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Dublin Chamber marks 50th year

In 1968, Kiplinger Magazine called the Livermore-Amador Valley the fastest-growing area in the state.

At that time, Dublin was 13 years away from cityhood and the old Valley Community Services District, now Dublin San Ramon Services District, was the nearest thing the city had to a municipal government.

But nobody spoke for the business community until an enterprising newsman, John Oliver, decided to push some local merchants into forming a chamber of commerce. Former councilmember and charter member Paul Moffatt called Oliver the "father" of the chamber.

"He wandered around and talked to local business people and asked if they were interested in joining a chamber of commerce. He got a group together including me and several others, and we started meeting" Moffatt said.

Oliver remembered it much the same way, exept that he said merchants were already talking about having a chamber.

"After I heard that for several months, I got impatient and said, 'Lets do something about it.' But I can't take credit for forming it. There was Dan Sherry, Paul Moffatt, Don Day and others."

The chamber membership grew to 93 members by the end of 1968.

One of the chamber's first battles was with the Alameda County Board of Supervisors over the Soap Box Derby's national semifinals, which merchants said were costing them thousands of dollars in lost business.

The problem with the derby was twofold. It drew nearly 4,500 spectators who crowded into Dublin Square parking spaces, leaving no place for shoppers, Moffatt and others complained at the time.

Besides the lost business and liter, the derby was sponsored by the Lions Club of Fremont and several East Bay auto dealers, none of whom was from Dublin, complained Tom Romley, owner of Romley's Market.

"If (the sponsors) want it here, let them come up with the money Dublin Square loses" Les Bouleare, then-owner of Dublin Hardware. told the supervisors.

The 1968 semifinals were the last held in Dublin. The chamber had won its first big fight. In 1973, the chamber prevailed in another battle -

John Oliver

1961 Aerial view of Dublin Courtesy of Dublin Historical Preservation Association

Oliver reported the victory.

Writing about then-chamber President Ron Hyde's correspondence with a map-making firm whose product neglected to include Dublin on the California map. Oliver said that "Hyde certainly put the fear of God in California's cartographers."

Hyde, invited members of the map-making company to come have lunch "so we can convince you we do indeed deserve a spot of recognition on one of your fine California maps."

The map-makers made amends but never took the lunch offer.

The chamber was involved in the cityhood struggle, often serving as the community's voice at county hearings, recounted by former councilman, Dave Burton, chamber president in

Source:

Valley Times, Dec. 1, 1993, by John Vanlandingham

Today the Dublin Chamber of Commerce continues to be the voice of business. We take an active role in government and help keep members aware of legislation that could impact their business. Our long-lasting relationship with the City of Dublin and state elected officials helps keep Dublin businesses in the forefront of our legislators minds.

For 50 years we have worked to protect small business in Dublin and free enterprise.



Chairmans' Message

Welcome to the New Year - 2018! I hope it will be successful and prosperous for each and every one of you. As your incoming chairman, I am both humbled and honored to be selected to lead the Dublin Chamber for the next 2 years.

As we prepare to celebrate our 50th Anniversary in May, the Board of Directors has been hard at work communicating, collaborating and advocating to our members, business community, government officials and the surrounding community.

I recently had the opportunity to attend a meeting with Senator Steve Glazer and the California Small Business Association who were seeking feedback from the surrounding business communities. On your behalf, I was able to provide feedback from the Dublin business community.

While we have always enjoyed a good working relationship with the City and I feel that we have stepped up our game in the last couple of years in working with them and plan to meet every other month to collaborate on our mutual programs and goals.

We welcome and encourage your feedback. Also, come and participate in any or all of the Chamber activities not only to meet your fellow members, but to communicate your thoughts and ideas to the leadership and staff, as this is very much your organization.

I look forward to seeing you soon in the New Year.

Steve Kau Chairman of the Board Dublin Chamber of Commerce











PLATINUM LEVEL









 $oldsymbol{w}$ e thank the following members for reinvesting in the Dublin Chamber of Commerce for the months of October, November and December 2017.

<u>Charter Members – 45+ Years</u> Harvey's Cleaners & Laundry - 46 years Lange Enterprises – 50 years!

> <u>41–44 Years</u> Big O Tires – 44 years

<u> 36 – 40 Years</u> Bank of the West - 38 years Camp Parks – 37 years **Dublin Unified School District** – 36 years Valley Christian Center - 39 years

31-35 Years

Costello Accountancy & Law Firm – 31 years **Dublin Honda** – 35 years The Independent Newspaper & Magazine – 33 years Knights of Columbus – 34 years Sav-On Supplies – 35 years St. Raymond Church – 32 years

26-30 Years

Dublin Smiles – 27 years Tucker, Paula – 27 years

21-25 Years

Custom Photographic Services – 24 years **Dublin Cyclery** – 25 years Luso American Financial – 23 years MCE Corporation – 22 years Straface Commercial Real Estate – 25 years Ticknott Electric – 23 years

16-20 Years

City of Dublin – 17 years FastSigns – 17 years Fremont Bank - 16 years JGPC Business & Corp. Law - 19 years Residence Inn by Marriott – 18 years United Business Bank – 19 years **Zone 7 Water Agency** – 18 years

11-15 Years

Allsafe Self Storage – 13 years All Smogs – 12 years Amici's East Coast Pizzeria – 15 years **B & S Hacienda Auto body** – 13 years Bassett Furniture – 12 years **Dublin Ranch Golf Course** – 14 years Hacienda Business Park - 13 years Sbranti, Tim - 15 years School of Imagination and Happy Talkers – 11 years Tri Valley YMCA – 15 years Wedgewood Wedding and Banquet Center - 12 years

6-10 Years

American Safety Academy – 7 years **Costco Wholesale** – 6 years **Dublin Jewelers** – 10 years **Dublin Nissan** – 10 years **Dublin Volkswagen** – 10 years **Envision Construction & Design, Inc.** – 7 years Keypoint Credit Union - 7 years Nothing Bundt Cakes – 9 years On the Border – 10 years Pacific Gas & Electric – 7 years Rockin' Jump – 6 years W P Realty, Inc. – 6 years

1-5 Years

Anastasis dba Radiance – 3 years Chabot-Las Positas Community College District - 2 years ChiroSports USA - 1 year Fountainhead Montessori School – 5 years **Hunter Joseph Salon** – 1 year JSW Insurance Associates – 1 year Paris Baguette – 1 year Ray's Auto Service – 3 years **Sheraton Pleasanton Hotel** - 3 years

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Grand Opening/Ribbon Cutting Ceremonies



On Thursday, October 19, 2017, Chairman Steve Lehman and Mayor David Haubert welcomed Dr. Steven Williams and Dr. Tanya Judge to Dublin with a ribbon cutting ceremony. Tri Valley Plastic Surgery is one of the East Bay's leading plastic surgery centers. Tri Valley Plastic Surgery specializes in amazing cosmetic results through a complete range of plastic surgery techniques. We encourage you to find out more by calling them for a consultation to discuss your specific needs.



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On Wednesday, November 8, 2017, Chairman Steve Lehman, Directors Les Jacob, Steve Kau and Nadia Cory welcomed Jimmy Wang, owner of Premier Postal to Dublin with a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony. Jimmy and his staff can pack and ship almost anything to almost anywhere in the world, but shipping is only one way they can help to make your life easier. In addition to their pack and shipping service, they are also Dublin's premier copy, print and document services center. Large or small, black and white or color; if it can be printed, Premier Postal can handle it!



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On Thursday, January 18, 2017, Chairman Steve Kau and Director Steve Lehman welcomed, sisters Kate and Kris, owners of Airport Home Appliance & Mattress for ribbon cutting ceremony commemorating the grand opening of their new large store in Dublin. They offer the largest selection of appliance brands in Northern California...stop by their showroom to see for yourself!



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Employers Can Keep Drug-Free Workplace, Despite Weed Legalization

California's new law on recreational marijuana can create some difficulties for employers. This law was enacted in 2017, but as of January 1, 2018, people in California now have the right to sell and/or purchase marijuana.

Employees may think they can use marijuana and come in to work; however, the law is unchanged in one regard:
Employers have the right to have employees who are not impaired - be it under legal or illegal drugs. As a comparison, alcohol is legal, but one cannot drink it on the job.

Drug Testing

Employers still have the right to conduct pre-employment drug testing, as well as reasonable suspicion testing if a stated policy is in place.

Testing for marijuana, however, is more problematic than for other drugs. The drug stays in the body's system far longer than other drugs or alcohol, and the results are not as precise.

Marijuana in the Workplace

There appears to be some confusion on employees' part. They may think that employers can't fire employees now that marijuana is legal, but employers still can enforce employment policies as there is nothing in the law which states that an employer has to accommodate the marijuana usages.

Other predictable problems come up, including the possibility that employees might "indulge" during their meal breaks.

It must be stressed that using marijuana while driving is just as illegal as using alcohol while driving. A new state law makes smoking marijuana while driving or riding as a passenger illegal - a move to combat a type of intoxicated driving officials fear may become more common and more dangerous.

The best practice might be to freely inform your employees of these issues. Any ambiguities need to be clarified, and employees need to be aware of the consequences of indulging while at work.

Source:

California Chamber of Commerce ALERT, Dana Leisinger, HR Advisor

Dublin welcomes BOULEVARD with a ribbon cutting ceremony





On September 27, 2017 the Dublin Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors including Chairman Steve Lehman, Steve Kau, Kathy Johnson along with City of Dublin Mayor, David Haubert and Councilwoman, Melissa Hernandez participated in the Grand Opening of the Boulevard. The Ribbon Cutting ceremony welcomed Joe Guerra and Ruthann Gore of Brookfield Residential for the opening of three new residential home properties that are part of a larger master planned community.

Home Models are Now Open!

Madison by CalAtlantic Homes. It's a townhome collection that's distinctive, fresh and contemporary. Designs ranging from 1,337 to 2,128 sq. ft. make way for families to experience growth, opportunity, and a new kind of Dublin.

With the townhomes at **Union** by CalAtlantic Homes, there's a modern twist on urban living and it's something you can see. Up to 2,076 sq. ft. Unique open floor plans.

At **Huntington** by Brookfield Residential, new homes are detached, single-family. With up to 2,691 sq. ft., it's a neighborhood in the center of it all.

Tour these models located at Sterling Street & Dublin Boulevard or online at www.boulevarddublin.com

BOULEVARD

Decorate Dublin Holiday Contest Winners Announced!

The Decorate Dublin Holiday Contest is sponsored by the Dublin Chamber of Commerce and the City of Dublin to encourage shoppers to frequent Dublin businesses, while also promoting festive decor in Dublin's diverse business community.

2017 is the second year for this program and we are happy to report participation by Dublin businesses continues to grow. We thank all of the businesses who participated and are amazed by their creativity and Holiday spirit.

A panel of judges determined the winners of "Best use of Lights", "Most Festive" and "Best Interior", while the public voted for "People's Choice" award online.

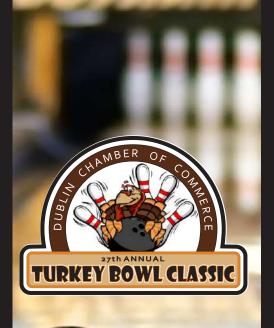
The Dublin City Council will officially recognize these winners at the February 6, 2018 Dublin City Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m. We congratulate the winning businesses.













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2017 Ambassador Appreciation Luncheon



On December 13, 2017 we held an Ambassador Appreciation Luncheon to honor our Ambassador team for all the hard work they do promoting our chamber and volunteering to help with events.

This group of professionals not only connects business people at our events, but communicates the Dublin Chambers advantages and value to our members. It also takes a team of volunteers to create our diverse programs and events.

They are instrumental in the success of our Chamber!

Become a Dublin Chamber Ambassador and a Community Leader, apply today!

Ambassadors is a long-standing traditional program run by Chambers of Commerce since their earliest days. At the Dublin Chamber, we have designed the Ambassador program to meet the needs of the Chamber and the business people who want to get more involved.

The Dublin Chamber of Commerce Ambassador Committee is an elite group that serves as goodwill representatives, welcoming new and existing members at our various networking events. Their active participation in Chamber Membership Mixers, Luncheons, Ribbon Cuttings and various activities throughout the year help solidify relationships and enhance the value of Chamber membership. The Ambassadors assist in retaining and growing the Chamber Membership in a professional manner at all times.

The committee meets the first Tuesday of each month at 9:30 a.m. at the Dublin Chamber office.

Dublin Chamber Ambassador Qualifications:

- Must be employed by a Chamber Member with active status.
- Must have strong interpersonal skills and ability to communicate in a professional manner.
- Must be able to attend Chamber Events on a regular basis.

Dublin Chamber Ambassador Requirements

- Attend Monthly Meetings
- Volunteer at Chamber events when available
- Stay informed on the operations of the Chamber

For more information, contact the Dublin Chamber office at 925-828-6200 or by e-mail: info@dublinchamberofcommerce.org

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Brad Johnson, President/CEO and Steve Lehman, Chairman of the Board present the annual Holiday ornament to Mayor David Haubert, City of Dublin. An annual tradition where the Chamber creates an ornament commemorating the Mayor's service for 2017. One ornament is presented for placement on a Christmas tree at the City of Dublin offices and one ornament is for the Mayor's home.

















2018 BOARD OF DIRECTORS



<u>Front row:</u> (Treasurer) **Danita Romero** / Danita Romero Accounting Services, (President CEO) **Brad Johnson**, (Vice Chairperson Economic Development) **Julia Dozier** / Chabot-Las Positas Community College District

<u>Back row:</u> Alcina Wegrzynowski / Stanford Healthcare ValleyCare, Les Jacob / Select Imaging, Nadia Cory / Fremont Bank, Roberta MacKenzie / Kaiser Permanente, (Chairman) Steve Kau / Steve Kau CPA, PC Steve Lehman / Lehman Insurance Agency, (2017 Retired Director) Rick Sanciangco / Nothing Bundt Cakes, Sue O'Reilly / Dublin Creek Kennel, (Vice Chairperson Programs) Kathy Johnson/Dublin Chevron

Dublin Chamber thanks Hope Hospice for hosting the October Networking Mixer

On October 27, 2017 Hope Hospice of Dublin hosted our Networking Mixer. The Dublin Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors thank Bob Boehm, Chief Executive Officer and Kari Rayford, Director of Outreach and one of our Ambassadors for organizing this successful event.

Hope Hospice helps patients and their families live each day to the fullest by providing quality end-of-life care, home health, grief support and community education. As a community-led, non-profit organization, they are committed to people, patient needs and driven by their mission rather than by profit or financial demands. They offer services regardless of insurance, income status or nation of origin or religion. Hospice staff is available 24/7.















CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Wednesday, January 10, 2018
 8:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.
 Board of Director Meeting
 Dublin Chamber Office
- Tuesday, January 16, 2018
 9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.
 Ambassador Committee Meeting
 Dublin Chamber Office
- Thursday, January 18, 2018
 12:00 noon
 Grand Opening
 Ribbon Cutting Ceremony
 Airport Home Appliance & Mattress
 6842 Village Parkway, Dublin
- Thursday, January 25, 2018
 5:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
 After Hours Networking Mixer
 Mothers Against Drunk Driving
 7027 Dublin Blvd., Ste. 110, Dublin
- Tuesday, February 6, 2018
 9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.
 Ambassador Committee Meeting Dublin Chamber Office
- Wednesday, February 14, 2018
 8:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.
 Board of Director Meeting
 Dublin Chamber Office
- Wednesday, February 14, 2018

 11:00 a.m.

 Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

 Hunter Joseph Salon
 7197 Village Parkway, Ste. C, Dublin
- Thursday, February 22, 2018
 5:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
 After Hours Networking Mixer
 To be determined
- Tuesday, March 6, 2018
 9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.
 Ambassador Committee Meeting Dublin Chamber Office
- Wednesday, March 7, 2018
 8:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.
 Board of Director Meeting
 Dublin Chamber Office
- Wednesday, March 14, 2018
 5:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
 St. Patrick's Day Business Faire
 Shannon Community Center
 11600 Shannon Ave., Dublin
- Thursday, March 29, 2018 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. After Hours Networking Mixer The Specific Chiropractic 7950 Dublin Blvd., #103B, Dublin