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Calendar of Events

March 2007

If a man who cannot count finds a four-leaf clover, is he lucky? -Stanislaw J. Lec-



1	Business Development Committee	7:30 a.m.	Chamber Office
6	Ambassador Meeting	8:00 a.m.	Vineyard Bank
7	Environmental Committee	Noon	Chamber Office
8	Let's Do Lunch	11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.	Edison CTAC
	State of the City-Presenting Sponsor: Picasso's Cafe		
13	Irwindale Education Foundation	7:30 a.m.	Chamber Office
22	GMI Breakfast-Mini Expo	7:30 a.m.-9:00 a.m.	Picasso's Cafe
	Presenting Sponsor: Picasso's Cafe		
26	Board of Directors Meeting	3:00 p.m.	Chamber Office

April 2007

Easter tells us that life is to be interpreted not simply in terms of things but in terms of ideals. -Charles M. Crowe-



3	Ambassador Meeting	8:00 a.m.	Vineyard Bank
4	Environmental Committee	Noon	Veolia ES Tech.
5	Business Development Committee	7:30 a.m.	Chamber Office
10	Irwindale Education Foundation	7:30 a.m.	Chamber Office
12	Let's Do Lunch	11:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m.	Four Points
	Presenting Sponsor: 1st Centennial Bank By Sheraton		
18	HR Roundtable	11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.	Community Center
23	Board of Directors Meeting	3:00 p.m.	Chamber Office
26	GMI Breakfast	7:30 a.m.-9:00 a.m.	Picasso's Cafe
	Presenting Sponsor: Picasso's Cafe		

May 2007

"The legacy of heroes is the memory of a great name and the inheritance of a great example." -Benjamin Disraeli-



1	Ambassador Meeting	8:00 a.m.	Vineyard Bank
2	Business Development Committee	7:30 a.m.	Chamber Office
2	Environmental Committee	Noon	Chamber Office
3	27th Annual Golf Tournament	10:00 a.m.	Sierra La Verne
	Presenting Sponsor: 1st Centennial Bank Country Club		
8	Irwindale Education Foundation	7:30 a.m.	Chamber Office
10	Let's Do Lunch	11:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m.	TBD
24	GMI Breakfast-Mini Expo	7:30 a.m.-9:00 a.m.	Picasso's Cafe
	Presenting Sponsor: Picasso's Cafe		
28	Board of Directors Meeting	3:00 p.m.	Chamber Office
28	Memorial Day	CHAMBER CLOSED	

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State of the Chamber

Article By: Michelle Bart, Helping Heroes Production



(L-R) Kevin McDonald, Foothill Transit; Marissa Buckisch and Melissa Enock, Picasso's Cafe; and Brad Baxter, City of Irwindale.

The State of the Irwindale Chamber of Commerce was led by Marissa Buckisch, Picasso's Café, Bakery, and Catering and Kevin McDonald, Foothill Transit and incoming Chairman of the Irwindale Board of Directors with over fifty members in attendance.

The new Business of the Month program was unveiled. All businesses nominated for Business of the Month will be eligible for Business of the Year. January's honoree was Picasso's Café, Bakery, and Catering. The new Business of the Month program is a collaboration with the City of Irwindale and at the January 24th City Council meeting, Picasso's was recognized for their unselfish acts of kindness on the community and their 18 years of business in the city. The Spotlight Interview introduced George Martinez to the membership. George is from the Hilton Garden Inn. In February, the interview will be Foothill Medical Center.

Thank you to our members who continue to contribute to the door prizes: Royal Coaches Towing, Calwax, Vineyard Bank, Jan's Towing, Diversified Transportation Services, Artemis Concepts, Miller Brewing Company, Duarte Family Chiropractic, Rachel Leyba Allstate, Gerry Caccamo/A-Advantage Insurance, Vulcan Materials, Pegasus Building Services, Sanctuary Shack.



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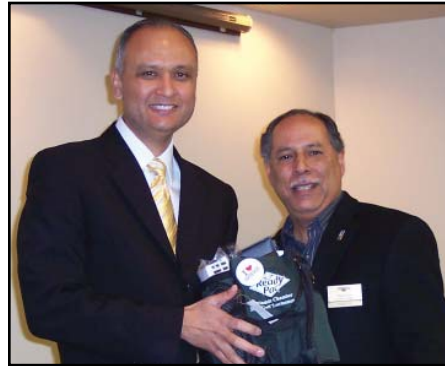


Duarte Family Chiropractic celebrated the expansion of their office and services with a Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting ceremony on Thursday, February 1, 2007. Chiropractors Dr. John McHaney and Dr. Maggie Pezeshkian treat auto accident injuries, work injuries, back & neck pain, sciatica, headaches, numbness and tingling, carpal tunnel, sports injuries and shoulder pain.

They offer a variety of services including sports physicals and consultations in ergonomic management at the workplace. They have a massage therapist on staff as well as a personal trainer. Duarte Family Chiropractic is located at 924 Buena Vista St. Suite 103 in Duarte.

Office hours are Mon.-Fri. 9am-7pm, Sat. 9am-1pm. Walk ins welcome. Contact them today at (626) 359-3956 or visit their website at <http://www.duartefamilychiropractic.com>

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(Assemblyman-continued from coverage)



(L-R) Assemblyman Dr. Ed Hernandez with Bob Cruz, The Gas Company.

On January 26, 2007, Assemblyman Dr. Ed Hernandez was the keynote during the Legislative Business Affairs Forum sponsored by The Gas company. Assemblyman

Hernandez represents the 57th Assembly District, which includes: Azusa, Baldwin Park, Covina, Irwindale, La

Puente, and West Covina. Over thirty people attended this informative forum where the assemblyman spoke on healthcare and his plans while in office.

Assemblyman Hernandez's legislative priorities are working toward providing health insurance for the uninsured in California, improving transportation, and economic development. An optometrist by training, Hernandez has donated his time and professional skills to the community by providing free eye care to low-income families, as well as working with local schools to examine the eyes of thousands of school children, and with children and adult patients who are at-risk diabetics.

Member News

Submitted By: Irwindale Speedway



Irwindale Speedway kicks off its 2007 NHRA Summit E.T. Drag Racing season this Sunday (February 18). The event marks

the first of eight Summit E.T. events scheduled for the Speedway's one-eighth mile street legal drag strip. Other events are scheduled for March 25, April 29, May 20, June 24, July 15, August 5 and September 16.

The NHRA Summit Racing Series features a bracket racing format that allows drivers in many types of vehicles, including dragsters, roadsters, sedans and coupes, to compete on an equal basis against each other. In addition to three categories of competition for cars - Super Pro, Pro and Sportsman - a motorcycle category is also featured.

The competitors compete for points and cash awards. Drivers who earn the most points are eligible to compete for individual and team honors at the NHRA Summit Racing Series Finals against champions from the NHRA's seven divisions. Individual winners receive a division trophy and travel expenses to attend the Summit Racing National Finals in Pomona, Calif., Nov 1- 4 where they will compete for a national championship and \$5,000. Irwindale Speedway's 2006 Drag Racing champions included Jim Sullivan - Sportsman, Chuck E. Sullivan Jr. - Pro Street, Bob Williams - Super Pro and Tony Pellettera - Motorcycle.

Sunday's schedule of activities include gates opening at 7 a.m., tech at 8 a.m., competitors meeting at 10 a.m., time runs at 10:15 a.m. and eliminations beginning at 1 p.m. Spectator admission tickets are \$10.00 and can be purchased at the gate on the day of the event.

Test and Tune, the popular activity held weekly takes place this Thursday (February 15) under the lights from 5-10p.m. The activity allows local drag racers the opportunity to race their street legal cars on Irwindale Speedway's 1/8-mile drag strip. It costs only \$20.00 to race, \$10.00 to watch (\$5.00 for kids 12-6 yrs. and 5 yrs. and under are admitted for free).

For further information contact Irwindale Speedway by calling (626) 358-1100 or log on at www.irwindalespeedway.com.

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Web Statistics Oct. 06-Jan. 07

Top Ten Requested Member Pages

- Nellson Nutraceutical (400)
- Charter Communications (287)
- Foothill Medical Center (221)
- City of Irwindale (204)
- Pomona Valley Mining Company (173)
- Key Brands International (172)
- Autronics Corporation (159)
- S. G. V. Training Center (146)
- Miller Brewing Company (140)
- SCE Federal Credit Union (136)

Top Ten Viewed Pages (excluding members pages)

- Home 6,830
- Catagorical 1,705
- October Newsletter 981
- November Newsletter 938
- Community Info. 887
- Calendar 742
- Organization (about us) 736
- June Newsletter 679
- May Newsletter 651
- Enviromental Committee 636

Total Page Views

- October 18,611
- November 14,009
- December 14,793
- January 19,339

Describe your business or services in 100 words by using keywords that will bring clients to your page as they search the site. Submit to veronica@irwindalechamber.org

New Tax Laws for 2007

By: Bill Leonard, State Board of Equalization

Labor Law Corner Tally Travel Time When Calculating Non-Exempt Employee Pay. Do I have to pay non-exempt employees for time spent traveling to and attending a conference?

Employers must pay non-exempt employees for any time they are “suffered or permitted” to work — in other words, if they are there because you are requiring them to be there, you have to pay them.

Example: Figuring Joe's Travel Pay

Hours worked	How paid
Hours 1-8	Straight time
Hours 9-12	Time-and-one-half
Hours 12-14	Double time
Hours 15	Beginning of a new 24-hour period—straight time

Pay for Travel: If you are requiring non-exempt employees to attend a conference away from their typical workplace, they must be paid for the time spent traveling to and from the conference, minus the time

of their usual commute. If air travel is required, you must pay employees (subtracting their usual commute time) from the time they leave their house until they reach their destination, such as their hotel. If the employee is free to do what he/she chooses — go to the pool, sightsee, etc. — your obligation to pay ends. If the employee goes straight to the conference, you must continue to pay him/her.

Travel time may be paid at a rate lower than the regular hourly rate as long as it is at least the minimum wage — now \$7.50 per hour. Employees also must take meal and rest breaks. It is important that employees keep an accurate account of their time when traveling to make sure overtime is calculated properly.

Illustrating Travel Pay: For example: Joe is attending a conference in New York on behalf of his company. He took a direct flight to New York, but has to change planes in Houston on his way back. He also is arriving a day early so he can catch up with some college friends.

His usual commute is 45 minutes and he lives 45 minutes from the airport. He arrives at the airport two hours before his flight. His flight is six hours and he arrives at his hotel a half-hour later, at midnight, and goes to sleep. Pay owed? Assuming Joe took his 30-minute meal break and his rest breaks, eight hours of pay.

He spends the next day with his friends and does not leave for the conference, which is at his hotel, until the following morning. No pay is owed for that day. He attends the conference over the next two days, arriving at the conference at 8:30 a.m., taking a one-hour lunch break, and is done for the day at 4:30 p.m. He is owed seven hours of pay for each day.

On the way home, Joe leaves the hotel at 9 a.m. for the airport, a one-hour drive away, and arrives one hour before his flight leaves. His flight to Houston is four hours and he has a three-hour layover, which is extended to six hours because of delays. His flight home takes four more hours. Arriving at 1 a.m. the following day, Joe drives the 45 minutes home. Joe was “suffered or permitted” to work from 9 a.m. until he got into his car to drive home, or for 16 hours.

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The Green Pages

March 2007



Driver Safety Programs for the Workplace

Submitted by April Kelcy, Earthquake SOLUTIONS

Why do companies need to have driver safety programs and polices? Among other reasons, motor vehicle accidents cost employers \$60 billion annually in medical care, legal expenses, property damage and lost productivity. An average crash costs an employer \$16,500.

There is an organization called the Network of Employers for Traffic Safety (NETS), which has a web site at www.trafficsafety.org. Here is a brief summary of their recommended ten steps to improving workplace driver safety:

1. Senior management commitment.
2. Written policies and procedures – make them clear, comprehensive and enforceable, and communicate them effectively.
3. Driver agreements. Obtain signed agreements covering all aspects of the written policies and procedures, including consequences for disregarding them.
4. Motor vehicle record checks. The company should have an ongoing program to systematically review the records of everyone who drives, even occasionally, on company business.
5. Crash reporting and investigation. Make these guidelines in the written policies and procedures tough and thorough.
6. Vehicle selection, maintenance and inspection. Select vehicles with high crash ratings, keep them properly maintained, and inspect and document condition annually.
7. Disciplinary action system. Develop a strategy to respond to moving violations or preventable crashes that allows for progressive discipline of drivers.
8. Reward/incentive program. Reward safe drivers with recognition, monetary rewards tied to mileage driven, or other incentives.
9. Driver training. Provide means of periodic refreshers in both written test and road skills.
10. Regulatory compliance. Clarify which local, state and/or federal regulations apply to your fleet and drivers, and ensure compliance with all requirements.



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The Irwindale Chamber of Commerce Environmental Committee

E-mail your environmental questions to our committee and one of our committee members will respond to you.

Chair: Celia Smith- **Pegasus Building Services**
 Robert Barnes- **Irwindale Police Department**
 Sol Benudiz - **Irwindale Police Department**
 Ann Croissant- **San Gabriel Mountain Conservancy**
 Craig Doerr- **American Reclamation**
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 Lisa Bailey- **Irwindale Chamber of Commerce**
 Dominique Yates- **Irwindale Chamber of Commerce**

Mission Statement

To prepare, inform and advocate, on behalf of the business and residential community, environmental concerns and emergency preparation and response planning.

Join the Committee

If you care about health and safety issues that affect community business, or the environment, you should consider this committee.

Meeting: 1st Wednesday of each month

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How to Hire the Right Contractor

By: Contractors State License Board

Contractors State License Board offers tips on how to avoid home repair problems

For most Californians a home improvement project is a huge investment. The Contractors State License Board (CSLB) wants to make sure homeowners make the most of the investment by hiring a competent and reputable contractor to do the job.

Each year many homeowners get taken advantage of by fraudulent operators who are unlicensed and are trying to make quick cash. These workers can scam homeowners by offering to make home repairs for a very low price. Unfortunately, as the saying goes, you get what you pay for because they might take your money and simply not complete work. Many have also been known to damage property and steal, leaving the homeowner with little opportunity for retribution.

The CSLB warns all homeowners to be cautious and selective when hiring a contractor and offers the following tips for homeowners when making home improvements:

- Any job that costs \$500 or more, including labor and supplies, requires a license from the State of California;
- Verify the contractor is licensed by visiting the CSLB's Website at www.cslb.ca.gov;
- Get a written contract and don't sign anything until you understand the terms – Make sure you read a copy of the free CSLB publication "Terms of Agreement – A Consumer Guide to Home Improvement Contracts" available on the CSLB Website;
- Never pay more than 10 percent down or \$1,000, whichever is less (even for swimming pools);
- Don't let the payments get ahead of the work. Keep records of the payments;
- Don't pay cash;
- Keep all records on file related to the contractor's work;
- Don't make the final payment until you are completely satisfied; and
- Check with your local courthouse to see if the prime contractor has a history of litigation.

The CSLB has produced a number of publications designed to help educate homeowners and assist them in hiring and managing a contractor available on their Website. These publications can be ordered free of charge at www.cslb.ca.gov or by calling 1-800-321-CSLB (2752)

The Contractors State License Board operates under the umbrella of the California Department of Consumer Affairs. The CSLB licenses and regulates California's 305,000 contractors, and investigates about 20,000 complaints against contractors annually. In fiscal year 2005-06, the CSLB helped consumers get more than \$36 million in restitution.

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••••• A pre-tour briefing will be held on **Tuesday, April 17, 2007**, 5:30 pm at the Chamber offices. Citslinc, International will be on hand to answer all of your questions and familiarize you with details you need to know.

Itinerary*

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Day 2 Beijing

Visit the Tian An Men Square, the largest square in the world, and the Temple of Heaven, built in 1420 A.D. Sightseeing includes the Palace Museum (Forbidden City) home of 24 emperors with a total space of 9,999 rooms, and the Summer Palace.

Day 3 Beijing

Tour bus excursion to the Great Wall, the 4,000- mile long and 2,000 years old construction is said to be the only man-made structure visible by naked eye from the moon. Visit to the Ming Tombs, one of 13 Ming Emperors' Tombs is fully excavated and open for exploration. Roasted Beijing Duck Dinner.

Day 4 Beijing/ Suzhou

Morning flight to Shanghai, then board tour bus to Suzhou. Afternoon sightseeing to the centuries old Linger Garden, Tiger Hill and Hanshan Temple. Visit to the National Embroidery Institute to see silk embroidery, an important local craft with 1,000 years history. Evening Dinner Show of the traditional Chinese Music.

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\$10 Million in Energy Rebates, Incentives

By: The Gas Company

Southern California Gas Company (The Gas Company) is encouraging its business customers to apply for more than \$10 million in energy-efficiency rebates and incentives reserved for them in 2007 – the highest level of funding for such programs in its 140-year history.

“These rebates and incentives are only the beginning,” said Mark Gaines, The Gas Company’s director of customer programs. “Participating businesses save more money by using less fuel.”

The Gas Company’s funding for rebates and incentives is at a record high because energy efficiency plays a critical role in meeting the state’s energy needs and helping the environment, Gaines added.

The \$10 million is available through the following programs:

- \$3.3 million in rebates from the Express Efficiency Program, which offers up to \$200,000 per customer per year for retrofits on a broad range of qualifying commercial equipment – including boilers, pipe and tank insulation, steam traps, residential washers for commercial (non-coin-op) use, and instantaneous and storage water heaters;
- \$3.4 million in incentives through the Custom Process Improvement and Process Equipment Replacement programs, which offer up to \$25,000 per customer, per year, for improving business processes and installing energy-efficient equipment;
- \$1.2 million in incentives from the Energy-Efficiency Grant Program, which provides up to \$300,000 per customer, per year, on qualifying large energy-efficient equipment retrofits and/or process redesigns;
- \$330,000 in rebates from the Food Service Equipment Rebate Program, which offers up to \$25,000 per account, per year, on qualifying ovens, fryers, griddles and other commercial cooking equipment;
- \$1.1 million in incentives from the Savings By Design program, which improve energy efficiency for customers that design new facilities, expand existing facilities or change business processes; and
- \$770,000 in incentives from the Advanced Home program, which encourages energy-efficient residential construction.

Qualifying business customers can take advantage of these programs by visiting www.socalgas.com/energyefficiency, calling 1-800-GAS-2000 or contacting their account representatives.

The Gas Company’s energy-efficiency programs for business and residential customers in 2006-2008 have a goal of saving about 58 million therms of natural gas – enough energy to serve about 107,000 homes for a year.

All rebates and incentives are subject to change without notice and will be offered on a first-come, first-served basis as long as funding is available. These programs are funded by California utility customers and administered by The Gas Company under the auspices of the California Public Utilities Commission.

Cash Back for Solar on Your Business

By: California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC)

Solar energy is one of our state’s most abundant - and least utilized - renewable resources. The [California Solar Initiative](#) offers cash incentives on solar systems - currently, \$2.50 a watt. California Solar Initiative incentives, combined with federal tax incentives, can cover up to 50 percent of the total cost of a solar system.

Eligibility

All electric customers of PG&E, Southern California Edison (SCE), and SDG&E are eligible to apply for incentives. The new [California Solar Initiative Handbook](http://www.gosolarcalifornia.ca.gov/documents/CSI_HANDBOOK) http://www.gosolarcalifornia.ca.gov/documents/CSI_HANDBOOK. PDF (Acrobat PDF file, 95 pages, 1.5 megabytes) provides detailed information on the CSI eligibility, application requirements, payment process, and more.

If a municipal natural gas customer takes electric service from PG&E, SCE, or SDG&E, that customer is eligible for solar incentives. Many publicly owned utilities already offer solar incentives. All other municipal electric utilities must develop such programs no later than January 2008.

How the Incentive Process Works

For your existing home and all non-residential facilities, when you decide to go solar, a solar installer typically will contact a California Solar Incentive program administrator on your behalf to apply for an incentive and arrange for your system to be interconnected to your utility company’s power grid. The installer may also apply for local permits, if applicable.

The program administrator will provide you or your installer with an incentive application form. After the program administrator receives your completed application, it will reserve funds based on the size of your solar project. These funds will be reserved for periods of time indicated in each program, by which time you must provide adequate proof of progress towards installing your system. The administrator will require you to provide documentation to show that you are moving forward with the project.

When your system is installed, you or your installer will contact the administrator for permission to connect your system to your utility company’s grid. Once your system is approved, you will provide proof of payment to the program administrator and receive your incentive!

A Note about RECs: As the owner of a renewable distributed generation facility, you are the owner of Renewable Energy Credits, or RECs, associated with the production of renewable energy by your facility. A “renewable energy

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Workers Compensation Ruling

By: Cal Chamber

CalChamber Wins Publication of Key Workers' Comp Ruling *Helpful Opinion Now Can Be Applied Broadly*

At the request of the California Chamber of Commerce and others, the 1st District Court of Appeal has published a recent decision affecting use of the workers' compensation permanent disability schedule.

Publication of the court's decision in *State Compensation Insurance Fund v. WCAB (Echeverria)*, issued January 5, means other cases can cite it on the important question of how to determine whether the evidence in the case record supports the use of the permanent disability (PD) schedule adopted as part of the comprehensive reforms of 2004 or use of the pre-reform PD schedule.

Clarity for Future Cases

"The CalChamber applauds the court for publishing the opinion. Publication of the decision will provide clarity and guidance for other courts to follow in deciding similar cases," said Erika Frank, general counsel for the CalChamber. "The court's analysis will go far to prevent the misapplication of the new PD schedule."

In this case, the court ruled that, contrary to the findings of the Workers' Compensation Appeals Board, the record lacked substantial evidence supporting the application of the pre-reform PD schedule instead of the schedule adopted as part of the reform legislation's changes to Labor Code Section 4660 (d).

The opinion of the 1st District Court of Appeal reaffirms the requirement that in order for the pre-reform PD schedule to apply, a patient's medical record must contain "substantial evidence" demonstrating the existence of a permanent disability before January 1, 2005 (the date the new PD schedule was adopted). Absent such evidence, the new schedule adopted in 2004 must apply.

Interpretation Questions

Since the passage of CalChamber-supported SB 899 (Poochigian; R-Fresno) of 2004, lower level courts have struggled with interpreting and implementing the reforms. Inconsistent decisions by these lower level courts have caused litigation rates to skyrocket.

Uncertainty about how the legislation ultimately will be interpreted also is delaying resolution of many claims. The full benefit to all California citizens, both individuals and businesses, from this urgency legislation, has thus been delayed, the CalChamber argued in its letter asking the court to publish the *Echeverria* decision.

Publishing Criteria

Not every opinion of the Supreme Court and courts of appeal is published. The California Rules of Court set forth specific criteria that a case must meet to merit publication. Although unpublished opinions are binding on the parties to the lawsuit, such opinions cannot be cited or treated as persuasive authority in subsequent cases.

CalChamber Argument

The CalChamber argued in its letter that the *Echeverria* case meets the criteria for publication. The court's observations make a significant contribution to the development of California's reformed workers' compensation laws, as the opinion discusses the legislative changes and emphasizes that "substantial evidence" is required to meet the statutory exceptions under Labor Code Section 4660, as amended by SB 899.

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2006 visit to Great Wall

Day 5 Suzhou/Hangzhou

Morning tour bus journey to Hangzhou. Visit to Economic Development Zone. Visit to the centuries old Lingyin Temple, with the main feature of the 64.3 ft-high camphor-wood carved Buddha.

Day 6 Hangzhou/Shanghai (Guangdong Hotel/4-Star, 328 Yixian Rd.

Morning boat cruise on West Lake with relaxing stopover at jewel-like pagodas and tea house with afternoon trip to Shanghai.

Day 7 Shanghai

Sightseeing includes the Yu Garden, a maze of marvelous pavilions, ponds, rocky works and over arching trees. Visit to the Bund, a famous waterfront park. Business visit to the Pudong economic development zone.

Day 8 Shanghai/Los Angeles

You may spend your final hours in China on your own in the morning. Afternoon flight MU583 will depart by 2:50pm for Los Angeles where you will arrive at 10:30am on the same day and return to your Chamber parking via bus.

*Subject to change

27th Annual Installation & Award Dinner

By: Michelle A. Bart, Helping Heroes Productions

WOW! The week of the Irwindale Chamber of Commerce's Annual Installation & Awards Dinner I had attended many other installations and dinners and to be honest, I had anticipated another long and boring evening, but I couldn't have been more in left field with my negative karma. WOW! WOW! What an event!

If you missed the Installation & Awards Dinner, you missed an entertaining event that was fun, energizing, and just awesome! As an event producer, I was completely taken by surprise! This was my first time attending Irwindale's Installation Dinner and I must say, I will do everything in my power never to miss it again.

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Thanks to the sponsorships by presenting sponsor Vulcan Materials Company, casino games sponsor Hanson Aggregates, and the many table sponsors This event at Pomona Valley Mining Company was exciting, awarding, and entertaining. With entertainment by Arrested Moment, casino games and a star-studded award show, the event couldn't have been more entertaining for the guests. The silent auction was great, and this commentator walked away with a carload of baskets, prizes, and awesome deals!

Awards were given in the following categories: Citizen of the Year went to the late Joseph Tapia, his family accepted the award in his honor; Ambassador of the Year,

Celia Smith of Sanctuary Shack; Employee of the Year, Elaine Cullen, City of Irwindale; Business Person the Year, Gene & Rosi Medrano of Rancho Duarte Florist; and the Joe Dishanni Business of the Year award went to Vulcan Materials.

Installation of new officers followed and guests closed the evening being entertained by a live band, casino games, and cocktails that continued to flow! This event, without a doubt, was a huge hit with guests and with me!

A special thank you to Assemblyman Bob Huff, for being our Master of Ceremonies, the Color Guard was presented by Irwindale Explorer Post # 496. Irwindales 2006 Young Citizen of the Year, Jacqueline Fuentes, let the Plede of Allegiance, and Loretta Corpis graced us with the Star Spangled Banner.

Thank you to all of our sponsors, silent auction and raffle prize donors, and all of those that made a difference in making this year's event a huge success! We look forward to a new year with our new leaders and thank those who paved the way this past year for them!

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Council Round-Up – January 24, 2007

- City Council established a process for the recruitment and selection of members of Boards and Commissions.
- City Council approved the artwork for the 50th Anniversary City logo to be used on City letterhead and business cards for approximately 1 ½ years until the completion of the City's 50th Anniversary celebrations.

City Manager's "Brown Bag Lunch & Weekly Coffee"

Effective immediately, the City Manager's "Brown Bag" lunch and "Weekly Coffee" will meet monthly instead of weekly, on the fourth Monday of each month in the outer Council Chambers. The "Brown Bag" lunch is at noon and the "Weekly Coffee" starts at 6 p.m. Everyone is encouraged to attend to ask questions or request information.



CHAMPIONS!

Our Irwindale Competition Cheer team participated in their first cheer competition on Saturday, January 27th, at Pioneer High School in Whittier, hosted by Sharp International. We had two teams performing: Mini Mascot Cheer Duet and Elementary Cheer. Both teams took 1st place in their divisions. The Elementary Cheer squad beat out four other squads for the trophy. In addition to those two 1st Place trophies, the whole group, Irwindale Competition Cheer, won "Most Enthusiastic Team" and "Best Overall Youth Squad." The team will also be competing at Northview High School and Arcadia High School. They are coached by volunteer Elizabeth Rodriguez, and Recreation Aides Amanda Orosco and DeLeesa Herrera. Congratulations to the whole team! They have worked really hard and the City of Irwindale is truly proud of them. Pictured from left, back row: Coach Amanda Orosco, Dominique Diaz, Scarlet Toruno, Destiny Wiley, Margarita Williamson, and Coach Elizabeth Rodriguez. Middle row, from left: Jessica Hernandez, Sophia Aguilar, Angelica Ramirez and Kimberly Cacho. Front row from left: Klaudia Gallardo and Allyson Avila.

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Congratulations Albert Ambriz, Code Enforcement Officer

At the City Council meeting of January 24, 2007, the Council recognized Albert Ambriz, our Code Enforcement Officer, on attaining his Code Enforcement Certification and Code Enforcement Supervisory Level Certification. Albert's hard work and perseverance serves as an example of commitment and dedication. We congratulate him on this accomplishment. Pictured in back from left: Mayor Pro Tem Fuentes, Councilwoman Gomez, and Councilman Miranda. Pictured in front from left: Mirella Ambriz, Albert Ambriz, Mayor Ortiz and Councilman Breceda.



Business of the Month

At the City Council meeting of January 24, 2007, the Council gave recognition to Picasso's Café, Bakery, and Catering for being selected as the Chamber of Commerce Business of the Month. Picasso's has been a member of the Chamber of Commerce since 1989 and has served our community in many ways; not only by offering delicious meals but also by donating to various worthy causes. We are honored to have them in our City. Pictured from left: Lisa Bailey, President of the Chamber of Commerce, Marissa Buckisch, owner, Maria De Rosa, owner, Eric Martinez, chef, Vince De Rosa, owner and Mayor Ortiz. In back from left: Mayor Pro Tem Fuentes, Councilwoman Gomez, Councilman Miranda and Councilman Breceda.

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Senior Field Trip

On October 14, 2006, our seniors took part in a field trip to the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library and Museum. They had a great time and enjoyed learning more about our past President. Pictured from left are Mike and Lydia Lopez, Naty and Angel Inocencio, Eufemio Ambriz, Malfalda and Jaime Vasquez, Marie McDonald, Nova Robinson, and Pat Pelczynski.



Mike & Lydia Lopez

Talking a closer look at former President Reagan's airplane at the Ronald Reagan Library and Museum, are Mike and Lydia Lopez. They were among several attending this field trip which is one of the many activities offered to our seniors.



Senior Activities

Our Seniors are a very active group. They enjoy and participate in events for almost every occasion. Jackie Delgado, our Senior Citizen Coordinator, and her staff organize dances, dinners, classes, trips and many other activities for our seniors. Pictured attending our most recent Christmas Dinner Dance held December 15, 2006, are standing from left to right: Royan & Daniel Rodriguez and Amador Alcantar. Sitting at the table from left are Roger and Senior Citizen Commissioner Valinda Acevedo, and Linda and Gary Stobehn.

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He should have taken at least two meal breaks for at least one-half hour and, assuming he did so, he must be paid for 15 hours of pay (see chart): the first eight hours at straight time, the ninth through 12th hours at time-and-one-half, and the remaining time at double pay — minus one hour. The final hour of his paid time is on a new day — from 12:01 a.m. until 1 a.m. If Joe’s company is on a typical workday (12:01 a.m. through midnight), then the last hour of his pay is at the regular rate.

Accurate record keeping is imperative in such scenarios. Employers should communicate with non-exempt employees regarding these obligations, particularly when the employee is traveling. When employees travel to a different time zone, recommend that they keep track of their hours on California time to avoid confusion. Consistent communication by e-mail or telephone also can cut down on later disputes regarding hours actually worked.

(Solis-continued from coverage)

Solis, who received the John F. Kennedy Profile in Courage Award in 2000 for her groundbreaking work on environmental justice, previously served on the House Natural Resources Committee during her first term in Congress. Last week Solis was appointed as Vice Chair of the Energy and Commerce Committee’s Environment and Hazardous Materials Subcommittee by Congressman John Dingell, Chair of the Committee.

Solis is a member of the Health and Telecommunications Subcommittees and is the Vice Chair of the Democratic Steering and Policy Committee. She also serves as Chair of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus’ Health and Environment Task Force.

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credit” includes all renewable and environmental attributes associated with the production of electricity from an eligible renewable energy resource, subject to certain statutory exceptions. The California Energy Commission maintains an accounting system that records and issues certificates of proof that one unit of electricity was generated and delivered by an eligible renewable energy resource. In short, a REC represents the environmental value of the energy produced by your renewable energy system.

As the owner of a renewable distributed generation facility, you own the RECs for the electricity you generate, and you have the right to decide to keep or sell your RECs. Receipt of California solar incentives does not require transfer or sale of your RECs. RECs may or may not have monetary value in the future in California, depending on numerous factors, including policy and market factors. For more information on the potential value of RECs, you may visit [Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory](#) or [Solar Energy Industries Association](#). (Please note: These sites are examples of possible information sources. The CPUC does not endorse or necessarily agree with the information on these sites.). It is your decision whether to sell or transfer your RECs. **Be sure to read all of the terms of your installation contract** to see if it requires you to sell or transfer your RECs as a condition of installation. As the owner of your RECs, you do not need to agree to any contract language that requires you to sell or transfer your RECs as a condition of

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12:00 noon at the Chamber
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Location Varies
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7:30 a.m.
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