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# Chamber offers mandated Sexual Harassment Prevention Training for supervisors and employees

By January 1, 2020, employers with The training will include: at least five employees must provide: (1) at least two hours of sexual harassment prevention training to all supervisory employees; and (2) at least one hour of sexual harassment prevention training to all non-supervisory employees in California. New employees must be trained within six months of assuming their position, and once every two years thereafter.

The Whittier Chamber of Commerce has teamed up with local employee compliance training company, Employer's Choice Screening, to offer mandated sexual harassment prevention training to all Whittier area employers. The training will be offered three different times throughout 2019, with the first training to be held on Wednesday, February 27 at Parnell Park. Both the 2-hour training for supervisors and the 1-hour employee training will be offered on each of the three training dates. Other trainings are scheduled for June 26 (offered in both English and Spanish) and October 23.

This on-site training will be conducted by an experienced sexual harassment instructor and investigator who will provide an overview of the prohibitions against harassment, discrimination, and retaliation under state and federal law.

- Examples of what constitutes unlawful harassment, discrimination, and retaliation in the workplace
- ٠ Remedies and solutions available to employees
- Real-life hypothetical and practical information
- Interactive question-and-answer session

Cost for the 2-hour supervisor training is \$50 for Chamber members; \$65 for nonmembers. Also included in the supervisor training is a session on background screening best practices. Cost for the 1-hour employee training is \$30 for Chamber members; \$45 for nonmembers. All trainings will follow the same time schedule with supervisor training from 8-10 a.m., background screening best practices from 10-10:30 a.m. and employee training from 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. All attendees will receive a certificate of completion at the end of the training session. While other options are available for this required training, this live and interactive training by experts offers the best way to educate your employees. Visit www. whittierchamber.com to register you and your employees today.

Other specifics outlined in SB 1343 include:



- Employers must also provide sexual harassment prevention training to temporary or seasonal employees within 30 calendar days after their hire date or within 100 hours worked if the employee has been hired to work for less than six months. In the case of a temporary employee employed by a temporary services employer such as a staffing agency or temp agency, the training must be provided by the temporary services employer, not the worksite employer.
- Training may be conducted with other employees as a group, or individually, and may also be broken up into shorter time segments as needed, as long as the complete two-hour requirement for supervisory employees and one-hour requirement for non-

supervisory employees is met.

Employers should plan to conduct all training to all current employees between January 1, 2019 and December 31, 2019 to be compliant with the January 1, 2020 deadline. Any employees hired after the deadline will need to participate in the training within six months of their hiring, or within 30 days/100 hours for temporary/seasonal.

There will be a limited number of seats available at each training session, so reserve your seats early at www.whittierchamber.com. If you have a large group of employees who needs to be trained, contact the Chamber office at (562) 698-9554 for information on live webinars or onsite training.

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Better than a sugar rush... you'll leave on a "networking high" after participating in the Whittier Chamber's Sweet Success Business Expo being held on January 31, 2019 from 4-7

of this unique opportunity to be part of the best that the Whittier area has to offer! For residents, the Business Expo offers a chance to see the best of Whittier on display.





pm at the Whittler Community Center.

For local businesses and organizations, having a booth or table at Whittier's Sweet Success Business Expo provides a chance to introduce new products and services, expand your customer base and generate new leads, promote upcoming events, reconnect with existing clients or contributors, and network with fellow exhibitors. Kick off your 2019 marketing plan and take advantage

The Whittier Chamber promotes shopping locally and this event provides a chance for our residents to see many of the fine businesses in our community," explained Tom Guerrero, Ambassador co-chair, from Say Cheese Photography. "The Sweet Success (candy) theme makes it easy for people to showcase their business in a fun and entertaining way," added Judy Bradt, Ambassador co-chair, from A Special Event.

The Sweet Success Business Expo will feature a variety of food vendors representing some of Whittier's best restaurants, caterers and eateries. Free samples from each vendor's menu will be showcased. Any Continued on page 13

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# **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

### Always be a Goal Digger

enthusiastically commit to new personal and professional goals and habits with an eye to the future! Here at the Chamber we, too, are looking forward to what's to come in the next few months. Our goals continue to be centered on service to our members and service to the community. For our members we will continue to focus on providing fresh and well executed marketing, networking and educational opportunities that are included as a benefit of membership or for an affordable rate. We will strive to provide services that are valuable and diverse. We want each of our members to see the Whittier

It's the time of the year when most of us Chamber as a partner that provides visual directory that allows the user to valuable tools and resources that are helpful in the execution of their personal business plans. To the community we continue to commit to being a key player in the success and vitality of our local economy. We will continue to advocate at the local, regional and state level for all Whittier area businesses and our message of shopping locally will continue to be at the forefront of our branding. We have kicked off the year by launching two new products designed to make shopping locally easier while providing more exposure for our amazing businesses. ExploreWhittier.com is a



directly connect with businesses that offer local opportunities to EAT, SHOP, STAY and PLAY and our new free mobile friendly app gives quick access to what's happening in the community and at the Whittier Chamber. To learn more about these new online tools please read the feature article on page 4.

On behalf of the Whittier Chamber I wish you great business success in 2019. Remember, the Whittier Chamber is your "go to" organization on all matters of local business and we want to be a resource to help you reach your professional goals this year.



In case you were not aware, you might be able to dispose of appreciated property without being taxed on the gain by exchanging it rather than selling it. You can defer tax on your gain through the "like-kind" exchange rules.

A like-kind exchange is any exchange (1) of property held for investment or for productive use in your trade or business for (2) like-kind investment property or trade or business property. For these purposes, "like-kind" is very broadly defined. As long as the exchange is real estate (land and/or buildings) for real estate, or personalty (non-real estate) for personalty, it should qualify. However, exchanges of some types of property (for example, inventory or shares of stock), do not qualify. Since not all property is eligible, you should consult with your tax adviser to make sure that the property involved in your exchange is indeed eligible for a tax-free like-kind exchange.

Assuming the exchange qualifies, here's how the tax rules work:

If it's a straight asset-for-asset exchange, you will not have to recognize any gain from the exchange. You will

# TAX TIPS

### Like-kind exchanges, general rules

had in the old property. Even if you do not have to recognize any gain on the exchange on Form 8824.

Frequently, however, the properties are not equal in value, so some cash or other (non-like-kind) property is tossed into the deal. This cash or other property is known as "boot." If boot is involved, you will have to recognize your gain, but only up to the amount of boot you receive in the exchange. In these situations, the basis you get in the likekind property you receive is equal to the basis you had in the property you gave up reduced by the amount of boot you received but increased by the amount of gain recognized.

Example. Ted exchanges land (investment property) with a basis of \$100,000 for a building (investment property) valued at \$120,000 plus \$15,000 in cash. Ted's gain on the exchange is \$35,000: he received \$135,000 in value for an asset with a basis of \$100,000. However, since it's a like-kind exchange, he only has take the same "basis" (your cost for tax to recognize \$15,000 of his gain: the

purposes) in your new property that you amount of cash (boot) he received. Ted's basis in his new building will be \$100,000: his original basis in the land exchange, you still have to report the he gave up (\$100,000) plus the \$15,000 gain recognized, minus the \$15,000 boot received.

> Note that no matter how much boot is received, you will never recognize more than your actual ("realized") gain on the exchange.

> If the property you are exchanging is subject to debt from which you are being relieved, the amount of the debt is treated as boot. The theory is that if someone takes over your debt, it's equivalent to his giving you cash. Of course, if the property you are receiving is also subject to debt, then you are only treated as receiving boot to the extent of your "net debt relief" (the amount by which the debt you become free of exceeds the debt you pick up).

> Like-kind exchanges are an excellent tax-deferred way to dispose of investment or trade or business assets. If you have additional questions or would like to discuss the topic further, please call.

If you have any questions regarding the above discussed topic or any other tax matter, please feel free to give me a call at (562) 698-9891.

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# WHITTIER CELEBRATES THE HOLIDAY SEASON



Chamber board members Elizabeth Martinez, Trese Childs, Susan Ayala, Executive Director Carol Crosby, Louis Gomez, Gary Lee Martinez and La Donna Munier attended the YMCA Prayer Breakfast to kick off the holiday season



Special thanks to the Crooked Gaff Kitchen for hosting the Christmas Parade VIP breakfast



Carol Crosby, Gary Lee Martinez and Susan Ayala welcome Senator Bob Archuleta and his wife and Council Member Henry Bouchot and his family at the Christmas Parade breakfast



Chick-fil-A walked the parade route reminding Whittier to "Eat Mor Chikin"



Newly elected members of the Rio Hondo College Board of Trustees, Rosaelva Lomeli and Oscar Valladares, rode the parade route



Chamber Executive Director Carol Crosby welcomed home Celebrity Grand Marshall Andrea Barber (aka Kimmy Gibbler from Full House and Fuller House) who was born and raised right here in Whittier



Chamber board President Gary Lee Martinez greeted Council Member Fernando Dutra at the parade



The Soroptimist Int'I of Whittier ladies promoted their Aloha! Cruise fundraiser to be held on February 8



Council Member Fernando Dutra brought along son Eric and daughter Megan to greet Whittier residents



Council Member Cathy Warner and her husband David enjoyed being at the 65th Annual Whittier Christmas Parade



California Grill owner Nick Kiouftis promoted the restaurant's great tasting food and catering options



Chamber Board President Gary Lee Martinez, riding with daughter Sabrina and dog Hedgie, reminded parade watchers to Shop Whittier











Irene Muro from First Day marched in the parade

Whittier Council member Cathy Warner greeted Senator Bob Archuleta and Assembly member Ian Calderon

Fred Zermeno with the Whittier Regional Symphony rode in the parade

Gary Lee Martinez thanked Uptown Association President Frank Medina for coordinating another successful Christmas Parade for our community



Brookdale Uptown Whittier paraded down the route with a bus full of senior residents



Mayor Joe Vinatieri, along with some helpers, wished everyone peace, love and joy during the holidays



Jess Montes and friends from HOT, the Hispanic Outreach Taskforce, rode in style in the parade

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# MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Welcome to 2019! I hope you had a healthy, joyful holiday season here in Whittier and that the new year begins with hope and prosperity! I also hope that you had a chance to participate in the Chamber's Shop Home for the Holidays contest. The City is proud to sponsor the annual campaign and help promote shopping locally, especially during the busy gift-giving time of year. Thank you to the many businesses that donated prizes during the 25 Days of Giveaways and congratulations to all of the local shopper winners!

As we're getting back to business, let's take a quick moment to reflect on 2018 and consider all of the possibilities that lay ahead in this new year, especially for our businesses. I encourage you to dust off your business plan and review your goals, financial projections and marketing activities for the next 12 months. The City will continue supporting our businesses and helping to locate the right new businesses to serve our residents. We're so proud of our 2018 win for Most Business-Friendly City in Los Angeles County, and we are re-committed to the outstanding, streamlined permitting and ombudsman services the City offers. Call the City's Business Development Manager, Katie Galvin-Surbatovic, at (562) 567-9351 to schedule an appointment. A thriving City is only as strong as its business community.

Continuing our steady development activity into 2019, you will see a variety of housing and commercial projects moving forward around town. Local shopping centers are continuing to bring in new businesses and enhance their façades. We expect major renovations and new concepts for integrating retail with experiential uses beginning to take shape throughout Whittier as the retail landscape continues to shift. Brookfield Residential has begun pulling permits and making progress on their plans to develop over 700 homes and approximately 150,000 square feet of commercial retail including new businesses to shop at and restaurants like In-N-Out Burger, Raising Cane's and others for dining out, as well as new family-friendly activity areas and open space to enjoy.

In other news, the Uptown Whittier Improvement Association, made up of property owners within the new district, has officially begun utilizing nearly \$500,000 generated annually for local upgrades including enhanced security, sidewalk cleaning and marketing. The City Council is also exploring options for a proposed Streetscape Beautification Plan, which means residents and business owners are sure to see big changes coming to Uptown in the near future.

Have you received your pre-enrollment notice from the Clean Power Alliance (CPA)? The City of Whittier has joined the CPA, a new local power consortium that purchases electricity generated from renewable sources. You now have the option of receiving electricity through the same power poles and lines that deliver your electricity today. These pre-enrollment notices were sent out to Whittier customers identifying the different renewable source levels (which for Whittier is the "Clean Power" 50% renewables default tier). The notices also explain how to opt out of the service, increase all the way to 100% renewable power, or decrease your renewable energy to a "Lean Green" level. We are excited to offer Whittier residents and businesses the option of receiving cost effective, green energy sourced electricity in the New Year! Learn more at www.cleanpoweralliance.org.

Finally, I look forward to seeing many of you at the upcoming Business Expo on Wednesday, January 31, 2019. This year's event, Sweet Success, will be hosted at the Whittier Community Center from 4 to 7 p.m. It's a great opportunity for anyone looking to establish or expand a business in town. Enjoy entertainment, tasty food and quality networking with other local professionals. Thank you to the Whittier Chamber for coordinating this event each year.

We're hitting the ground running in 2019 and look forward to working together with all of you to make Whittier a great place to LIVE, WORK and SHOP. Happy New Year to you and your family!



# **Directory, Explore Whittier, Released for the New Year**

We all know there is an app for everything, but now there really is. The Whittier Chamber is proud to introduce our new app! Now you can view everything "Whittier Chamber" in the palm of your hand. This app allows you to view our community calendar, search our directory, view member news, and so much more. You can even get directions to an event directly from the app! We're excited this app makes it super convenient to register for events like Tasty Tuesday with the click of a button. Download the Whittier Chamber app NOW on the Apple Store

#### for iPhones and iPads or on the Play Store for Androids. But wait...there's more! The Whittier Chamber has released a brand-new website called explorewhittier. com! This website is a visual directory of Whittier area businesses where you can Eat, Shop, Stay, and Play! If you're not sure where to eat dinner, check explorewhittier.com and click the "Eat" tab to see pictures of great local meal options. You can also search for specific items like "facial" or "happy hour". ExploreWhittier. com is also mobile-friendly! View it directly on your phone for a quick and easy way to Explore Whittier!



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Please help us continue to build leadership skills and self-esteem making a REAL difference in the lives of women and girls in the Whittier area.





Nextdoor is a free private social networking website for your neighborhood. In addition to meeting regularly, many neighborhood watch and crime watch groups across the country use Nextdoor every day to help keep their neighborhoods safe. Neighbors can create a new Nextdoor online community based on their geographical area or join existing groups that have already formed by their neighbors.

Nextdoor online neighborhoods connect people who live close to each other and encourage the sharing of information and concerns, in the same manner a traditional neighborhood watch meeting does. The advantage to Nextdoor online neighborhoods is that busy schedules no longer prevent neighbors from discussing safety and crime concerns, as conversations are available to post, review, and comment 24/7/365.

The Whittier Police Department uses Nextdoor.com online neighborhoods on a regular basis to distribute crime prevention materials and special alerts.

To sign up, start a Nextdoor neighborhood, or join an existing Nextdoor neighborhood, visit www.nextdoor.com

Aviv Bar is a Captain with the Whittier Police Department and oversees the Patrol Division. He can be reached at (562) 567-9253 or via email at abar@cityofwhittier.org



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# **COMMUNITY CELEBRATIONS**



Cari Medina from DMA Accountancy Corporation and Francisco Vasquez from Mix Fruit at the Annual Holiday Lunchtime



Delia Morales from Assistance League, Elizabeth Martinez from Republic Services, Council Member Cathy Warner, Olivia Rios and Cecilia Rodriguez from Whittier Uptown Association at the Annual Holiday Lunchtime Mixer







Krista Lesa from the Quad at Whittier and RD McDonnell from McDonnell Group at the Holiday Lunchtime Mixer



Management, Tina Soriano from Living Right Now Reverse Mortgage Solutions, La Donna Munier from Friendly Hills Bank, Mark, and Dorothy Mutz from The Fence Post at the Holiday Lunchtime Mixer







If you think your tax bill is chiseled in stone at the end of the year, think again. Though it's true that most moneysaving options to defer income or accelerate deductions become much more limited after December 31, there is still a lot you can do to make the tax-filing season cheaper and easier.

Some strategies can help you lower your taxes, sometimes by thousands of dollars. Some help you save time and money when preparing your tax return. Other strategies help you avoid costly penalties and interest on both federal and state taxes. All in all, these 10 steps will lower your blood pressure while keeping more money in your pocket:

#### 1. Contribute to retirement accounts

If you haven't already funded your retirement account for 2018, do so by April 15, 2019. That's the deadline for contributions to a traditional IRA, deductible or not, and to a Roth IRA.

For 2018, the maximum IRA contribution you can make is \$5,500 (\$6,500 if you are age 50 or older by the end of the year). For self-employed persons, the maximum annual addition to SEPs and Keoghs for 2018 is \$55,000.

#### 2. Make a last-minute estimated tax payment

If you didn't pay enough to the IRS during the year, you may have a big tax bill staring you in the face. Plus, you might owe significant interest and penalties, too.

How could that happen? Withholding on your paycheck may be out of whack, or you may have received a big gain from selling stock. According to IRS rules, you must pay 100% of last year's tax liability or 90% of this year's tax or you will owe an underpayment penalty.

If you make an estimated payment by January 15, though, you can erase any penalty for the fourth quarter, but you still will owe a penalty for earlier quarters if you did not send in any estimated payments back then. 3. Organize your records for tax time

# Tax Tips After January 1, 2019

Good organization may not cut your taxes. But there 9. File electronically are other rewards, and some of them are financial. For documentation together. This includes last year's tax return, this year's W-2s and 1099s, receipts and so on. 4. Find the right tax forms

You won't find all of them at the post office and library. Instead, you can go right to the source online. View and download a large catalog of forms and publications at the Internal Revenue Service Web site or have them sent to you by mail. You can search for documents as far back as 1980 by number or by date.

The IRS also will refer you to a private Web site that lists state government sites where you can pick up state forms and publications.

#### 5. Itemize your tax deductions

It's easier to take the standard deduction, but you may save a bundle if you itemize, especially if you are selfemployed, own a home or live in a high-tax area.

#### 6. Don't shy away from a home office tax deduction

The eligibility rules for claiming a home office deduction have been loosened to allow more self-employed filers to claim this break. People who have no fixed location for their businesses can claim a home office deduction if they use the space for administrative or management activities, even if they don't meet clients there. Doctors, for example, who consult at various hospitals, or plumbers who make house calls, can now qualify. As always, you must use the space exclusively for business.

#### 7. Provide dependent taxpayer IDs on your tax return

Be sure to plug in Taxpayer Identification Numbers (usually Social Security Numbers) for your children and other dependents on your return. Otherwise, the IRS will deny any dependent credits that you might be due.

#### 8. File and pay on time

If you can't finish your return on time, make sure you file Form 4868 by April 15, 2019. Form 4868 gives you a six-month extension of the filing deadline until October 15, 2019. On the form, you need to make a reasonable estimate of your tax liability for 2018 and pay any balance due with your request.

Electronic filing works best if you expect a tax refund. many, the biggest hassle at tax time is getting all of the Because the IRS processes electronic returns faster than paper ones, you can expect to get your refund three to six weeks earlier. If you have your refund deposited directly into your bank account or IRA, the waiting time is even less.

#### 10. Need help? We have a member for that!

While there are multiple ways to prepare your taxes yourself, if you are looking for a qualified tax preparer or CPA, the Whittier Chamber has members who can help!

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Following their formal Oath of Office Ceremony in December, the Board was reorganized as follows: President - Gary Mendez, Vice President - Oscar Valladares, Clerk - Rosaelva Lomeli



#### **Norma Edith Garcia**

Norma Edith García was re-elected to the Rio Hondo Community College District Board of Trustees in the last election and represents Trustee Area 1 which includes El Monte. She was appointed as Chief Deputy Director of the County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation in September 2016. Ms. García graduated from UCLA, earning a B.A. in Political Science and an M.A. in Urban Planning.



#### Rosaelva Lomeli

Rosaelva Lomeli was elected to the Rio Hondo Community College District Board of Trustees in November 2018. She represents Area 3, which includes Whittier and South El Monte. She is a science teacher at Suva Intermediate School with more than twenty-two (22) years of teaching experience and a passion for student success. She earned her Bachelor of Science in Biology from Mount St. Mary's College, a Master's Degree in Education and Secondary Credential in Biological Science from Whittier College.

#### **Gary Mendez**

Gary Mendez has served on the Board of Trustees since 1999 and represents Trustee Area 4 including Los Nietos, Santa Fe Springs, South Whittier and North Norwalk. His term of office expires in 2020.

#### Vicky Santana

Vicky Santana was elected to the Board of Trustees in 2011. She represents Trustee Area 2 which includes the City of Pico Rivera. Her term of office expires in 2020.



#### **Oscar Valladares**

Oscar Valladares was elected to the Rio Hondo Community College District Board of Trustees in November 2018 to serve Trustee Area 5, which includes East Whittier. He is a deputy public conservator in the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health. He is a graduate of East Los Angeles Community College and holds a bachelor's degree in Latin American Studies from California State University, Los Angeles.



Two new members were recently elected to the Rio Hondo College District Board of Trustees and sworn into office in December. Joining Trustee members Gary Mendez and Vicky Santana, and re-elected

**New Visitor & Procedure Policies to** be Implemented at **South Whittier Schools** 



South Whittier School District will be implementing new visitor policies and procedures beginning January 7 to ensure a welcoming and safe environment for students and staff members.

The new visitor procedure will utilize the newly installed video buzzer that is located at school entrances. Office personal will verify the reason for the visit before opening the door and will ask for proof of identification of all campus visitors.

Once permitted inside the office, visitors will complete an electronic visitor registration form. The form includes information like name, purpose for entering school grounds, age, if under 21 years old, and any other information that is consistent with the law.

The new visitor policies that will be implemented includes assuring that visits made during school hours are arranged with a principal or designee in advance. Visits that involve conferences with a teacher or principal are to be scheduled during non-instructional hours, and the principal or designee may refuse to register a visitor if they feel the individual's presence or acts will disrupt the school, students, or employees.

The goal of these new policies is to create a safe environment for students and staff, minimize interruption of instruction, and provide the best customer service possible to visitors.

"We still want the campuses to be a welcoming place," Superintendent of Business Services, Mark Keriakous, shared. "But want to ensure the safety of our students and staff."

The Board of Trustees believes that it is important for parents, guardians, and community members to take interest in issues that affect students. They also encourage parents and guardians to visit schools and participate in educational programs.



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#### January 4, 11, 18, & 25

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#### **JAN 8**

Chamber Office (8158 Painter Ave.) 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. SCORE mentors will help you and your business open new markets, reach new customers, and achieve new goals. By appointment only. FREE. To make an appointment

#### **Jan 16**

SCORE Consultations @ The Whittier Wake Up Whittier @ Rio Hondo College (3600 Workman Mill Rd.) 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Enjoy your first meal of the day and network with other business professionals. FREE for Whittier Chamber members; \$20 for non-members. Call (562) 698-9554 or visit www.whittierchamber.com for more information.

#### **Jan 12**

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"The Curious Minds of my Children Left Behind" Book Signing @ The Collab Inc. (13117 Philadelphia St.) 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. This book helps parents explain why their loved ones are left behind. Meet & Greet the local author of this children's book. Louis F. Gomez. Books will be available to purchase at the event.

#### Jan 19

The Makaha Sons Featuring Jerome Koko @ Ruth B. Shannon Center (6760 Painter Ave.) 2 p.m. & 7:30 p.m. Members of The Makaha Sons are Louis "Moon" Kauakahi on 6-string guitar, John Koko on upright acoustic bass, and Jerome Koko on 12-string guitar. Tickets are \$50. For more information, call (562) 907-4203 or email boxoffice@whittier.edu.

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### Jan 25

Hotel California - A Salute to the Eagles @ Downey Theatre (8435 Firestone Blvd.) 8 p.m. Join them now on a trip down a dark desert highway, feel the cool wind in your hair, and experience the Grammy Award winning sounds that defined a generation. Tickets range from \$37-\$47. For more information, or to buy tickets, call (562) 861-8211.

### **Jan 26**

WAGS Annual Seminar @ Whittier Masonic Lodge (7604 Greenleaf Ave.) 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Whittier Area Genealogical Society's (WAGS) 36 Annual Seminar features one of America's most popular genealogical lecturers, John Philip Colletta, PhD. WAGS members are \$35 and all others are \$40. For more information or to register, visit www.wagswhittier.org.



Phil Keaggy and Muriel Anderson @ Ruth B. Shannon Center (6760 Painter Ave.) 7:30 p.m. Guitarist Muriel Anderson returns for her annual appearance with a very special evening. General tickets are \$30 and student tickets are \$10. For more information, call (562) 907-4203 or email boxoffice@whittier.edu.

#### **Jan 29**

Tasty Tuesday @ Chick-fil-A (15600 Whittier Blvd.) 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Enjoy business networking and great food! \$10 pre-registration; \$15 at the door; \$20 for non-members. For more information, visit www. whittierchamber.com.

### **Jan 31**

Sweet Success Business Expo @ Whittier Community Center (7630 Washington Ave.) 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Better than a sugar rush...you'll leave on a "networking high" after participating in our expo. This will feature a variety of food vendors. To register or for more information, visit www.whittierchamber.com.





#### JANUARY 2019



# **WIRS**

## IRS Extends Deadline for Certain ACA Reporting Forms

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) recently announced that it is extending the due date for certain 2018 Affordable Care Act (ACA) reporting forms to be provided to employees.

• The deadline for providing Form 1095-B, Health Coverage and Form 1095-C, Employer-Provided Health Insurance Offer and Coverage to employees is now March 4, 2019, (extended from January 31, 2019).

The deadline for employers to file the 2018 Forms with the IRS is unchanged. Employers must file the 2018 Form 1094-B, Form 1095-B, Form 1094-C and/or Form 1095-C by February 28, 2019, if filing by mail or by April 1, 2019, if filing electronically.

In addition, the IRS notice extends "good faith transition relief" for one more year. The IRS will not penalize employers for incorrect or incomplete forms if they can show that they have made "good-faith efforts" to comply with the informationreporting requirements. According to the IRS, the relief applies to missing and inaccurate taxpayer identification numbers and dates of birth, as well as other information required on the return or statement. No relief is provided if the employer did not timely file or furnish the reports by the applicable deadlines or did not make a good-faith effort to comply.

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# **Board of Director Nominees 2019-2020**

To All Chamber Members:

According to our by-laws, the Chamber must present to the entire membership the slate of candidates nominated to fill vacancies on our Board of Directors. The by-laws state:

D. Nominations by Petition. Additional names of candidates for Directors can be nominated by petition bearing the genuine signatures of at least twenty-five (25) qualified members of the Chamber. Such petition shall be filed with the Nominating Committee within ten (10) days after notice has been given of the names of those nominated. The determination of the Nominating Committee as to the legality of the petition(s) shall be final.

E. Determination. If no petition is filed within the designated period, the nominations shall be closed and the nominated slate of candidates shall be declared elected by the Board of Directors at their regular February Board Meeting.

If a legal petition shall present additional candidates, the names of all candidates shall be arranged on a ballot in alphabetical order. Instructions will be to vote for candidates to fill the exact number of vacancies. The Executive Director shall mail this ballot to all active members at least 15 days before the regular Board Meeting in March.

The ballots shall be marked in accordance with instructions printed on the ballot and returned to the Chamber office within ten days. The Board of Directors shall at their regular March Board meeting declare the candidates with the greatest number of votes elected.



### Celia Alvarez, Assistant Vice President of U.S. Bank, Whittier office

Celia is a multiple award winning Annual Pinnacle Branch Manager and has consistently groomed top performing branch employees for her teams over the years. Celia's career in banking started 34 years ago and she has held every position in a retail branch. Much of her professional training was acquired through college courses at East Los Angeles College, Rio Hondo College and Leadership training programs including the Disney

Institute and the Zig-Ziglar training for Professional Development and Leadership. Through her training, Celia has honed her skills and gained experience in public speaking, training and team engagement. Celia serves as the community liaison on the Executive Board of Nosotros Latinos BRG in Southern California while actively being a member of the Circle of Excellence for PIH Foundation and a member of the Whittier Chamber of Commerce. Celia is excited to bring a strong work ethic and financial perspective to the Chamber Board.



### Judy Bradt, Owner of A Special Event

Judy started A Special Event in 1992 on a shoestring budget and turned it into an internationally awardwinning decorating company. She has traveled to Australia, Mexico, Canada, all over the US and Brazil teaching event decorating and helping facilitate conferences and conventions related to her field. Judy has been active on many Chamber committees and has brought her creativity and expertise to numerous Whittier Chamber special events. She holds the title of Volunteer of the Year and was named this year as the

Whittier Chamber's Ambassador of the Year, a committee she currently co-chairs. A Special Event also received the Best of the Best designation in her category. Judy is a firm believer of the Chamber and what it offers its members. She is looking forward to being a dedicated member of the Whittier Chamber's Board of Directors.



### Current board members up for renewal of their 2-year term:

Leighton Anderson, Bewley, Lassleben & Miller Trese Childs, DoubleTree by Hilton Whittier

Sandra Hahn, Crepes and Grapes Cafe Debra Legan, PIH Health

Bryan Tabizon, Rose Hills Memorial Park & Mortuary

### New board candidates (elected to 2-year term: April 2019 – March 2021):

Celia Alvarez, U.S. Bank Judy Bradt, A Special Event Shannon Hammer, Shannon G's Flowers & Clothing Boutique Kwan Lee, Martplan Insurance Nate Ploog, DialMED Home Care

### Kwan H. Lee, President of Martplan Insurance Agency, Inc.

Kwan joined Martplan Insurance in September, 2006 after more than 19 years as a leadership of several Property/Casualty Insurance Companies. Prior to joining Martplan, he was in charge of Fire Product Management for Farmers Insurance Group of Companies overseeing Alabama, Arkansas, Tennessee and Virginia. Kwan is a graduate of BIOLA University

Crowell School of Business with a Master's Degree in Business Administration and Whittier College with a Degree in Mathematics and Computer Science. Kwan has been a member of the La Habra Area Chamber of Commerce since 2007, served on its Board of Directors from 2008-2015, and served as their Chair in 2011-12. In his free time, he is a member of the La Habra Host Lions and has served on the Board of Directors for VCC: The Gary Center since 2010. He also volunteers as a coach for the Challenger Football La Habra Pop Warner and Miracle League of North Orange County serving the special needs population.



### Nate Ploog, Co-owner/CFO of **DiaIMED Home Care**

Nate is the CFO of DialMED and oversees all financials and contracts. He is a Whittier resident who enjoys staying in Whittier to eat, play, worship and shop as much as possible. Nate has served on the Whittier Christian School Board and on the finance committees for Calvary Baptist Church and Whittier Christian. He has also been part of the American

Board of Home Care and on the Advisory Board for San Joaquin Valley College. Nate has been involved with the Whittier Chamber for a few years, chairing its Hathaway Golf Classic for the past 2 years. He looks forward to providing value as a board member and is excited to team with other committed leaders of our business community.



### Shannon Hammer, Owner of Shannon G's Flowers & Clothing Boutique

years and specializes in event planning and all types of floral design for both everyday gifts and special events. Recently she has expanded her store and now also offers beautiful clothing and accessories. Shannon was raised in Whittier and is a graduate of La Serna High School and UC Irvine. She is a Whittier resident,

Shannon has owned Shannon G's Flowers for 15 now raising her 2 daughters here, and is involved in the Whittier community as a Board member for both the Boys' & Girls' Clubs of Whittier and the Whittier Community Foundation. Shannon is a past Board member for the Chamber, served as the President of the Board in 2014-2015 and has participated on, and chaired, numerous committees over the years. She is excited to bring her enthusiasm, passion for Whittier and small business perspective back to the Board.





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# **10 New Year Tips for Your Small Business**

The decorations may still be up, but and advocate for your business on the the holidays are over and it's time to get back to work and start focusing on your business. While some of you may have already done a lot of work long before the clock struck 12 on December 31, the rest of you can start funneling your energy with this list of 10 New Year tips for your small business.

#### 1. Revisit Your Business Plan

If it has been a while since you examined this critical document, now's the time to get to it. Review it to ensure it's still aligned with your current company goals. Change what needs changing. If you need help with your business plan, remember that the Whittier Chamber offers free business mentoring through SCORE to all businesses. Call (626) 593-1120 to set up your appointment with a retired business expert.

#### 2. Set Your Business Resolutions

New Year's resolutions are not all about losing weight. It is beneficial to lay out what you want for your business in the coming 12 months. But first, review what went right in 2018. Take a moment to celebrate those successes and then see what needs to be improved. If you are setting new goals, make sure they are SMART goals - Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant, Timely. If you are not already a member of the Whittier Chamber, be sure to visit the office to see what we are doing for the business community. We'd love for you to join our efforts in enhancing the quality of life here in Whittier. If you are a member - thank you! Be sure to check in with our friendly staff and let's do a quick refresher on the many opportunities we can help promote

local, state and federal levels.

#### 3. Build a Promotions Calendar

Sit down with a calendar and start looking at all the holidays or events you want to build promotions around. This will give you ample time to plan your social media updates, blog posts, advertising campaigns, etc. The Whittier Chamber offers numerous ways to get your word out. Consider us your partner in promoting your business and helping it grow.

#### 4. Reassess Your Online Brand

Google yourself! Is it time for a new headshot or website refresh? What worked for you in terms of marketing this year? This is a great time to tweak your online strategy so that you identify the tools that helped your business grow, and cut back on those that don't. If you need some help in this area, contact the Whittier Chamber or search our online business directory at www.whittierchamber.com- we have a member for that!

#### 5. Consider Your Hiring Needs

If your business is getting increasingly too busy for you to run with a skeleton crew, start planning your hiring strategy for 2015. Consider temps, freelancers, virtual assistants, and part-timers as alternatives to full-time employees if your budget is tight. Be sure to share your job openings with the Whittier Chamber so we can help spread the word for you.

#### 6. Update Your Technology



If you've been putting off that computer or software purchase, now's the time to go ahead with it. You'll be more efficient if you have a computer that doesn't take an hour to load!

#### 7. Learn from Industry Experts

Attending conferences and industry trade shows can be so beneficial for you as a business owner. We invest in staff training every year so we can stay on top of Chamber industry trends and share information. Not only can you meet others in your field (or potential customers) but you also learn from leading experts. Do some digging to see what's available for you in 2019.

#### 8. Get Organized

If you're like a lot of business owners, your desk is cluttered, and so is your desktop. Spend a few hours throwing away and shredding things you don't need and organizing your computer files. It will make things easier to find.

#### 9. Invest in Your Employees

If you do have staff, now's a fantastic time to offer supplementary training to refresh their skills or give them new

ones. The Whittier Chamber offers no to low-cost training for you and your staff throughout the year so be sure to check our calendar of events regularly. There are important changes to the law this year that require employers to provide sexual harassment training to their managers/supervisors (2 hours) and all other employees (1 hour) by 2020. The Whittier Chamber will be offering this training 3 times this year so you can stay in compliance. It's a huge fine if you do not do this!

#### 10. Get Smarter

Your employees aren't the only ones who could learn more. Read industry blogs, books, magazines, and anything else you can get your hands on to be on top of the trends in your industry. Be sure to read the Chamber's blog, found on our website, and stay connected with what's happening locally. If you are not receiving the Whittier Chamber's weekly e-newsletter, filled with business and economic development updates, community and networking events and more, send us your address at info@whittierchamber.com and request to be added to our "Chamber At A Glance" e-newsletter.





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restaurant or caterer interested in participating as a sponsor should call the Chamber office for details regarding a complimentary table at the Business Expo.

"The Whittier Chamber's Business Expo is one of the best business development tools around. We expect it to be a sold-out event once again," said Gary Lee Martinez, Chamber Board President. The Business Expo event is being generously sponsored by The Quad, ACRO Printing, Inc., Athens Services, Republic Services and MAP Property Management. Sponsorship opportunities which include great marketing are still available. Your business can be showcased in either the Candy Castle room or the Peppermint Forest room. Table prices range from \$180 – \$280, 10' x 10' booth prices are \$395 and 8' x 8' booths are \$345. Other marketing opportunities at the Business Expo for those who cannot participate or want additional exposure include the Gumdron Mountain ma

or want additional exposure include the Gumdrop Mountain marketing wall (\$100) where you will receive high visibility exposure before, during and after the event, and the Golden Ticket map (\$50) which draws people directly to your table or booth as visitors play a Candy Land themed game, trying to win the Golden Ticket!

So don't "BLOW IT" or be a "DUM DUM"...sign up early for your favorite spot! Contact Courtney at (562) 698-9554 or visit our website at whittierchamber. com for more information.

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#### Navigating the healthcare maze with PIH Health

developed in partnership with the minutes), Types of Patient Care and the community to help eliminate confusion Healthcare Team (3 minutes). Types around how to access and move through of Health Insurance (3 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> minutes), the healthcare system. Topics include the Understanding Medical Bills (3 minutes), different types of health insurance coverage, where to receive care, and how to understand medical bills so that you Resources. In-person classes are also can take control of your health. The series consists of the following five videos,

This series of short videos was Components of the Healthcare System (2 and Your Role as a Patient (5 minutes). To access the videos, visit PIHHealth.org/ offered; the class schedule can be found at PIHHealth.org/Calendar.

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complications, percentage of coronary bypass patients with internal mammary artery use, 30-day mortality rates, 30day readmission rates, severity-adjusted average length of stay, wage- and severityadjusted average cost per case and, new this year, CMS 30-day episode payment measures. "The winning hospitals in

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# THANK YOU FOR **18 WONDERFUL YEARS!**

We value our family community of Whittier. To give our employees more time with family, we will be closing on Tuesdays beginning February 2019. We look forward to many more years with Whittier!



# **2 Locations to Serve You Better**

### WHITTIER

12745 Whittier Blvd (562) 789-1300 M-F 8-5:30 • SAT 9-12

### SANTA FE SPRINGS

9347 Santa Fe Springs Rd (562) 946-5400 M-F 8-5:00



www.GregsAutoBody.com



# **NEW HOURS**

MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY: 11AM - 9PM TUESDAY: CLOSED FRIDAY: 11AM - 11PM SATURDAY: 11AM - 10PM SUNDAY: 12PM - 9PM

### 7028 BRIGHT AVE. WHITTIER, CA (562) 693-9523

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**\$25 PURCHASE** OR MORE

**\$50 PURCHASE** OR MORE



#### HARDWARE

James Hardware Company Lillian Taylor 710 S. Beach Blvd. La Habra, CA 90631 Phone: (562) 691-1711 Email: lillian@jameshardware.com Website: www.jameshardware.com



This locally family owned/operated hardware store has been in business since 1947. This home improvement supplier operates both a full service True Value Hardware store, and a separate building dedicated to supplying doors, windows, and moulding to both homeowners and professionals alike. They always strive to provide service and quality to our customer, hoping to earn a customer for life.

### RESTAURANTS

Zen's Tea House Fernando Lopez 11938 Washington Blvd. Santa Fe Springs, CA 90606 Phone: (888) 866-4299 Email: fernando@zenstea.com Website: www.zenstea.com



Zen's Tea House was founded in 2012 with the purpose of helping people through the power of tea. To better educate the community, Zen's Tea House established an Alternative Health Resource Center in Santa Fe Springs, CA. Zen's Tea House works with nutritionists, naturopathic doctors, and holistic medical physicians to construct potent herbal remedies. The company motto is 'helping people through the power of tea'.

### SENIOR CARE/HEALTH – HOME CARE

Home Instead Senior Care Rich Southard 13585 Whittier Blvd. #104 Whittier, CA 90605 Phone: (562) 698-8600 Email: rich.southard@homeinstead.com Website: www.homeinstead.com/462



Home Instead® offers an individualized approach to keep seniors safe and sound at home, instead of anywhere else. As a state licensed Home Care Organization, they

home, instead of anywhere else. As a state licensed Home Care Organization, they have been an integral part of this community for 15 years. Under new ownership, the team is focused on their mission of enhancing the lives of aging adults and their families. The CAREGivers <sup>SM</sup> from Home Instead provide a full range of companionship, home care and personal services.

### Congratulations to our Milestone Members this month!

Thanks to the following businesses that have been

#### RUTH B. SHANNON CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS



## PHIL KEAGGY & MURIEL ANDERSON

Sat., Jan. 26 at 7:30 pm



**STAN RIDGWAY** Sat., Feb. 2 at 7:30 pm



CHARLES PHOENIX Sat., Feb. 9 at 7:30 pm

FIND MORE EVENTS AT SHANNONCENTER.ORG (562) 907-4203

## JOIN ME IN BECOMING A CHAMBER MEMBER

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In 1991, ACRO Printing, Inc., our one employee company, joined the Whittier Chamber of Commerce. Our membership has given ACRO opportunities to help us grow through volunteering on committees (where you meet and work with members to form relationships), advertising in the Business Focus, website and door to door flyer programs, networking, and education and staff training, just to name a few, to keep the business on the right track. We took full advantage of those opportunities, and through our partnership with the Whittier Chamber, we have grown into the solid company with many employees we are today.

Bonnie Watje, rinting ∞. ACRO Printing, Inc.

# **RENEWING MEMBERS**

Thanks to the following members for renewing their Chamber membership and for supporting our efforts to build a strong local economy

Aleco Security & Protective Solutions, Inc. (562) 646-6272

Assistance League of Whittier (562) 693-6553

> Auntie's Restaurant (562) 464-1959

Norms Restaurants (562) 907-2760

S & R Air Conditioning & Heating, Inc. (562) 694-0110

> Servpro of Whittier (562) 698-5368

# partners with the Whittier Chamber in helping to create a thriving economy.

#### 60 years:

Whittier College (562) 907-5043

#### 30 years:

Whittier Elementary Teachers Association (562) 693-8411 15 years:

Dean, Steve & Sue

#### 5 years:

**M&M Glass, Inc.** (562) 945-6212

Bob & Dave's Towing, Inc. (562) 693-9596

20 years:

Help for Brain Injured Children, Inc. (562) 694-5655 Calvary Baptist Church (562) 698-8058

Community Escrow Services, Inc. (562) 698-2220

> Fix Auto Whittier (562) 698-8227

Friends of The Whittier Hills Association (562) 622-6541

**GM Properties** (562) 696-0200

La Casa del Cocinero (562) 295-6678

Leon Lesa's Cabinet & Handyman Service (562) 696-3521 Shannon G's Flowers & Clothing Boutique (562) 789-5808

Skin Room, The (562) 536-1142

Suburban Water Systems (626) 543-2531

> Visiting Angels (562) 947-5390

Whittier Art Association & Gallery (562) 698-8710

> Wilkinson Barneson Insurance Agency (562) 789-5704

Tanabe, Theodore A., D.D.S.

(562) 698-0387

JANUARY 2019



Big 5 • Blaze Fast Fire'd Pizza • Burlington • Chili's • China Wok • Dollar Tree

Don Roberto's Jewelers • Famous Footwear • Fantastic Sam's • Fashion Q GameStop • GNC • G-Stage • H&R Block • Hawaiian Island BBQ • HeaRx Maki Yaki Japanese Grill • Marshalls • Maya Threading and Beauty • Michaels Natalie's Nails & Spa • N2 Nitrogen Ice Cream • Petco • Rite Aid • Ross Dress for Less Rubi's Frosty Freeze • Sally Beauty Supply • Sprint • Staples • Subway • T-Mobile The Avenue • The Olive Garden • The Quad Cleaners • The UPS Store • TJ Maxx Vallarta Supermarkets • Weight Watchers • Yogurtland

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