

**MARCH 2024**

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# CHAMBER EXCHANGE

## **IT'S 2024 And It's STILL A GREAT DAY In San Bernardino**

**NEW** is the **NEW** Buzz word around San Bernardino. And it's **GOOD "NEWS"** for our fair City. **NEW** growth, **NEW** neighbors, **NEW** Chamber members AND **NEW** people in City Hall. Your Chamber team has been exploring **NEW** ways to better serve you, our members. We feel we have created and updated benefits to offer you **NEW, EASIER, LESS COMPLICATED** ways to network, by listening and **HEARING!**

**1. The Successful Networking Lunch** will continue with the next one being held April 24th at the Red Lobster on Hospitality Lane. Arrive at 11:30am to network and exchange cards (yes the old fashioned way, face to face). A special lunch menu will be available for individual ordering (no host lunch). When seated, everyone will be invited to introduce themselves. Lunch ends at 1:30 pm.

**2. In lieu of Mixers the Chamber is offering Businesses an opportunity to host a "Sunset Soiree" from 5:00 to 6:30 pm.** There will be no charge but still a 50/50 drawing at the door. **THE BENEFIT:** Pop In, have a refreshment/mix while networking. Business owners will have the opportunity to show off their facility. The potential is always out there to find a co-host, perhaps a restaurant/ caterer/ or someone who doesn't have an office. If you are interested in hosting a **SUNSET SOIREE**, call Lupe at 909-885-7515.

### **Join The Chamber For The First**

**"Sunset Soiree", March 27th from 5:00 to 6:30 pm at New Member Dr. Philip Tagatac, "Inland Dental Arts" at 2015 N Waterman Avenue, Suite B (sbdentistry2015@gmail.com). Dr. Tagatac, who chose San Bernardino to open his practice,** is enthusiastic, smart, and eager to be involved in our community. His services include: Implants, Veneers, Clear Aligners & more. Support our new member as we also celebrate his Opening with a Ribbon Cutting.

## **GET YOUR PASSPORTS READY TO TRAVEL IN NOVEMBER**

The **San Bernardino Area Chamber of Commerce** is presenting the opportunity to tour the **Wonders of Thailand** Discovering Ancient Wonders and Natural Beauty **from Bangkok to Phuket**. The Chamber has partnered successfully with Collette Explorations (a connection to Culture) on many adventures with happy, satisfied travelers returning constantly seeking more. We are proud and eager to offer a unique Traveling experience this year with a visit to Bangkok. **HIGHLIGHTS Include:** Reclining Buddha, Emerald Buddha, Bangkok Street Food, **Choice on Tour:** Suan Pakkad Palace Museum or Marble Temple, Sukhothai, Chiang Rai, The Golden Triangle, Chiang Mai, Elephant Experience in Chiang Mai, **Choice on Tour:** Thai Massage or Dinner, Lanna Home Visit, Home-Hosted meal, Phuket, Tuk Tuk Rides. Call Lupe for a brochure and have your personal questions answered at 909-885-7515. Notice all the fabulous details and information on our magnificently displayed Chamber website sbachamber.org

# Ribbon Cutting & Grand Opening Celebrations

## Welcome New Members To Chamber

**Mr. Longxiang Shen** founded **WINDSCREEN 4 LESS** in 2012 with a goal to be financially stable, not knowing his business would succeed in less than 10 years. The first 3 years were a struggle and a sacrifice. Nevertheless, being the visionary he is, he didn't give up. Even when times were tough, he believed in his ability to succeed. *He used to look at warehouses in San Bernardino because he loves mountains.* He moved his company from a 5,000 sq ft rental warehouse in the City of Industry to an over 100,000 sq ft property of his own in San Bernardino. Now he has a big place in which to expand his vinyl and metal fencing business. *Windscreen* also manufactures custom made fence screens and sunshade sails.

*It was a "Family Affair" while Cutting the Ribbon Celebrating their Grand Opening . Mr Shen is on the Right with his lovely wife, Grace next to him and their delightful, smart daughter Lina directly behind the scissors.*

*Councilmember Juan Figueroa presents a Certificate from the City as he welcomes WINDSCREEN4LESS to San Bernardino.*



## ORANGE BLOSSOM FLORIST

Marina Vasquez and Angelica Araujo were no strangers to the flower industry. Prior to owning **ORANGE BLOSSOM FLORIST**, they worked together at Inland Flowers for several years. In fact it was due to the sale of Inland Flowers that they both decided to open their own flower shop, **ORANGE BLOSSOM** located at 424 E. Hospitality Lane, B-6, San Bernardino where they have been, since 2018. Angie is the main designer and Marina takes care of the deliveries and what's needed in the shop. Marina is a native of San Bernardino. Her family and friends have all been totally supportive of her entrepreneurship. *The ladies do not consider themselves just any "ole" ordinary florist shop where they just chop and drop.* However, instead make quality arrangements, they take pride in how they process the flowers, baby the flowers properly to give them a longer life time, so when a customer receives them they last much longer than a few days. It

was important to them to continue the kind of customer service they learned at Inland Flowers. Call and place your order at 909-885-7230.



## NEED TO GET RID OF THAT UNNECESSARY "STUFF"?

**CALL JUNK DAWGS at 909-712-9525.**

New Chamber Members Drew and Zach Douglass, the proprietors of **JUNK DAWGS**, offer top notch junk removal and hauling services. Whether it is regular trash, e-waste, yard waste, clothing, appliances, furniture, or even minor demo work. **JUNK DAWGS** has you covered. Operating as a family-owned business headquartered in Redlands, CA, their customers don't have to lift a finger; instead, they can sit back and witness the magic happen. Their 5-star service is characterized by professionalism, transparent pricing, prompt work, and an abundance of kindness, reflecting their belief that each customer deserves nothing but the best. Excitingly, **JUNK DAWGS** is expanding its services and has introduced Moving Dawgs, a moving company that upholds the same values and standards as **JUNK DAWGS**.



# New Development in San Bernardino Being Completed, See and Visit



**DEL ROSA FOLKS WILL SEE A NEW FIRE STATION** crop up on their Avenue very soon! The new station is being built to the rear of the current fire station located at 1920 N Del Rosa , just south of Highland Avenue. **According to Battalion Chief Mike McClintock, SB Co Fire, “New Fire Station 226 continues to move ahead in the build process, crews are finishing the framing process and will have a roof on the building in the coming weeks. The fire station is slated for completion in June”.** The new fire station will be staffed by five personnel, manning a Medic Engine & Medic Squad. Fire station 226 is extremely busy, responding to a total of 9,883 calls (27.07) per day!

## Thank You Jian Torkin for your newly Semi Completed “GATEWAY” Project at 5th and “H” St.

The Starbucks never seems to have a need for customers. Other new tenants are Del Taco, A 7-Eleven with a Quick Wax Car Wash, Sonic Burger and Ono Hawaiian Barbeque are expected in the future. Some projects were delayed, unfortunately, due to some bad choices made by a few undesirable entrepreneurs.

## Thanks to Federal, State, City Leaders and ARPA for a \$35 Million Grant SB Lutheran Social Services Looks Forward to 140 New Housing Units for Men

There will be a lot of construction happening on the property of **Lutheran Social Services around “G” and W Virginia Streets in San Bernardino this year.** In January Federal, State and City leaders, along with the non-profit sector gathered to show off the SB community Wellness Campus (Lutheran Social Services) and to officially announce the awarding of a \$35 million dollar grant from the CA Department of Housing and Community Development. **It is the largest grant awarded during the current round of Home Key funding and is believed to be the largest competitive grant the City of San Bernardino has ever received.** Funding for Project Home Key comes from the Federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), which was passed by Congress in 2021, and the State General Fund. The total funds will be used by SB to construct an interim housing facility for up to 140 individuals in partnership with site operator, Lutheran Social Services of So Cal and developer Dignity Moves.

**Gov. Newsom praised S.B’s Community Wellness Campus, saying** it is a creative approach that will serve individuals experiencing chronic homelessness. The work and partnership behind this effort demonstrates what is possible when people think outside the box”. Congressman Pete Aguilar was present and said , “It is one of the main goals of ARPA to help ensure that everyone in our community has a

Roof over their heads.” He added, “I’m proud that nearly \$35 million is coming to the City of San Bernardino to help tackle the housing crisis”.

**A condition of the funding is that the project must be completed within twelve months. The new modular units will allow residents to stay for up to 180 days as they transition into permanent housing. The housing units hope to be completed in spring of 2025.** The facility will also include an on-site federally qualified health clinic; provide case management; behavioral health treatment; job training & placement; rehabilitation services and long term-housing assistance.

**San Bernardino is also working to develop a homeless navigation center at the former School of Hope site on 6th St. The facility will provide both housing and services in a central location with as many as 224 housing units in its first phase.** The city has allocated \$21 million to build the navigation center, with \$12.4 million coming from the ARPA funding. In January a Judge issued a temporary injunction against S.B, prohibiting City staff or its contractors from performing encampment cleanups to ensure that individual’s property is protected, and accommodations are made for disabled individuals. The court indicated it would consider vacating its order restricting cleanups if the City submits a written policy outlining its homeless encampment clean-up procedures. The City is currently developing such a policy.



# Chamber Members “Schmooze” At New Networking Lunch Held at Mexico Cafe

