

Redlands Chamber Now

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President's Circle Members

Paul Barich, Barich & Associates, Gregory Brittain, Attorney, Jeff Thalmayer, Arrow Staffing, Alan Ricard, Alta Vista Credit Union, Dan Scherneck, Safeway Electric Co. David Thayer, Eadie & Payne LLP. Jeff Sceranka, Enterprise Funding Corp. Jim Walling, Inland Community Bank, Peter Lehmann, Krikorian Premiere Theatres, Paul Foster Daney Bachiu, Redlands Blueprint Co., Dave Maupin, Maupin Financial Services, Jennifer Dobbs, University of Redlands



President Elect Paul Barich announces new directors to the Board

Serving as Chair of the Nomination Committee Barich announces nominees for directors who have agreed to step up to serve three-year terms to the Chamber's Board of Directors.

Richard Pennington, owner of Pennington Designs, has been an active member of the Chamber since joining. He has also lent his time and talent to the Redlands Optimists as well as a number of community projects that has him fully engaged in the city and business community.

Geoff Bonney, owner of Bonney Architects, has volunteered his talents as a leader with the chamber for a number of years, serving on the Government Review Committee most recently as

chair, spearheading the campaign to assist Senator Bob Dutton pass legislation to assist business owners comply with ADA requirements while at the same time avoid "legal extortion" demands made by unprincipled attorneys. Bonney has also been involved in the Million Dollar Mutt Mansion and Redlands Chamber LIVE

Wayne Stair, First Centennial Bank is returning to the Board after a short hiatus. Wayne, a Leadership Redlands graduate, has served the organization in a number of capacities including Treasurer and Past President as well and talented presenter on Redlands Chamber LIVE. He was a member of the Downtown Redlands Business Association Board of Directors and is now returning to the Chamber to offer his expertise and talent to the Board.

Paul Emmerson, owner of Emmerson of Emmerson and Farrar Jewelers will join the Board and bring a new perspective to the organization. Paul has been a long time supporter of the Chamber and after serving as a champion of downtown Redlands will bring his leadership skills and retail

knowledge to the Chamber Board.

Matt Younkman, Beeman's Pharmacy Redlands, a member of the Young Professionals Network, will step up representing the next generation of business leaders. Matt has been involved in the Chamber prior to the formation of the YPN, having volunteered his services at the Chili Cook off and Fireman's Muster and Redlands Chamber LIVE. He has served as MC of Rise n Shine Redlands and is a regular at Business to Business.

The organizations' bylaws provides for additional nominees by petition signed by 20 members in good standing. Petitions must be filed at the Chamber office fifteen days after public notification.



Kitchen Solvers will help you fall in love with your kitchen all over again!

Kitchen Solvers is a national franchising company that specializes in kitchen remodeling.

“The process of re-facing, remodeling or designing for your home can be overwhelming. The challenge is bringing together all of the important decisions involved in the layout, design, functionality and installation of your project. We provide you with creative options that complete your kitchen on time and within your budget. That's why you should turn to Kitchen Solvers. Our knowledge, experience, and resources skillfully help you bring it all together.”

Kitchen Solvers services include, cabinet re-facing, installing new cabinets, countertops, accessories, and more. But they are not limited to just kitchens they can help you remodel your bath, your closet help you with organizing systems and even with your flooring needs.

For almost 30 years, Kitchen Solvers has been bringing kitchens together in a very personal way. Understanding who you are, the lifestyle you live, and what it is you want to accomplish is where they start. No detail is too small or expectation too big. They listen, coach, guide, consult, and introduce you to new ideas so that step by step, decision by decision, we help you bring it all together.

To bring your kitchen or bath dreams into reality call David Fisher at 909 709 4964 for an appointment today.

Chamber to host the Annual Installation Dinner and Civics

Award Ceremony in January

The Redlands Chamber of Commerce will present new directors and welcome new officers to the organization Thursday, January 26, 2012, at the Casa Loma Room, University of Redlands.

After the installation of directors and officers, attendees will be treated to the announcement of the prestigious Man and Woman of the Year and Police and Firefighter of the Year Awards. While selections are made earlier, all four awards are held in secret until the announcement that evening creating an air of excitement and surprise until the very last revelation.

Tickets are limited; reservations are necessary, \$50 per person. For information about the dinner call the Chamber office at 793-2546.

City Council passes ordinance that provides preference for local businesses

In an effort to promote business retention, Redlands City Council recently agreed to provide an 8% preference for goods, equipment, services or construction to local businesses in the procurement processes for the City of Redlands. The intent of the ordinance is to promote economic health and encourage local business participation in the procurement process.

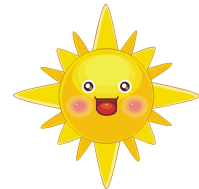
Local businesses are defined as having a valid Redlands Business License and having its principal business operation located in the City of Redlands.

Until the recent decision the local preference was just 1% a small differential that made little or no difference in the bidding process. The move to increase the local preference will encourage local vendors to participate in the procurement process and keep the dollars local.

While the Chamber has been focused on a Shop Redlands Campaign for years the City's leadership in setting the new 8% preference for local businesses aids in delivering the message of keeping the dollars circulating in town.

To learn more about the procurement process contact the City purchasing department or go on line www.cityofredlands.org.

IT'S A NEW YEAR !



Rise n" Shine Redlands
Friday, January 6,
7:00 AM
Casa Loma Room
University of Redlands
And what a program we have
for YOU!!!!!!
Reservations are \$10 in
Advance \$20 at the Door
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Welcome New Chamber Members

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Ribbon Cutting



Cancun Bar and Grill Owners,
along with Chamber Ambassadors

celebrate the Ribbon Cutting at Bar and Grill located at 801 Tri City Center.

REDLANDS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE CALENDAR OF EVENTS December 2011 and January 2012

December 14 (Wednesday)
Government Review Committee
4:00 PM
Chamber Office

December 15 (Thursday)
Ambassador Committee Meeting
8:00 AM
Chamber Office

December 16 (Friday)
RIBBON CUTTING/GRAND OPENING
SLEEP NUMBER STORE
127 Alabama
Redlands, CA
12:00 Noon

December 21 (Wednesday)
Board of Directors
7:30 – 9:00 AM
Chamber Office

NO BUSINESS TO BUSINESS **IN DECEMBER DUE TO HOLIDAY**

January 4 (Wednesday)
Government Review Committee
4:00 PM
Chamber Office

January 6 (Friday)
Rise N Shine Redlands
7:00 AM
Casa Loma Room, University of Redlands
\$10 Prepaid - \$15 At the Door
Reservations Needed
(909) 793-2546

January 11 (Wednesday)
Executive Board Committee
7:30 – 9:00 AM
Chamber Office

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Government Review Committee
4:00 PM
Chamber Office

January 18 (Wednesday)
Board of Directors
7:30 – 9:00 AM
Chamber Office

January 18 (Wednesday)
Government Review Committee
4:00 PM
Chamber Office

January 19 (Thursday)
Ambassador Committee Meeting
8:00 AM
Chamber Office

January 24 (Tuesday)
Business to Business Networking
11:30 Lunch
Meeting 12:00 Noon
Chamber Office

January 25 (Wednesday)
Government Review Committee
4:00 PM
Chamber Office

January 26 (Thursday)
Chamber Installation Dinner
&
Community Awards
Ceremony
6:00 PM
Casa Loma Room,
University of Redlands
\$50.00 Per Person
Reservations Needed
(909) 793-2546

U. S. Post Office
threatens hundreds of
jobs in the City of
Redlands

By Paul Barich

The Federal Government is about to decide if it should stay or go, a decision that will effect hundreds if not thousands of residents in the Redlands area. While unemployment in the Inland Empire still hovers at an all time high and the government feigns at efforts to put a finger in

the hole of the unemployment dike the U. S. Post Office is ready to drop the axe on hundreds of jobs by closing the distribution center in Redlands and rerouting the mail processing to smaller facilities further south or east.

While meetings have indicated that if Redlands processing is closed a portion of the handling will go to neighboring Moreno Valley, a smaller facility, just twenty miles away, that facility smaller in size will not be able to handle the volume.

While the outrage of no more first class delivery and the inconvenience to bulk rate customers is bad enough the real insult is the hundreds of workers who will have to relocate or lose their jobs should the decision to close be made regarding the Redlands site.

In the real business world it would make better sense to close the satellite offices and bring operations back to the larger base. But trust the Federal Government to over think the solution and impact the lives of hundreds of citizens and leave a gapping hole in the economy of a town that is already struggling to stay afloat.

Should the guillotine fall and the center close yet another building will stand empty and surrounding businesses will be affected. The burger joint and sandwich shops who have served those postal workers breakfast lunch and dinner for years will wonder not where the beef went but where the customers went? The gas stations and retailers will find a significant drop in sales when that many customers leave en mass. The housing market will take a hit as workers will either be forced to relocate, sell or simply walk away.

U. S. Post Office you are talking about hundreds of jobs and impacting thousands of people you need to be very sure you are not

making a knee jerk decision but considering the bigger picture and influence on so many lives.

Thank YOU
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Special Thanks to all the
Restaurants that provided
the delectable delights at
the Chamber Holiday
Mixer....

If you need a break from
the hustle and bustle this
season why not eat out at....

Sizzler

Chili's

Briskets

Eureka Burgers

Napoli's Italian Restaurant

Romano's

Carolyn's Café

Las Fuentes

Cancun Bar and Grill

Red Robin

Qdoba Restaurant

Curry In A Hurry

And don't forget to pick up
wine for your holiday table
from State Street Winery.

From the Board and Staff
of the Redlands Chamber
of Commerce

