuller, Behavioral Health Services

Economic Development Don Harris, Farmers Insurance Group

Government Affairs Terri Owens, South Bay Workforce Investment Board

Member Services/Women in Business Pat Feldman-Donaldson, Abacus Security Services

Special Events Nelson Rios, Advanced Party Rentals

Elected Board Members

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Meg Roi, California Crusader News

Mike Bell, Bell Event Services

Nelson Rios, Advanced Party Rentals

Pat Feldman-Donaldson, Abacus Security Services

Cliff Strand, Gold's Gym

At Large Directors

Candy Cargill-Fuller, Behavioral Health Services

Jeff Lyman, South Bay Ford

Ken Carson, Vought Aircraft Industries Inc.

Lily Craig, Chevron Products Company

Shelley Rose, Hawthorne School District

Steve Bradford, Southern California Edison

Terri Owens, South Bay Workforce Investment Board

Staff

Administrative Assistant
 Sherice Fernandez

**Contact Any Board Member And
 Get Involved Today!**

Ribbon Cutting



Welcome Walgreens!

Hawthorne Chamber members joined with the Hawthorne City Council February 21st to formally welcome the new Walgreens at the corner of Prairie and Rosecrans. Chamber President Don Harris and Board members Larry Franklin, Bill Salfity and Teri Owens joined Mayor Pro Tem Pablo Catano, city and Walgreens employees at the ceremonial ribbon cutting. The store provides a full pharmacy, and includes a drive-up window.

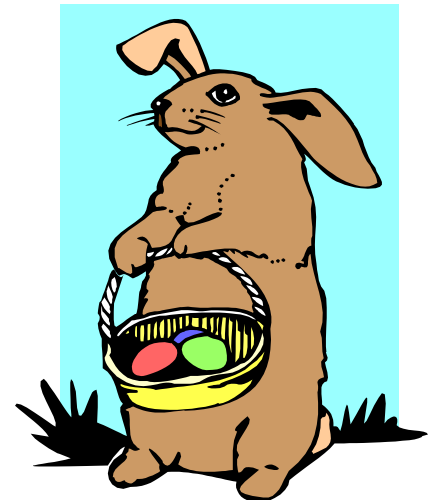
Hawthorne Earth Day Festival April 29, 2006

The City of Hawthorne has been improving its environment and it is time to celebrate! April 29th at Memorial Park (3901 W. El Segundo Blvd.), the City and the Hawthorne Rotary Club will team up to present a day of fun and education in honor of the environment. Our local environment is as important as any - this is where we live and we need to know how to keep it clean.

The event will welcome a variety of businesses, organizations and community groups. Entertainment and food will be on hand, including an

appearance by 102.7 KISS FM. The event will be held the same day as the Los Angeles County Household Hazardous Waste Roundup in the adjacent parking lot. Memorial Park will be buzzing with hundreds and hundreds of environmentally conscious folks.

Sponsors and vendors are sought - see the form inserted in this newsletter. If you are interested in having a booth or being a sponsor, please contact: Douglas Krauss, 310-349-2987 or Tom Quintana, 310-666-2394.



Upcoming Events

April Events

- 4/5 Board of Directors Mtg, 8 am, Chamber Office
- 4/18 Women in Business Mtg, Cherise Harris, abovedove2003@yahoo.com
- 4/20 April Mixer, Chester Washington Golf Course 5:30 pm
- 4/23 Volunteer Appreciation Day
- 4/29 Earth Day, Hawthorne Memorial Park

May Events

- 5/3 Board of Directors Mtg, 8 am, Chamber Office
- 5/16 Women in Business Mtg, Cherise Harris, abovedove2003@yahoo.com

5/18 May Mixer, Silver Scissors, 5:30 pm

5/20 Home Depot Child Safety Awareness Day

June Events

- 6/2 Chamber Installation, 5:30 pm
- 6/7 Board of Directors Mtg, 8 am, Chamber Office
- 6/15 June Mixer- ****Cancelled!****
- 6/20 Women in Business Mtg, Cherise Harris, abovedove2003@yahoo.com

July Events

- 7/5 Board of Directors Mtg, 8 am, Chamber Office
- 7/18 Women in Business Mtg, Cherise Harris, abovedove2003@yahoo.com

List your community or business events here. Contact Candy Cargill-Fuller at candy@bhs-inc.org



April 29, 2006

Hawthorne Memorial Park
3901 El Segundo Blvd Hawthorne

9:30 AM to 3:00 PM

Produced by the Rotary Club of Hawthorne

In Cooperation with the City of Hawthorne Public Works Department

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Supporting sponsors:



YesterYear by Walt Dixon

Walt's off helping the Easter Bunny with his deliveries....

YesterYear will return in May!



Government Affairs by Terry Owens

New California Laws at a Glance

AGGRESSIVE DOGS: Local governments can enact ordinances for specific breeds mandating spaying and neutering and imposing restrictions on breeding.

BODY PIERCING: Makes performing body piercing on a minor punishable by a \$250 fine, unless the minor's parent gives approval.

CAMPAIGN MESSAGES: Prohibits candidates from using text messaging to transmit campaign ads.

CAR BUYERS: The Car Buyer's Bill of Rights requires car dealers to offer used-car buyers a two-day cancellation option which, lets the buyer return the car without cause under certain conditions.

CHILD VICTIMS: Children will be allowed to testify via closed-circuit television in sexual assault cases, allowing them to face assailants from another room.

COSMETICS: Requires cosmetics companies to list cancer-causing substances in their products.

DUI: Law enforcement officers can impound vehicles of drunken driving suspects if the person has a blood-alcohol level of .10% or higher and has one or more previous convictions within the past seven years.

ELDER FINANCIAL ABUSE: All officers and employees of certain financial institutions are required to report suspected financial abuse of seniors.

EMERGENCY CONTRACEPTION: Protects women's immediate access to emergency contraception by barring pharmacists from refusing to fill a prescription on moral, ethical or religious grounds, unless they have previously notified their employer of their objection and the employer can reasonably accommodate it. Also requires employers to establish protocols to ensure patients have timely access to the prescribed drug.

EMERGENCY EXITS: Some entertainment venues will be required to announce the availability of emergency exits at the start of performances.

ETHICS: Requires ethics training for some employees of counties, cities and special districts.

Member Information

South Bay Workforce Investment Board Receives \$30,000 Regional Collaboration and Local Coordination Incentive Award

The South Bay Workforce Investment Board (SBWIB) was recently notified that it has been selected to be a recipient of a **\$30,000 Regional Collaboration and Local Coordination Incentive Award**. SBWIB Executive Director, Jan Vogel was congratulated for the South Bay WIB's efforts to improve the California State Workforce Investment Area (WIA) system

and for its coordination effort in implementing a **12-month Business Mentoring Program (BMP)**. The concept of the BMP pilot program was a collaborative effort between the South Bay Workforce Investment Board, South Bay Economic Development Partnership, El Camino College Business Training Center, Southwest Los Angeles County Small Business Development Center, El Camino College Center for International Trade Development, California Manufacturing Technology Center, and the Small Business Development Center. The objective of the Business

Mentoring Program is to test and refine in-depth business assessment and assistance delivery methods with local manufacturing firms. The BMP is designed to help participating firms overcome obstacles to growth, and expand into new markets, under the mentorship of experienced private sector owners. Hawthorne City Mayor, Larry Guidi congratulated South Bay Workforce Investment Board's Executive Director, Jan Vogel for the WIB's innovative and continued workforce development programs and strategies.

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