



Upcoming Chamber Dates

Chamber Office Warming & Ribbon Cutting Party

Thursday, July 14 - 4: to 7: p.m.
8081 Stanton Avenue, Suite 306

Chamber Networking Breakfast "Earthquake Preparedness", Randy Lindenberg

Wednesday, July 27 - 7:30 a.m.
Holiday Inn Buena Park
7000 Beach Blvd.

"Take Me Out To The Ballgame"

Thursday, Aug. 18 - 7:05 pm game
Angels vs. Texas Rangers

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Wednesday, July 27 Monthly Chamber Breakfast

Presents Randy Lindenberg,
Specializing in Natural Gas
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"Earthquake Preparedness - Preparing for
the Big One"

Randy Lindenberg started Natural Gas Consulting, LLC with the goal to educate and assist home, business and apartment owners in becoming energy efficient, safety minded and how to be best prepared for earthquakes. He was involved with the restoration of gas service to the homes & businesses in the Northridge and Whittier earthquakes and

saw firsthand how these earthquakes changed the lives of individuals. Mr. Lindenberg knows what is needed to prepare for inevitable future earthquakes and how to minimize any resulting damage that will occur. His ultimate goal is to save you money, reduce your liability and keep everyone safe.

Please join us for this very informative presentation at the Holiday Inn Buena Park on Wednesday, July 27th at 7:30 a.m. Chamber member cost is \$17 with reservations; \$22 without reservations or non-member. Register online at www.buenaparkchamber.org or call the Chamber at (714) 484-1420.

"Torch" Restaurant holds grand opening Chamber facilitates new member ribbon cutting

Article and Photo by Loreen Berlin

The new Torch Restaurant, Lounge and Bar, 7850 Beach Blvd., in Buena Park held its grand opening Thursday, June 23, with a ribbon cutting orchestrated by the Buena Park Area Chamber of Commerce. The restaurant is located in what

was formerly known as the "E-Zone," that has now been renamed as the "Event Corridor" on Beach Boulevard in Buena Park. The facility offers banquet services and a dining menu from India, Thailand and China. The 21-foot bar surrounding the lounge area provides a place to enjoy lunch, happy hour or dinner, with a live DJ offering international music on weekends. "Our promise to you is a phenomenal dining experience and journey through Asian cuisine and culture; sit, savor and enjoy," Owner Sunny Sawhney said. Sawhney said that they have had their Torch Restaurants in Orange County for 38 years, with Buena Park being the newest location. "Our food speaks for itself and my son and CFO Bobby Sawhney, was a mega part of putting the restaurant together," Sunny Sawhney said. "Anything you want, I have it; our restaurant can be used for meetings, with the major part being the wide array of our menu. Every one of our team members is important, from the dishwashers on up; this opening is for everyone," Sunny Sawhney said.

Other details include: The Executive Chef is Manoj Sanase; the dress code is "Smart Casual," and parking is complimentary valet for lunch and a nominal valet fee for dinner. The Torch offers catering and a wide variety of banquet services for private events; they can host more than 400 people with weddings, birthdays, anniversary parties, upscale club/lounge promotions and any type of special engagement.

The Torch is open from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. for lunch and 4 to 10 p.m. for dinner Sunday through Thursday and Friday and Saturday from 4 p.m. to Midnight. For Torch Restaurant information, call 714-523-8880 or visit www.torch-restaurant.com.



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2011-2012**

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Business Awards Presented and Chamber Board Installed



Pictured (from left to right) are Virginia Vaughn, Bella Dia Salon & Day Spa; Lily Otieno, Infinity Business Solutions; Dennis Fyda, Holiday Inn; Don Prescott, Knott's Berry Farm Resort Hotel; Tyler Mortensen, A-American Self Storage; King Philippe, Medieval Times; Christine Rodarte, American First Credit Union; Linda Burr, Park Waste & Recycling; Omar Del Valle, OneWest Bank; Tom Roepke, Yamaha Corporation; and Jay Levy, Hochiki America.

Board members of the Buena Park Area Chamber of Commerce are sworn in by Buena Park Historical Curator Art Brown and duly "Knighthood" by Medieval Times King Philippe, during the Chamber's 84th Annual Business Awards and Installation of Directors and Officers Luncheon Wednesday, June 29, at the Holiday Inn and Convention Center Buena Park.



Sunshine Check Cashing is chosen as the "Business of the Year" for 2010-2011. Pictured (from left to right) are Chamber of Commerce President/CEO Denise Simmerman; Anthony Dibs, Sunshine Check Cashing; Business of the Year recipient Joe Dibs; Congressman Ed Royce's District Representative Ryan Holmes; and Supervisor Shawn Nelson's Policy Advisor Steve Spernak.



Buena Park Historical Curator Art Brown congratulates incoming Chairman of the Board of Directors Tyler Mortensen after administering the oath of office. Tyler expressed his desire to continue moving ahead with increasing the number of members and providing meaningful programs to assist businesses in creating a strong local economy.

Photos by Loreen



Virginia Vaughn, co-owner of Bella Dia Salon, is selected as "Business Leader of the Year" for 2010-2011. She is pictured (from left to right) with Chamber of Commerce President/CEO Denise Simmerman; Bella Dia Salon co-owner Kenny Vaughn; Steve Spernak, Supervisor Shawn Nelson's Policy Advisor; and Ed Royce's District Representative Ryan Holmes.



Knott's Berry Farm and Nutrilite are honored for 65 years of Buena Park Area Chamber of Commerce membership. Speech and Language Development Center was honored for 40 years and Medieval Times for 25 years of membership. Pictured (from left to right) are Nutrilite Employee Affairs Manager Lisa Rehnberg; Speech and Language CEO Dawn O'Connor; Medieval Times Knight and King Philippe; Knott's Berry Farm General Manager Marty Keithley and Knott's Berry Farm Resort Hotel General Manager Don Prescott.

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Business Highlights



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Buena Park Plaque & Trophy. - **11 Years**

Buena Park Noon Lions Club - **20 Years**

Bulletin Displays LLC - **14 Years**

Union Bank - **7 Years**

North Orange County R.O.P. - **26 Years**

Financial Network Investment Corp. - **12 Years**

ServPro of Buena Park - **3 Years**

American Cancer Society - **7 Years**

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Buena Park Noon Lions awards two 'Melvin Jones Fellowships'

Highest Lions Award is given for "Humanitarian Service"

By Donna McCay

Tuesday, June 21, the Buena Park Noon Lions Club met to wrap up one Lions year, and to kick off the next. The primary purpose of the Tuesday evening meeting was to install new officers for the coming year. Prior to the installation ceremony, outgoing Lion President Patrick "Pat" Donnelly recapped the Lions successful year and presented awards for distinguished service to the Club.

Lion Loreen Berlin and incoming Lion President Art Brown were awarded the highest honor of Lions Clubs International Foundation - that of being named Melvin Jones Fellows. As such, their names have been added to the list of individuals in the program at Lions International Headquarters in the LCIF Room, in Illinois, and they became part of a growing network of individuals who are committed to Improving the quality of life for people locally and in communities around the world. Donnelly cited Loreen Berlin's tireless efforts to help Lions and other local service organizations spread their messages to the community.

Berlin also helped host a group of young people from New Zealand recently, who visited Buena Park for a week as part of the Lions Youth Exchange program.

Donnelly gave the gathering a visual of Art Brown's community service by showing a printed list of several pages, most notable of which was 20 years as a member of the Buena Park City Council. The Melvin Jones Fellowship is named for Lions Club founder Melvin Jones, a Chicago insurance agent who worked to define the focus of his local business networking group to utilize their intellects, drive and talents to improve their communities.

Since its founding, Lions Clubs International has become the world's largest service club organization with 1.35 million members in more than 45,000 clubs worldwide. Locally, the Buena Park Noon Lions are best known for hosting Silverado Days each October, coming up the third week of October Friday through Sunday, October 14-16; this is their largest fundraiser for the Club. From this carnival and a number of other fundraisers throughout the year, the Buena Park Noon Lions were able to donate more than \$45,000 to local schools, youth groups and other organizations from July 2010 to the end of June 2011. One very valuable service of the Noon Lions is to provide free eye exams and glasses to less fortunate Buena Park children and adults.



Newly-elected 2011-2012 Buena Park Noon Lions Club President Art Brown (left) is presented the highest Lions International award the "Melvin Jones Fellow" award by outgoing Lions Club president Patrick "Pat" Donnelly (right) during the club's installation Tuesday, June 21 at the Knott's Berry Farm Resort Hotel.

Photos by Loreen Berlin



Buena Park Independent Newspaper Reporter Lion Loreen Berlin is presented the Lions International "Melvin Jones Fellow" award for Humanitarian Services by outgoing Buena Park Noon Lions Club president Patrick "Pat" Donnelly (left) during the club's annual installation Tuesday, June 21.

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Chamber hosts 21st Annual 'Police Appreciation Luncheon'

Buena Park Police Department Men and Women honored
 Article and Photos By Loreen Berlin

Many deserving police awards were presented during The Buena Park Area Chamber of Commerce 21st Annual Police Appreciation Luncheon held at Knott's Berry Farm Resort Hotel on Wednesday, May 18. The luncheon honors the Buena Park Police Department's men and women with Recognition Awards for the prior year. Beth Swift, Buena Park City Council member, read a proclamation from the

City Council and presented it to Buena Park Police Chief Corey Sianez. The proclamation reads: Congress and the President of the United States have designated May 15 as Peace Officers Memorial Day and the week in which May 15 falls, as National Police Week. "I am pleased to be here as a council member; our police officers are the Police Scout's role models to help them reach higher and be stronger and to be able to do difficult things that will build character," Swift said. "Thank you for the wonderful job the police officers do." Chief Sianez thanked the police officers who put their lives on the line. "It's our duty to honor the officers who go out every day to solve problems; I couldn't be more proud of the men and women

of the Buena Park Police Dept. and we owe a lasting debt to them while they are serving and protecting our lives." The awards presented at the luncheon are a summary of the police officer's great work. The National Anthem was sung by 14-year-old Madison Carney, and then commendations and awards were presented to the police officers and civilian police employees.



Cpl. Thomas Reyes (left) receives the "Police Officer of the Year" award presented by Sgt. Dirk O'Dette (center) along with Chief of Police Corey Sianez (right).



A "Distinguished Service Award" is presented to Police Chaplain Duane Tellinghuisen (right) by Buena Park Chief of Police Corey Sianez (left).



The Buena Park Police Color Guard presents the colors during the Annual Police Appreciation Luncheon hosted by the Buena Park Area Chamber of Commerce

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