

80 Years. Built Together.

When I think about the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce turning 80, I don't just think about the number. I think about the stories.

One of my favorite things about being part of this community is hearing the stories of how Pleasanton came to be. I love learning about how Hacienda Business Park was built, or how Pleasanton hops once made their way around the world. I often find myself thinking, *I wish I could have been here to see that.*

For 80 years, countless business owners, volunteers, community leaders and members have helped write the story of Pleasanton. They opened doors, created jobs, took chances, rolled up their sleeves, built relationships and invested in this community. They were in the room when important decisions were made. They were there when new ideas became reality. The Chamber has been fortunate to be part of so many of those moments along the way.

To everyone who has served on a committee, attended an event, renewed a membership, volunteered, opened a business, sponsored a program, or simply believed in the value of a strong business community—thank you.

You helped build this.

As we celebrate 80 years, I'm incredibly grateful to those who came before us and built the foundation we stand on today and I'm excited that we have the opportunity to be a part of the next chapter.

Because someday, I hope we look back on the things happening in Pleasanton today—the businesses we helped launch, the relationships we helped build, the ideas we helped bring to life—and someone will say,

"I wish I could have been there to see that."

Here's to 80 years of being in the room where it happens—and to everything still to come.