



The Green Sheet

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Welcome New Member: Tongdang Thai Kitchen

This new Chamber member is also the latest addition to the San Marino restaurant community. Located at 932 Huntington Drive between Oak Knoll and Chelsea Roads in San Marino, Tongdang has already become the place to go for excellent Thai food in a lovely setting. Tong is the Thai word for gold and dang is the color red. The two words combine to describe copper. The owners have used the word to describe the vibrant décor of the restaurant and the colorful and spicy nature of Thai food.

Whether you hunger for Pad Thai, egg rolls or curry, all can be found on the lunch and dinner menus.

The ambience created by the interior design blends with the beautifully presented food. Service is excellent. These features combine to create a rewarding dining experience. The owners honed their skills at the first Tongdang located in Brentwood. Zagat 2005 gave the Brentwood location high marks.

The owners have demonstrated their desire to be a part of the community by sponsoring a fundraising day to benefit Huntington Middle School. On Wednesday, February 23rd, 25% of the purchase price of all food sold in the restaurant was donated to the school. Eight hundred dollars was raised on this one-day. We salute Tongdang for their generosity and wish them success in San Marino.

Tongdang Thai Kitchen

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New Owner at San Marino Stationers & Party Shop

When Suzie Minoux became the owner of San Marino Stationers recently she was merely continuing a family tradition. Her grandparents, Mr. & Mrs. Carl Saare, founded the business in 1956. Twenty years later, Suzie's parents, Gregg and Carol Minoux became the owners. Then the business left the family when Mike and Barbara Allison took over. Now, with Suzie at the helm, the popular store is back in the family.

Suzie attended San Marino Schools, and she and her friends helped in the business after school. For the past six years, she has been a third grade teacher in Santa Ana.

She lives in Costa Mesa with her husband Derek and new son Cooper. When interviewed, she said, "I'm so excited about this new opportunity. I am sure my grandfather would be proud to see me own his store. I know I will love it as much as he did."

The store has a fresh new look. In the coming months, there will be some additions to the inventory with heavy emphasis on imprints and gifts. Look for paper products by Anna Griffin, Cross My Heart, Marcel Schurman and Crane. Shoppers will be pleased to still find their favorite party goods, office products and greeting cards.

When you are in the neighborhood, drop by to meet Suzie (and Cooper) and welcome them to the business community. They will show you around the store.

San Marino Stationers & Party Shop

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Suzie Minoux shows off a new display of cards.

Important Dates

- April 12, Chamber Board of Directors, 8 a.m. at Cal Am Water
- April 14, Chamber Mixer at San Marino Library, 5:30 -7:30 p.m.

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Thank you for your membership.

If you are a new member and would like a free business card ad in the Green Sheet, please send your card to the Chamber office at 2304 Huntington Drive, Suite 202, San Marino, CA 91108.

Renewing Chamber Members

Number of Years of Chamber Membership

Satori Design Group, Inc.	1 year
Help U Sell Realty	2 years
Law Office of Diane Corwin	2 years
Storbox Self Storage & The Wine Grotto	2 years
Crestmont Financial Services	4 years
Silverado Senior Living	4 years
San Marino Police Officers Association	5 years
Deluxe Shoe Repair	6 years
Lasting Impressions	6 years
Edwards, Eichel & Beranek	7 years
Huntington Advertising & Public Relations	11 years
Lexington Place	14 years
Julienne	18 years
McGinley & Company	42 years

Thank you for your continued membership.

Correction: The web address of Artist's Inn Cottage Bed & Breakfast is www.artistsinns.com.

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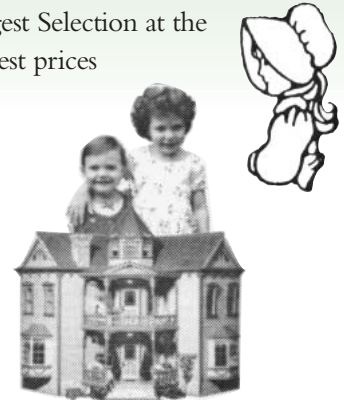
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March Mixer at Wells Fargo Honors Nancy Billings



Wells Fargo Bank Manager Kendrick Chan and Chamber Vice President Barbara Veenstra congratulate Nancy Billings.

Nancy Billings was the Chamber's guest of honor at the March 10 event hosted by Wells Fargo Bank. Friends, business associates, Chamber members, and residents gathered to thank Nancy for her years of dedication to the Chamber and the business community of San Marino.

Chamber President Barbara Veenstra presented Nancy with a plaque and a celebratory cake that she shared with attendees. Bank Manager Kendrick Chan further honored Nancy by giving her a Wells Fargo blanket. During the presentation period, he introduced members of his staff who are eager to assist Chamber members with their banking needs.

Fresh Gourmet prepared the food for the evening, which featured a lot of green in honor of St. Patrick's Day. Raffle gifts donated by Johnson, Butler & Company, Crowell, Weedon & Company, The UPS Store, Tongdang Thai Kitchen, ZSushi, Huntington Unocal, Soma Warna and Nick Boswell Photography were awarded to happy winners. The Chamber thanks all the businesses that donated gifts. And we give a special thanks to the board members who worked to make the evening a huge success.

Huntington Pharmacy Goes the Extra Mile for the Chamber.

Did you know that the Huntington Pharmacy adds a copy of the Chamber Mixer flyer to each bill they send out? That means over 500 customers are notified of the mixer each month. Thanks go to Board Member Betsy Jones and owner P.K. Lim for this kindness.

A Gala Ribbon Cutting



A gala ribbon cutting on February 24, at Sunrise of San Marino featured Horace Alder cutting the ribbon while Cynthia Drachenberg, Executive Director of Sunrise San Marino, San Marino Councilperson Betty Brown, Chamber Vice President Wayne Carter, President Barbara Veenstra, Terry Klaassen founder of Sunrise Senior Living and Chamber Board Member Lisa Watkins look on.



Pat Hage (center), an owner of Doll House Lady Miniatures, welcomes customers to the shop during a recent sale.

The San Marino Chamber of Commerce

April Chamber Mixer

*Thursday, April 14
5:30-7:30 p.m.*

Hosted by

*Friends of the
San Marino Library*

*1890 Huntington Drive
San Marino, Ca. 91108*

Catering by

The Fresh Gourmet

Members \$8 Non-Members \$11

The public is welcome

626-286-1022



Curves San Marino's 2nd Annual Date Night was a big hit with spouses. The place was a buzz as Curves members showed husbands and significant others how to use the exercise equipment. They sipped and munched afterwards.

Nine Good Reasons for Joining the Chamber

1. Opportunity to network with members of the business, residential, and non-profit sectors of the San Marino community.
2. An opportunity to socialize at ten mixers during the year. (\$3 discount to members, a \$30 value)
3. A free ad in the Chamber newsletter, the Green Sheet. (Value \$35)
4. A list of member names and addresses for use in business or service promotion.
5. A listing in the San Marino Chamber Directory and on the Chamber website.
6. A copy of the printed Chamber Directory. (Value \$10)
7. Representation by the Chamber in dealing with the City of San Marino.
8. An article on the front page of the Green Sheet spotlighting your business.
9. The chance to work together with other members on Chamber sponsored events to stimulate activity in the business community. (Holiday Around the Drive, Little Christmas House, etc.)



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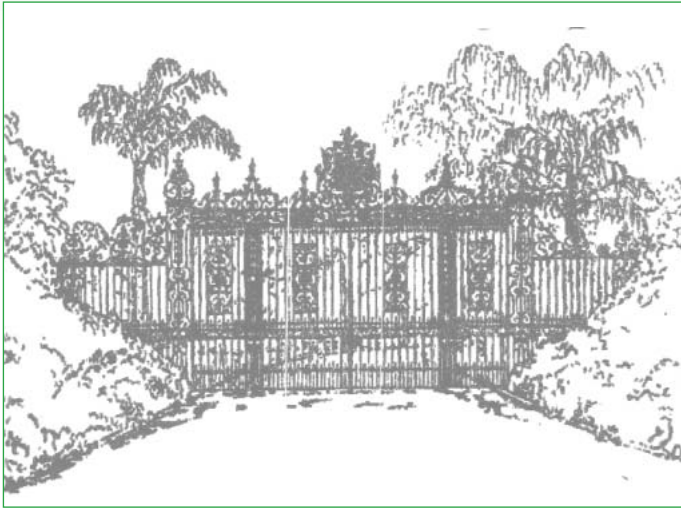
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Annual Huntington Community Mixer Returns in June



Mark Wednesday, June 8, on your calendar in big letters right now. That way you will not miss the Chamber's biggest Mixer of the year. Chamber members and guests will attend the 7th Annual Huntington Community Mixer on Wednesday, June 8, 2005, from 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. You will want to be among the attendees strolling through the grounds of the Huntington sampling food and wine on a lovely late spring evening.

Our Food and Beverage Members are eager to serve you, and we are looking forward to another fabulous evening. Look for your invitation in the mail later this month. If you have customers, clients or friends who would be interested in attending, call Eve at the Chamber Office with their names and addresses.

We are starting to round up raffle prizes for this gala event. If you would like to donate a raffle prize, please contact Event Chair Anne Turk at 626-300-0996 or call the Chamber Office at 626-286-1022. We will be happy to arrange for your donation to be picked up.

We are also in need of members to work the check-in table and to sell raffle tickets. If you are a new member, this is a great way for you to meet people. If you would like to help, please call Eve at the Chamber office. See you in June!

The San Marino
Chamber of Commerce

May Mixer

Thursday,
May 12
5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Hosted by
**Crowell, Weedon
& Company**

Location to Be Announced

Members \$8 Non-Members \$11
The public is welcome
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Chamber Board Meetings

Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 8 a.m. at California American Water Company at 2020 Huntington Drive, San Marino.

April 12	July 12	October 11
May 10	August – No Meeting	November 8
June 7	September 13	December – No Meeting

The Executive Committee of the Chamber meets on the first Monday of each month at 4 p.m. in the conference room at Citizens Business Bank, 980 Huntington Drive, San Marino.

2005 Mixer Schedule

April 14 – Friends of the San Marino Public Library,
 May 12 – Crowell Weedon & Company, location TBA
 June 8 – Wednesday, Huntington Library
 July 14 – Woman's World Fitness
 August – No Mixer
 September 15 – Citizens Business Bank
 October 13 – Glabmans
 November 9 or 16 – A Stitch in Time/Hodge Podge
 December 8 – Asanti

New Chamber Directory Has Arrived

The 2005 San Marino Chamber of Commerce Business Membership Directory should be arriving to you this month. Our thanks to the team of Chris Datwyler and Eve Estrada for once again putting this important business tool together. Scott Hanson of Lasting Impressions is the printer.



April 2005

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 APRIL FOOL'S DAY	2
		Place your Business Event Store Sale or opening on our Monthly Chamber calendar! e-mail your Chamber information to Judy Carter at <jthrush@socal.tr.com> or fax to 626-796-3905				
3 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS	4 Food Drive	5	6	7	8	9 Thurner Open House, Lacy Park, 10-noon
10	11	12	13 Jefferson's Birthday	14 Chamber Mixer, San Marino Library 5:30 p.m.	15 INCOME TAX DUE	16 Librarian Day
	18 Diana Dee's 20th Anniversary Sale	19	20 Republic of San Marino Dinner	21	22 Earth Day	23 Passover
24	25	26	27 Administrative Professionals Day	28 Arbor Day	29 Silverado Senior Living 5th Anniversary Party.	30



Heard Around Town.....

News and notes about San Marino



🎉 It is a party! Everyone is invited to **Silverado Senior Living Center's** fifth anniversary on Saturday, April 30th, 11:00am-2:00p.m., 1118 North Stoneman in Alhambra. This event is free to the community. Plans include a steel drum band and Caribbean theme. The day will be filled with loads of activities and delicious food! Please come but RSVP to 626-308-9777 so the staff will be expecting you.

🎉 For a preview of the Chinese Garden that is under development at the **Huntington Library, Art Galleries and Botanical Gardens**, take a look at the detailed scale model on view in the Visitor Center. The 1:120 scale model was created by Wu Like of LK Scale Models Center of Temple City. It depicts the "Summer Garden" which is the first phase of this grand project.

🎉 **The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)** has recognized Southern California Gas Co. (The Gas Company) with the Excellence in Energy Efficiency and Environmental Education 2005 Award for its outstanding contributions to reducing greenhouse gas emissions by promoting the construction of energy-efficient homes. The Gas Company's accomplishments will be recognized at an awards ceremony in Washington March 15, 2005. The Gas Company, an ENERGY STAR® partner, is being honored for promoting the construction of new homes that meet EPA's strict guidelines for energy efficiency. Energy Star-qualified new homes use substantially less energy for heating, cooling, and water heating – homeowners can expect to save about \$200 to \$400 annually on their utility bills.

🎉 Look for **Anneticipation** in Women's Wear Daily's Beauty Biz magazine. Anne Turk's shop was mentioned in their "Indy" feature as one of the top 50 independent Beauty Boutiques in the country. Congratulations to Anne for this nod from the industry

🎉 With the number of power outages caused by metallic balloons rising sharply in California in recent years and spiking alarmingly in February, **Southern California Edison (SCE)** is urging customers to take seriously a call by the utility to secure metallic balloons this year. Metallic and nonmetallic balloons can knock out service when they float between power lines. The high-voltage conductors can arc across the balloons, burning down wire, damaging equipment, and interrupting service. Many balloon-caused service interruptions in February are clustered around Valentine's Day, when many people use the balloons to show their love. Perhaps next year you can choose the old fashioned balloons instead.

🎉 **Margie's** celebrated the shop's 15th anniversary on Huntington Drive on March 10 with a big party. Champagne flowed, harp music filled the air and loyal customers and friends enjoyed a festive evening. Margie Lowe-Francis thanked everyone for their support and friendship over the years. Margie generously donated 15% of that day's sales to the Huntington Hospital Breast Cancer Center.

🎉 The film series at **Chouinard School of Art** continues in April with a triple feature whose theme is "Comedy Showcase." W.C. Fields' Pool Sharks, Laurel and Hardy's The Music Box, and the Marx Brothers' Duck Soup will show on a 15'x12' screen in crisp digital clarity on Saturday, April 9 at 8 p.m. at 1020 Mission in South Pasadena. There is no admission charge but donations are accepted.

🎉 **Diana Dee's Stationery** celebrates its twentieth anniversary in business in San Marino this month. Stop by the shop at 2060 Huntington Drive and wish Diana Doi and Jo Schmal a happy anniversary. To celebrate this important milestone, Diana Dee's Stationery is offering their customers a special discount on most merchandise in the store for three days, April 18th thru the 20th. Diana stated, "We would like to thank all of our customers who have shared the many special occasions in their lives with us over the past 20 years."

🎉 The date of the **San Marino Historical Society's** Thurner House dedication has been changed to Saturday, April 9. The time is 10 a.m. until noon. A formal presentation will be held at 11 a.m. at the 1475 Virginia Road location at the entrance to Lacy Park. Drop by to see how the house has been transformed into a home for the Historical Society and a meeting place for groups in the community. Historical exhibits on Lacy Park and San Marino will be on display.

🎉 Hats off to Teri Barton of **Springer Realty** who organized the restaurant fundraisers at **Tongdang Thai Kitchen** and **San Marino Seafood**. The first event netted \$800 for Huntington Middle School. Watch for final figures for the San Marino Seafood event in next month's Green Sheet. Teri sets a fine example of how a fellow Chamber member can help another business member and help our community schools at the same time.

🎉 A special dinner featuring the flavors of San Marino's sister city, the **Republic of San Marino (Italy)**, will be held on Wednesday, April 20 at 6:30 at Celestino in Pasadena. Chefs Ilario Forcellini and Gino Spano will prepare a menu using ingredients brought from Italy for the meal in the kitchens of Celestino.. Cost is \$100 per person by reservation only. For more information call Winnie Reitnauer at 626-499-4791, Jack Brown at 626-499-0886 or Mary Payne at 626-799-5717.

🎉 Sue Campoy, founder of **Julienne Brasserie**, is on the board of Good Shepard Home. A few months ago, Sue was honored at a dinner at the Beverly Wilshire Hotel for her contribution to Good Shepard, the largest center for homeless women and children in Los Angeles. She is starting a bakery in downtown Los Angeles for these women to operate. As a part of this project, she will help teach them how to bake and how to work with the public



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