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Celebrating the Montebello Chamber’s 105th Anniversary with ‘Monte Carlo’ Night

On June 15, we’ll be decking out a banquet room overlooking the Montebello Championship Golf Course with gaming tables and fresh table linens for an elegant “Monte Carlo Night” to celebrate the Montebello Chamber’s 105th anniversary.

That’s right—it was way back in 1912 when 26 civic-minded, professional men signed the petition of incorporation that brought the Montebello Chamber of Commerce into existence. A century ago, Montebello was mostly farmland occupied by growers of flowers and produce. Back then, the business owners were concerned with finding markets for their products, building homes, and attracting more settlers into the area.

Over the years, hundreds of members have promoted their businesses and lobbied for their business interests through the Montebello Chamber. The organization, which turns 105 years old this year, supports legislation that fosters a business-friendly environment, provides referrals throughout its network, and creates opportunities for members to build professional relationships that support the longevity of their businesses.

Today, the city of Montebello is thriving with residential and commercial neighborhoods because the founders of the Montebello Chamber of Commerce and their successors succeeded in attracting home builders and homeowners; because they subdivided their lands to make room for new residents; and because they built up their businesses so they could build a community.

So on June 15, we invite our members as well as the community to join us in celebrating the

organized effort which started 105 years ago to develop our city and community through the Montebello Chamber of Commerce.

At our annual Installation Dinner, in addition to marking the chamber’s anniversary and installing the new members of our board, we also acknowledge our ambassadors who volunteer their time to further the chamber’s goals, and honor some of our community’s exceptional businesses, nonprofit civic groups, public servants, and residents with our Shining Star Awards.

Award nominees are elected by members of the community and winners will be announced at the installation dinner. Award categories are: Member Business of the Year, Organization of the Year, Student of the Year, Lifetime Achiever (lifetime dedication of a Montebello resident), Most Improved Commercial Property, Citizen of the Year, Public Service, and Educator of the Year.

In accordance with the “Monte Carlo Night” theme, this year’s event will feature an elegant three-course dinner, DJ music and gaming tables. It will be held at the newly redesigned Quiet Cannon Conference and Event Center overlooking the Montebello Championship Golf Course.

Individual tickets are \$90 each and sponsorship opportunities are available. The funds generated by this event will help the chamber underwrite its existing programs and expand its services.

To purchase tickets or become a sponsor, email events@montebellochamber.org or call (323) 721-1153. We look forward to seeing you there!



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Ribbon Cutting Celebration at Virtue Hearing Aid Center



The Montebello Chamber of Commerce celebrated Virtue Hearing Aid Center's ribbon cutting on March 23 with members from the Montebello Chamber, including Board Members Darrell H. Heacock, Heacock Realty; Armando Arenas, La Costa Restaurant; Greg Millsap, The Shops at Montebello, and Lidia Kondratuk, Century 21 George Michael Realty. Guests were treated to a delicious lunch and desserts.

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SCORE Business Mentor Helps Entrepreneurs Achieve Success

The Montebello Chamber office is now a host location for one-on-one business mentoring to local businesses provided by SCORE mentors, such as Don Rader, who retired from a long, successful career as a production manager in the food manufacturing industry to build his own lucrative consulting business.

Mr. Rader earned his degree in Business Administration and Economics from the University of Wisconsin. He gained experience in production management at the Oscar Mayer Company, then began a 27-year career at Three Star Smoked Fish Company in Los Angeles.

During his lengthy career, Rader held positions at every level of management and supervised numerous aspects of the company including sales, training, shipping/receiving, purchasing, research and development, and quality assurance. He oversaw plant expansions and remodels and served as national sales representative to Trader Joe's, which alone generated sales of over \$12 million. He was directly responsible for all purchases of raw fish products, which totaled over \$30 million per year.

After retiring, Rader launched his own business, DGR Consulting, and began providing consulting services to former clients and business associates. "I think every successful businessperson wants to see if they can do it on their own," Rader explains. "Being the one who makes the business successful is a very rewarding experience." It is this enriching experience that inspired him to become a business mentor with SCORE.

We are proud and excited to welcome Don Rader and SCORE to our office! SCORE is a national organization of 11,000 retired business executives and high-level managers who volunteer to guide and support local businesses. Mentors are also able to refer business owners as needed to other SCORE volunteers with various specialized skills and experience. To schedule your mentoring session, call (626) 593-1120.



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As the school year ends, families will be adjusting to a new schedule and making plans to fill up their kids’ dance cards. Fortunately, there are plenty of options for making this summer break both fun and enriching.

Staying Smart! Summertime is a perfect time to review the past school year or get a head start on the new one. With built-in classrooms and playgrounds, is it any wonder that many children will be returning to their school yards this summer? Local schools are offering summer academies to help kids brush up and stay sharp before returning to school in the fall.

Camping Out! The warm weather is an invitation to get outdoors, experience nature and learn new skills outside of the academic environment. Summer camps offer a variety of outdoor activities from rock wall climbing and zip-lining to archery and hiking. Specialized camps can help immerse kids in athletics and martial arts.

Expanding Horizons! Wish there was more time during the school year for the arts? Take advantage of the downtime to enroll kids in music, dance and art classes. There’s also no better time than summer vacation to start swimming lessons with trained instructors, ensuring that kids can get the most out of pool time.

School Hopping! Looking to make a change in your child’s school? Summer months offer an opportunity to research new educational institutions in your area, interview administrators, and register for fall. Enrolling in summer academies and camps at a prospective new school can orient your child to the campus before the school year begins.

Need more information? Check out these chamber members for summer academies, youth camps, classes and registration for fall to keep your kids active and engaged this summer!



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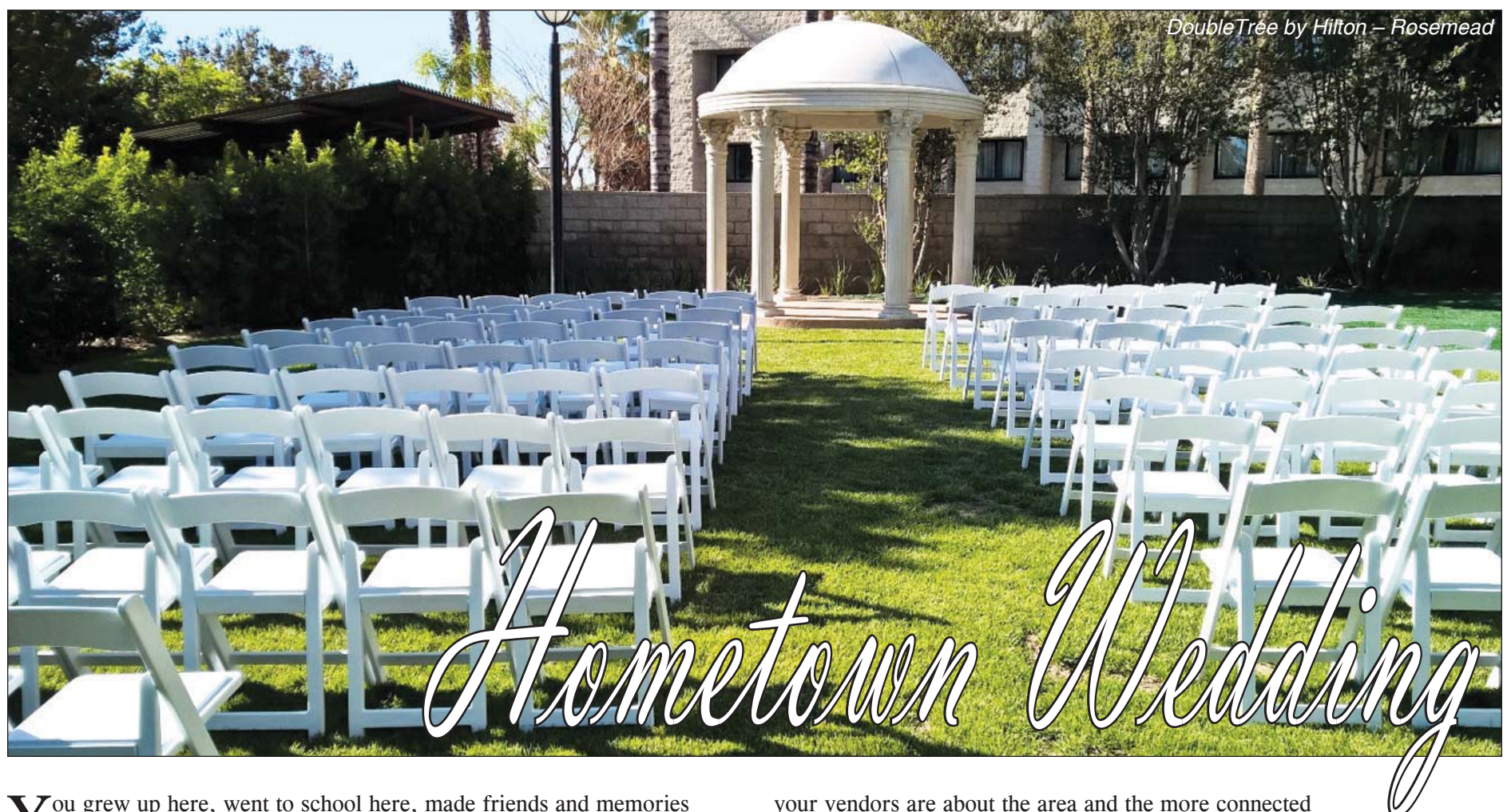
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Travel Time. As airport security procedures and LA traffic conditions continue to make traveling stressful and inconvenient, the attraction of keeping things local is growing. Think of your guests sitting in L.A. traffic or held over in a foreign airport, your own limo stuck on the road between the church and reception space, completely throwing off your wedding day schedule. Or picture your vendors, struggling to get to your wedding venues in time, your flowers wilting and your wedding cake melting in the back of a van.

Keeping your wedding in the neighborhood alleviates all the additional stress of travel and time constraints that comes with long distances so you can focus on the more essential priority of getting hitched. After all, isn't planning a wedding stressful enough without the extra complications created by travel across counties or countries? Plus, when you cut down travel distances for your vendors, you can also save on delivery fees and fuel surcharges.

Local Know-How. Besides keeping your wedding venues local, using local vendors can also curtail problems that arise when you use out-of-town vendors who don't know the 'hood. Let's face it—the more important the event, the more likely that something will go wrong, something that requires fast thinking and resourcefulness to fix; and the more knowledgeable

your vendors are about the area and the more connected they are with a local community network, the more likely that these kinds of disasters-to-be can be quickly averted.

Local photographers are more likely to know the best-kept secret spots to capture your digital mementos, and a local caterer will know where to run for a missing ingredient. Also, when your vendors are nearer to you and your wedding locale, it can be so much easier to schedule meetings, walk-throughs, menu tastings; etc. and coordinate the collaboration of vendors with each other.



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So where do you start to plan your homegrown wedding? Right here! In this issue, you'll find the listings of local businesses who provide wedding-related products and services. Need more referrals? Contact our Montebello Chamber of Commerce staff for personal recommendations and guidance, or check out the online directory of our members at montebellochamber.org. Our community is filled with exceptional vendors and venues that are just a hop, skip and a jump from where you are, from where you've always been—right here in your hometown.



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Chilling Out

Turn on the A/C and fill the ice trays—summer is here! Time to plop ice cubes in your coffee and eat more salad with your steak. In case the rainy winter season has blurred your fond memories of what summer eating is all about, here are some ideas for dining during the warmer months. Cool, refreshing options abound for every meal of the day, and some foods are actually biologically engineered to keep you cooler.

Up with the Summer Sun Yogurt is a great summertime start for your day with protein and probiotics built in; combine your favorite flavor with granola and summer fruits like peaches and berries for a perfect parfait. Smoothies make for a quick and easy breakfast on the go.

Hot Midsummer's Day Freshly-cut veggies layered on top of cheese or cold meats can be rolled in a tortilla wrap or stuffed in a French roll for a satisfying lunch-time sandwich; accompany with a cool pasta salad when you need a heartier meal.

Ah, Those Summer Nights... Dinner can still be elegant with chilled soups, ceviches, shrimp cocktails, sushi, as well as entrée salads topped with sirloin, chicken breast or salmon.

Sweet on Summer! Frozen desserts are back in vogue so stock up on ice cream, popsicles, chilled cheesecake and key lime pie.

And did you know that when it comes to planning your menu, you can actually pick foods that are more likely to keep your body cool during a heatwave?



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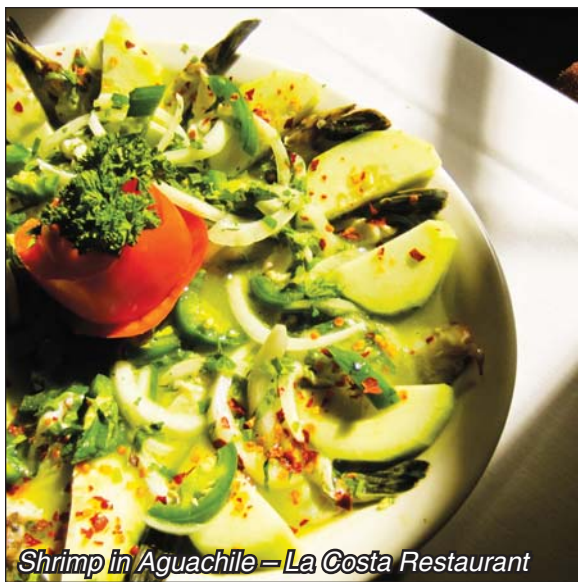
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Frosty Fruits Fresh fruits are another natural selection in warm weather, but some fruits are actually designed to cool off your body, like watermelon, honeydew melon, bananas, apples, peaches, pomegranates, pineapples and citrus fruits. Coconut water is also an organic coolant for your body.

Seasoned for Coolness Drop your body temp with the addition of seasonings and herbs that have inherent cooling properties like sesame seeds, poppy seeds, fennel seeds and mint.

Chilling Fluids Beyond putting ice in your drinks, you can boost your beverages' anti-heat superpowers by adding cold milk, lemon juice or coconut water. No wonder lemonade is such a summertime favorite!

Stay cooler by not firing up the ovens during summer months. Instead, check out these restaurants and their chilled menu options!



Shrimp in Aguachile – La Costa Restaurant

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City of Montebello News

Montebello Police Lieutenant Michael Bergman Retires Following 28 Years of Service



Congratulations to Montebello Police Lieutenant Michael Bergman on his retirement following 28 years of service to the City of Montebello.

Upon graduation from the Rio Hondo Police Academy, in 1989 Bergman began his career with the Montebello Police Department (MPD) in what today is known as the Community Relations Unit.

As his career flourished, he worked in the Patrol Bureau, the Anti-Gang Unit, the Traffic Unit, and as a K-9 handler. He rose through the ranks and in 2009, was promoted to lieutenant, returning to the Patrol Bureau as a watch commander. While

serving as lieutenant, his duties included overseeing the K-9 unit, jail services, the Reserve Officer Program, the Field Training Officer Program, and for two years, as the commanding officer of the Investigations Bureau.

He has been recognized by local, state, and federal organizations for his service and is a recipient of the MPD Medal of Courage, the MPD Medal of Meritorious Service, the MPD Medal of Merit, the MPD Medal for Life Saving, and a career achievement award from Mothers Against Drunk Driving in 2012. Bergman also holds advanced, intermediate and basic California Police Officer Standards and Training certificates.

"I want to thank everyone that has been part of making my career enjoyable and safe," said Bergman. I want to thank everyone that worked on Operation Sudden Impact for their tremendous dedication and attention to detail on this case. You truly made a difference in our community."

Congratulations Lieutenant Bergman!

Montebello Police Department Promotes Julio Calleros to Lieutenant



The Montebello Police Department (MPD) is pleased to announce the promotion of Julio Calleros to the rank of lieutenant.

A graduate of Cantwell High School, Calleros began his career with the Vernon Police Department before joining the MPD in 1990.

During his career, he has worked as a patrol officer, training officer, and upon his promotion to detective, worked undercover in the Narcotics Unit. While assigned to Narcotics, he worked state and federal cases, testifying as a court-recognized narcotics expert resulting in thousands of pounds of narcotics, and millions of dollars in drug money, being seized.

He has also served in the Gang Unit, and as a homicide investigator. When promoted to the rank of sergeant in 2011, he was assigned to the Patrol Bureau. In 2012, he began overseeing the Detective Bureau.

Calleros was also instrumental in the establishment of the Department's Bike Patrol Unit and Police Athletic League boxing team.

During his tenure with the MPD, he has been recognized with the Medal of Merit, as Officer of the Month, and twice-named Officer of the Year.

"I am so appreciative in receiving this promotion and the honor is humbling," said Calleros.

In October of 2016, Calleros suffered a life-threatening health issue and didn't think he was ever going to return to the MPD.

"The support and care given to me and my family by the MPD confirmed that I have an extended family," said Calleros. "Retuning to work, and being promoted to lieutenant, has enabled me to give back to everyone in the Department as well as the community, and for this I am forever grateful to the Lord."

Lieutenant Calleros will be assigned to the Patrol Bureau.

MPD Profile: Sergeant Alfred Martinez

Alfred Martinez began his career with the Montebello Police Department on May 13, 1992, when he was hired as a Police Cadet. On January 10, 1994, he entered the Rio Hondo Police Academy "class 119" and started his journey in becoming a Police Officer. On May 18, 1994 he graduated from the Police Academy.

Once out of the academy, he excelled in the field training program and was assigned as a solo Police Officer. He developed a reputation of being very proactive and in tune with the community.

In 1998, Sergeant Martinez was promoted to the rank of Senior Officer and remained in the patrol bureau and also worked in the gang unit.

In 2000, Sergeant Martinez was selected as one of the first School Resource Officers in the Departments history. He was assigned to Schurr High School (his Alma Mater) and was instrumental in developing the program. In 2001 he was promoted to Police Corporal and continued to work as a School Resource Officer.

In 2002, Sergeant Martinez was transferred to the Detective Bureau and assigned as a juvenile detective. Once in the Detective Bureau, he worked in the gang unit and the special investigations unit. He was also selected as a K9 Officer and worked alongside a gun detection dog.

In 2005 he returned to the patrol bureau as a training officer and was instrumental in training several new police officers. In 2012, Sergeant Martinez returned to the Detective Bureau where he was assigned to investigate crimes against persons.

Sergeant Martinez was also involved with the PAAL program and was one of the founders of the baseball league that was once part of the program. He is active with the Montebello Police Officers Association – having held numerous seats – including that of President. Sergeant Martinez has an Associate in Arts degree from Rio Hondo Community College.

He has received numerous commendations from Local, State and Federal entities and is a two time recipient of the Montebello Police Departments "Medal of Courage". He was selected as the Montebello Police Department Officer of the Year on 2007.



Montebello Fire Department New Firefighters on Board



Firefighter/Paramedics, from left to right: Dan Arellano, Angelia Loza (Medical Director), Nathan Vonderharr, Eric Ortiz, Garrett Martin and Martin Mondragon

Montebello Police Department Officers Awarded 10851 Award



Officer Adam Mitchell

Congratulations to Montebello Police Officers Ruben Ramirez and Adam Mitchell, both recipients of a California Highway Patrol/Automobile Club of Southern California 10851 Award.

The award, which began in 1979, recognizes officers for outstanding achievement in the detection, investigation and apprehension of automobile thieves and for their contributions and efforts in combating auto theft. The California vehicle code for grand theft

auto is 10851, thus giving the award its name.

According to the California Highway Patrol, there are three criteria for the award and recipients must meet one of the three within a 12-month period. To qualify, the officer must "make six separate incident rolling stolen in-custody arrests, or recover a total of 12 stolen vehicles of which a minimum of three must be rolling, or develop information resulting in the identification of a vehicle theft ring, and subsequent arrest of two or more suspects, and the recovery of at least ten vehicles."

Within a three-year period, Ramirez made 15 arrests for grand theft auto and recovered more than 50 abandoned stolen vehicles. He has received the 10851 Award multiple times during his career.

Mitchell recovered more than 12 stolen vehicles during a 12-month period, with three of the 12 recoveries resulting in an arrest.

"With these two dedicated officers on the streets, those who desire to steal a car in Montebello or drive through Montebello in a stolen car, may want to think twice," said Montebello Police Department Captain Brad Keller. "I am proud of them both for their accomplishments and know they will not stop seeking out stolen vehicles in Montebello."

According to 2015 statistics, 180,000 vehicle thefts occurred in California, approximately half in Southern California alone, resulting in an estimated loss of \$1 billion to California citizens.



Officer Ruben Ramirez

MPD Profile: Sergeant Steve Sharpe

Steve Sharpe began his career with the Montebello Police Department on September 9, 1996, when he was hired as a Police Cadet. On January 12 1998, he entered the Rio Hondo Police Academy "class 143" and started his journey in becoming a Police Officer. On May 30, 1998 he graduated from the Police Academy.

Sergeant Sharpe was a very fast learner and impressed his training officers and quickly navigated the field training program. Once assigned to solo patrol, he excelled in patrol operations and showed an aptitude for tactical situations and techniques.

In 2002, Sergeant Sharpe was promoted to the rank of Police Corporal and remained in the patrol bureau. In 2003, he was selected as a School Resource Officer and was assigned to La Merced Intermediate and Montebello Intermediate Schools.

In 2004, Sergeant Sharpe was transferred to the Detective Bureau and assigned as a juvenile detective. Once in the Detective Bureau, he also worked in the special investigations unit.

In 2007 Sergeant Sharpe was selected as a K9 handler. In this assignment, he quickly became certified as a dog handler and over the course of several years became an expert in the discipline. He was instrumental in developing several handlers and programs throughout the county. During his time as a handler he had three K9 partners - Ozzy, Sem and Ari

Sergeant Sharpe was also instrumental in the development and implementation of the Departments Special Response Team; he serves as one of the team leader.

Steve has a Bachelor of Science degree from Cal State Long Beach and is a certified police firearms instructor/Rangemaster. Steve is also a field training officer and an advanced officer tactics instructor.

He has received numerous commendations from Local, State and Federal entities and is the recipient of the Montebello Police Departments "Life Saving Medal". He was selected as the Montebello Police Department Officer of the Year on 2010.



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The kids are out of school, the driving route for your road trip is all sketched out, the list of touristy attractions and hot spots is complete—you're ready to go! But are you? Taking a summer road trip requires more than just the packing of bags and buying of snacks. Before filling up the gas tank, make sure you also give some attention to the rest of your car to ensure a smooth ride to and from your vacation destination!



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Cool that air. The best-planned trip can become a miserable trek when your car's A/C abandons you in the middle of a summer heatwave. Make sure to get any issues inspected and fixed before hitting the road. To get the best results from your A/C or heater, your car's air filter should be clean of debris or recently replaced.

Test those tires. You generally take them for granted but before taking a long road trip, you'll want to treat your tires with respect, having them inspected for wear or improper pressure. An issue with your wheels can lead to a dangerous accident so you'll want to make sure you're traveling on reliable rubber. And don't forget the spare tire—in case you need to temporarily replace a tire while on the road, you'll want to make sure that spare is properly pressurized and good to go.

Fill those fluids. Check the levels of your car's brake fluid (low levels may indicate worn brake pads), power steering fluid, transmission and differential fluids, engine oil (you may be due for an oil change), engine coolant, and windshield washer fluid (to keep your view of the road clear while driving long distances).

Check those components. Run a check of your horn, lights, and wipers to make sure that everything is working properly. Have an auto service professional inspect the brakes, steering, suspension and drivetrain components, and check under the hood for any leaks, damaged hoses or belts, corroded battery terminals, or anything else that can lead to problems on extended drives.

Fix those problems. Repair broken tail lights, cracked windshields or sideview mirrors as these can interfere with safe driving. Replace worn windshield wipers if they're not doing a good job of keeping your eyeline clear.

Equip that trunk. In case you do experience an emergency on the road, you'll want to make sure that along with your spare tire, your jack is also operational. Pack a basic auto emergency kit with jumper wires, flashlight, tools and work gloves, as well as a personal first aid kit.

Remember, a long road trip will be putting more than the usual strain on your car so you'll want to make sure it's in tip-top shape before taking it on the road and into wide open spaces.

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2017 Business Expo Attracts Mall Shoppers

The annual Business Expo organized by the Montebello Chamber of Commerce returned to The Shops at Montebello this year, where local businesses, utility companies, and nonprofit and civic organizations displayed their products and services to the public.

The event was sponsored by Beverly Hospital, California Water Services, Guerra Gutierrez Mortuaries, Southern California Edison, The Shops at Montebello, and UNIFY Federal Credit Union.

Held for the first time on a Saturday afternoon, this year's event benefited from the heavy weekend traffic of shoppers at the mall. There was a palpable buzz throughout the expo areas as attendees collected signatures on a "passport" from each exhibitor to qualify for a gift bag full of valuable items and gift cards donated by The Shops at Montebello. The Shops at Montebello also provided refreshments for the exhibitors in an exclusive VIP area.

The exhibitors, whose tables were set up in three different courts inside the mall, sweetened the pot for attendees with lots of freebies, samples, raffle prizes and special offers. The response from exhibitors was very positive as they had fruitful interactions with the public and walked away with new contacts and prospective clients. The Montebello Chamber of Commerce is thankful for its hardworking ambassadors who volunteered their time to help organize this event.

Looking for sponsorship and public outreach opportunities with the Montebello Chamber? Our 105th Installation Dinner is coming up on June 15 and our annual Taste of the Town event is scheduled for November 10, 2017. Call (323) 721-1153 for more information on how to get involved.



Jacqueline Derimow of the Montebello Chamber of Commerce and our hardworking Aabassadors who helped plan and execute this event—front: RENA GARCIA, JACQUELINE DERIMOW, and MAGGIE RIOS; rear: MARTHA ALVAREZ and ADRIANA DUGAN.



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Ribbon Cutting at Intex Solutions

The Montebello Chamber of Commerce staff and ambassadors, government officials and representatives of local businesses, and the Montebello Fire and Police Departments came together on May 16 to mark the occasion of Intex Solutions joining the Montebello Chamber.

President and founder of Intex Solutions David Rosenstein shared information about his company’s commitment to operating with responsibility and environmental consciousness. The company, which won an Energy Star Award in 2005, has always provided employees with health insurance and now has a profit-sharing plan in place. After 21 years of mindful business management, Rosenstein said “it was time” to be more engaged in his community and join the ranks of the Montebello Chamber.”

Intex Solutions offers top-quality, customized, eco-friendly commercial cleaning services of carpets, stone and interior textiles. Among its long list of distinguished clients are the City of Los Angeles, Google and Warner Bros. Intex Solutions is located at 507 West Washington Boulevard in Montebello. For more information, call (800) 525-4494 or log on to www.intexsolutions.com.

Multichamber Networking Breakfast Served to Packed House at Crowne Plaza Hotel



Crowne Plaza Hotel’s general manager Howard Taylor and meeting director Stacy Kauhaahaa

The Networking Breakfast 3.0 took networking to a new level last month with a sold-out event jointly organized by the Montebello Chamber of Commerce, Commerce Industrial Council, Pico Rivera Chamber of Commerce and the Bell Gardens Chamber of Commerce.

The Crowne Plaza Hotel Los Angeles (adjacent to Commerce Casino) graciously hosted the event, serving a hearty breakfast buffet to attendees who started trading business cards even before checking in. In honor of Mother’s Day, long-stemmed red roses were presented to female attendees.

Carl Woodard of SCORE made a presentation about their 11,000 volunteers across the nation composed of retired business executives who provide complimentary guidance to businesses. Mike

Salazar, executive director of the Bell Gardens Chamber of Commerce, and Francine Ayala, ambassador for the Commerce Industrial Council, wrapped up the program with a presentation on “The Art of Referrals” and the day ended with the award of raffle prizes and, of course, more networking. The next Networking Breakfast will be held in July. Check our calendar on www.montebellochamber.org for details or subscribe to our email list on our website to stay up-to-date!

Beverly Hospital Foundation Paradise Ball Benefits ER Expansion

By Anne Donofrio-Holter

For Beverly Hospital Foundation supporters, the Majestic Ballroom of the Industry Hills Pacific Palms Resort became the perfect setting for an evening of dining, entertainment, and fundraising as ABC7’s Albert Lawrence welcomed guests to the Foundation’s third annual Paradise Ball, a Black and White Gala, benefitting the Hospital’s emergency room expansion last month.

“Our emergency room serves as the safety net for our community,” said Alice Cheng, Beverly Hospital President and Chief Executive Officer. “Thousands of our local residents rely on our emergency room and sometimes it’s a matter of life or death.” Beverly Hospital Foundation Board of Trustees chair Goharik “Go” Gabriel presented Cheng with a check in the amount of \$345,000, proceeds from the Foundation’s 2016 fundraising efforts.

A highlight of the evening was the presentation of George R. Hensel Awards to Ron and Go Gabriel and The Beverly Hospital Guild for their service and dedication to the Hospital and the community. Over the years, the Gabriel’s contributions of time and resources have proved invaluable, and since its inception, members of The Guild have contributed more than 270,000 volunteer hours.

“Beverly Hospital is proud to celebrate 68 years of service as a hospital that remains independent, nonprofit, and focused on providing exceptional health care to every member of our community,” said Cheng. “We appreciate your contributions to continue our mission of providing the highest quality medical care in the region.”



Alice Cheng, Bernadette Hensel, Go Gabriel, Ron Gabriel, Dr. Carlos Haro



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Kevin’s commitment comes from his admiration of his father as a true professional. Realizing the significance of his father’s career while having vague ideas of what he wanted to do, Kevin began to understand the vast role his father played in the community. Kevin began his career as a Funeral Arranger, later becoming a licensed Funeral Director, and now he has been given the opportunity to step into his father’s role—Kevin was recently promoted to location manager of Funeraria del Angel, Montebello.

In Kevin’s words, “The day my father passed away, he not only left behind a loving family but also an extraordinary legacy of caring and serving everyone who stepped through our doors with dignity and respect. I was filled with such great admiration. I knew I could not just sit and let it be forgotten. I decided to take the initiative of choosing the same route, and now I am grateful for the opportunity to serve the community he so lovingly served.”



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