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THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE HAWTHORNE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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## 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

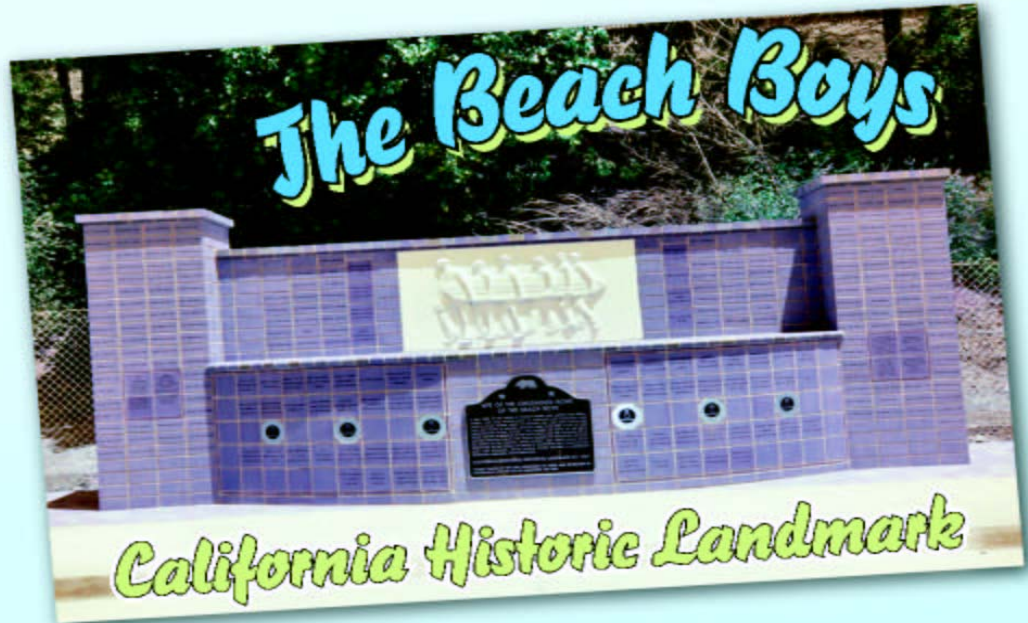
All businesses within and around the City of Hawthorne are invited to join the Chamber and participate in its various community events

## Location and Hours of Operation

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Monday, Wed., Thurs., and Fri  
9:30 am—4:30 pm  
Tuesday  
10 am—4pm

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



***The Beach Boys Historic Landmark.*** California State Landmark #1041, in Hawthorne, California, commemorates the birthplace of these artists who have become an important part of our musical and cultural history.

Now you can become a part of this memorable Landmark. Make a tax-deductible donation, and you will receive a brick on the monument with an inscription of your choice. You can also get Landmark merchandise as a memento of this monument that honors the Beach Boys and their unique place in history. For more information, email Harry Jarnagan ([bblandmarkchair@yahoo.com](mailto:bblandmarkchair@yahoo.com)) and Paula Springer ([jpjcl@jps.net](mailto:jpjcl@jps.net)).



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Beach Boys Sketches, ©2005, Margaret Dowdle Head

**August 17th Mixer at Norman Lewis!  
1930 W. 120th Street, Hawthorne  
Food, Drawings, Networking, Be There!**

## President's Message

My first mixer as President went very well! I was a little nervous, but thankful for the support from city officials, chamber members and friends. I remember reading a book years ago that says "FEEL THE FEAR AND DO IT!" I am too Blessed to be Stressed so I jumped in and the mixer was great. I make no apologies for being a woman. And I make no apologies for being a woman in leadership.

You can't be an effective leader and hold people in stagnation; the very nature of leadership calls for movement. So we will move into creating several new committee's. Hawthorne is a city of togetherness and movement. The word defeat is not in my vocabulary. When I reach for a star, I always manage to grab one. My dreams for Hawthorne are bigger than I, but with your commitment and involvement we will achieve making Hawthorne the best city in the South Bay! One thing I've learned in life is that you can't move forward if you remain in the past! Although we can't change the past, we don't have to stay stuck in it. Let's get involved and make it happen!

See you at the Wine Tasting on Aug.11th at Chester Washington Golf Course and next months mixer at Norman Lewis Limo's on Aug. 17th. Some one will win a \$100.00 bill, plus door prizes, money, money and more money!

Patricia Feldman-Donaldson  
 President, Hawthorne Chamber of Commerce



## Hawthorne Chamber Board Members

### 2006/2007 Board of Directors

**President** Pat Feldman-Donaldson, Abacus Security Services

**Treasurer** Larry Franklin, Commercial Capital Bank

**Past President** Don Harris, Farmers Insurance Group

### Committees

**Ambassadors** Manuel Cadena

**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 Tad Teodoro, Century Aviation Feldman-Donaldson, Abacus Security Services

**Special Events** Nelson Rios, Advanced Party Rentals

### Elected Board Members

Brenda Lacy-Roberts, Century 21 Union Realty

Pastor Tyrone Partee, Olivet Lutheran Church

Betty Patterson, LV Travel & Tours

Nelson Rios, Advanced Party Rentals

Bill Salfity, G & S Printing

Joseph Simone, Menace Studios

Cliff Strand (for Steve Tavera) Gold's Gym

### At Large Directors

Candy Cargill-Fuller, Behavioral Health Services

Randy Jacobs, 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!**

# Yesteryear

Walt is busy collecting experiences for his column. But do not worry- YesterYear will return in September 2006!

## Events and Information

### WINE TASTING EVENT

HAWTHORNE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

BUSINESS WOMEN'S COUNCIL

PRESENTS:

WINE TASTING EVENT

WHEN: FRIDAY, AUGUST 11, 2006

WHERE: CHESTER WASHINGTON GOLF COURSE

WESTERN AVENUE AND 120<sup>TH</sup> STREET

LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

(323) 756-2516

TIME: 6:00 PM TO 8:30 PM

COST: \$15.00

PLEASE COME AND SUPPORT OUR BUSINESS WOMEN'S COUNCIL AND HAWTHORNE CHAMBER EVENT

DELICIOUS WINES AND FRUIT AND CHEESE PLATTER

WE LOOK FORWARD TO HAVING YOU ALL ATTEND! BRING YOUR FRIENDS!



## Upcoming Events

### August Events

- 8/2 Board of Directors Mtg, 8 am, Chamber Office
- 8/11 Wine Tasting, Chester Washington Golf Course, 1930 W. 120th Street, Hawthorne
- 8/17 Monthly Mixer- Norman Lewis, 13900 Hawthorne Blvd., Hawthorne

### September Events

- 9/6 Board of Directors Mtg, 8 am, Chamber Office
- 9/21 Monthly Mixer

List your community or business events here. Contact Candy Cargill-Fuller at [candy@bhs-inc.org](mailto:candy@bhs-inc.org)

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## News and Legislation

### New Phone Call Procedures

Effective July 26, 2006, a call in the 310 area code that is made to another location in the 310 area (from a land line) will not be completed unless the caller dials 1-310 then the number. Calls from cell phones will require dialing 310 then the number.

If there are problems or concerns about this new dialing procedure, it is suggested to contact the Governor's office, their State Senator and Assembly member, as well as the members of the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC). Names and phone numbers of CPUC members are:

Chair, Michael Peevey	415-703-3703
Geoffrey Brown	415-703-1407
Dian Grueneich	415-703-2444
John Bohn	415-703-2440
Rachelle Chong	415-703-3700

Emails can be sent to commissioners using the CPUC website at [www.cpuc.ca.gov](http://www.cpuc.ca.gov)

### Southwest California Businesses Support Transportation Funds (<http://www.southwestcaliforniaadvocacy.biz/loophole.htm>)

In 2002, nearly 70% of California voters overwhelmingly passed Proposition 42 that dedicated the existing state tax on gasoline to fund transportation projects like congestion relief, road repair, transit needs, and safety improvements.

However, a provision was included in Prop. 42 that allows the legislature and Governor to divert funds to non-transportation expenses. What was only intended for emergency fiscal issues has been abused repeatedly. The will of the voters is not being upheld.

Two out of the last three budget years', the sales tax on gasoline has been diverted to fund non-transportation state expenditures in the State General Fund.

A broad-based coalition of business, labor, local government, and community leaders is collecting signatures to qualify a constitutional amendment for the November 2006 ballot.

The passage of this measure is intended to close the Prop. 42 loophole, uphold the will of voters, and ensure once and for all that the sales taxes paid at the pump are used for transportation improvements.

This measure would prevent the Governor and Legislature from diverting the sales taxes on gasoline to non-transportation

expenses.

It will also require the State to reimburse the \$2.5 billion in funds previously diverted. It responsibly allows 10 years for repayment to avoid any immediate fiscal impact.

### Clean Energy Ballot Initiative (<http://www.nrdc.org/legislation/caleg.asp>)

"The Clean Alternative Energy Act," which will appear on the November 2006 ballot, would reduce our oil dependence, cut global warming pollution and improve air quality. The initiative would create a portfolio of clean fuels, clean-fuel vehicles and clean-fuel infrastructure that could cut California's annual oil needs by four billion gallons (equivalent to about 25 percent of current consumption). Funding for these clean-fuel projects would come from a modest fee on oil extracted from California lands. The measure would raise at least \$4 billion to promote commercialization of bio-fuels, efficient vehicles and technology research, without increasing energy costs to consumers or adding new demands on California's general fund.

### Schwarzenegger Scores Big in Small Business Survey ([https://www.nfib.com/object/IO\\_29192.html](https://www.nfib.com/object/IO_29192.html))

A recent survey indicates that an overwhelming number of small-business owners, who employ the majority of working Californians, support incumbent California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger over state Treasurer Phil Angelides in this year's election.

Schwarzenegger has been a key player in stopping frivolous lawsuits, supporting tort reform, rejecting tax increases, pushing for state conformity of federal deductions for health savings accounts, fighting employer-mandated health care, working for overtime reform and improving the financial status of the state.

"When you have one candidate promising to raise every tax in the state on one side and a governor with a measurable record of doing his best for small business on the other side, the lopsided result can't be much of a mystery," said Martyn Hopper, state director for the 35,000-member NFIB/California. "Governor Schwarzenegger has been positively stellar for California's small businesses."

"NFIB has experienced unparalleled cooperation with the governor's office and his bipartisan staff," added Hopper, "And, as a result, this teamwork has benefited all in creating a positive climate that has taken the fear out of setting up shop here and being able to maintain it."

### Job Killer Bills (<http://www.calchamber.com/CC/GovernmentRelations/JobKillers.htm>) The following bills (according to the California Chamber of Commerce) increase the cost of doing business in California

AB 1835 (Lieber; D-Mountain View)/SB 1162 (Cedillo; D-Los Angeles) Automatic Minimum Wage Increases— Increases business costs without regard to the state's economy by increasing the minimum wage with annual automatic increases.

AB 1884 (Chu; D-Monterey Park) Unemployment Insurance Compensation Benefits— Forces California employers to subsidize a strike against their own company by providing unemployment insurance benefits to workers unemployed due to a strike.

AB 2209 (Pavley; D-Agoura Hills) Unemployment Insurance Benefit Expansion— Forces California employers to subsidize a strike against their own company by requiring an employer to pay locked out workers a monetary penalty equal to level of unemployment insurance benefits workers might have received during a trade dispute if any business misconduct is alleged.

SB 300 (Kuehl; D- Santa Monica) Leave Law Abuse— Opens California's leave law to potential abuse by removing controls that require that the employee actually provides the care, among other provisions.

SB 840 (Kuel; D-Santa Monica) Government-Run Health Care— Imposes a government-run health care system on all Californians.

SB 1414 (Migden; D-San Francisco) Health Care Tax— Imposes a tax on employers with over 10,000 employees to spend the equivalent of 8 percent of their total payroll on health care or pay the equivalent amount to the state.

ACA 36 (Nation; D-San Rafael) Gas Tax Increase— Makes California gasoline, already the most expensive in the nation, even more expensive by imposing a 25-cent increase over five years, none of which will be used for transportation.

AB 581 (Klejs; D- Castro Valley) New Reason to Sue— Makes California less desirable as a place to locate or expand a business by opening new avenues to sue employers by establishing a broad private right of action that permits joint labor management committees to sue any employer for certain Labor Code violations that may have occurred up to four years previously, among other provisions.

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