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...And the Food is Great, Too!

Brad Klock, President

If you missed the Chamber's July Luncheon, you missed a valuable presentation from our State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Tom Torlakson. We are fortunate here in Bay Point to have one of our own leading the CA Dept. of Education. Supt. Torlakson is passionate about the education of our youth, and he helps us all understand the link between education, jobs, and individual and community success.

For those of you who were unable to attend, Supt. Torlakson's presentation will be available via YouTube. Bay Point's Greg Enholm is uploading the video; you can find it, and other local Bay Point highlights, by typing BayPointCAVideos under "Search."

The Chamber's August Luncheon will feature our Supv. Federal Glover. The date is Thursday, August 16. Time is noon to 1:30pm; location is the Wedgewood Wedding and Banquet Center at the Pittsburg Golf Course. You can RSVP to Mimi Stofer, the Chamber's Chief Admin. Officer, at office@baypointchamber.org.

In September, we are planning to have Maureen Toms, from the Department of Conservation and Development, provide a presentation about the status of the local Enterprise Zone. And in October, George Carter, with the Workforce Development Board of Contra Costa County, will provide valuable information regarding available resources for business and job seekers.

Your Bay Point Chamber is about business, commerce, jobs, economic vitality, and personal and community success. We are here for our community of Bay Point, our surrounding county, and our state. Join us!

And speaking of joining, we expect that the Wedgewood Wedding and Banquet Center will soon be the Bay Point Chamber of Commerce's newest member! I should also mention that the Wedgewood will also be our venue for the September and October Luncheons. And finally, let me tell you that the Wedgewood provides exceptional service...and the food is great, too!

Exciting News

The Bay Point Chamber of Commerce is excited with the installation of our second "Welcome to Bay Point" sign installed on Bailey Road. Below are the pictures of our 1st sign and now our 2nd:



Bailey Road



Willow Pass Road

We will be having a dedication ceremony for our Bailey Road sign in the near future. In the meantime, we hope you and our community of Bay Point enjoy it!



Please visit our website
www.BayPointChamber.org
for all current events!

Welcome Art's Photography!

Arturo Garcia got bit by the shutter bug at an early age and went on to receive College Certificates in Freelance, Color and Commercial Photography. In the early 80's, while living in Los Angeles he worked for a large Photo Lab that catered to the Hollywood advertising media (NBC, Paramount Studios, and art galleries, to promotional work for Madonna and Oprah). Of course, no name-dropping

here. 1986 brought a change in direction, capturing precious memories of Weddings and Special Events and he still continues to provide these services today.

In 1982, Art moved to the Bay Area and has found a welcoming home in the cities by the Delta, and currently lives in Pittsburg with his young family. He felt a need to further his education and he

completed the Legal Spanish Interpreter Course at SFSU. In addition to his thriving Memory Photography business, he enjoys volunteering doing low cost photography for non-profit organizations and now has added Spanish/English interpreting for the school district. You will probably have seen or will be seeing him at the Chamber's events doing photography for our website and display.

For all your photographic needs, remember to contact Arturo at Art's Photography, (925) 206-2214, e-mail: art68steeler@hotmail.com and take a look at his work on his website at www.artsphotography.net.

Welcome Winston Graham Representing Lincoln Heritage

Winston joined the ranks of the Lincoln Heritage Life Insurance Company with the aim of helping people achieve the Peace of Mind that you get when you're prepared for the inevitable. His company provides a low cost whole

insurance policy that pays Cash for funeral and other expenses and is accepted by funeral directors everywhere.

He realized the importance of building sustainable associations with other

businesses to not only strengthen his business but also to have the opportunity to interact and share business tips with other professionals. In addition, at the Dr. Wattenburg's luncheon, his business card was picked and

he won the Peet's gift card. For more information on what coverage you might want to choose, contact Winston Graham at (925) 389-0068, e-mail: winstong4@gmail.com.



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Outside Back Cover (color)	\$250
Inside Front Cover (color)	\$200
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Take this opportunity to highlight all the benefits of your services and products.

To reserve advertising space, or if you have any questions regarding advertising in the Directory, please contact Tim Stone at Ready Print. He will be happy to help you. tim@readyprint.com or call him at 925-432-3145.

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Program Starts in September

The Teen Family Success program provides a springboard for teen mothers to be successful by helping them finish high school, avoid having a second child as a teen, and develop concrete goals and plans for their futures.

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Ahmadiyya Muslim Community of Bay Point Celebrates Ramadan

“O ye who believe! fasting is prescribed for you, as it was prescribed for those before you, so that you may guard against evil.” (Al Quran 2:184)

“Fasting for religious and spiritual reasons has been a part of human custom since pre-history. It is mentioned in the Bible, in the Old Testament and the New Testament, the Qur’an, the Mahabharata, and the Upanishads. Fasting is also practiced in many other religious traditions and spiritual practices.”

Ramadan is the ninth and the holiest month of the Islamic calendar. Millions of Muslims across the country and many more across the world will spend the month fasting. It is the month during which Prophethood was granted to the Prophet Mohammad (Peace and Blessings of God be upon Him). It is also significant to Muslims because their holy book, Quran was revealed in this month. Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, Bay Point welcomed this awaited month with prayers and fasting. Ramadan is a special month in the Islamic calendar that represents fasting and repentance. During Ramadan, it is obligatory upon all able Muslim adults to fast from sunrise till sunset. However, this obligation exempts anyone whose health might be jeopardized by fasting that includes nursing and pregnant women, travelers and unhealthy adults. These individuals are not completely excluded from sharing in the blessings of Ramadan; they can contribute by giving Fidyah. It is a monetary sacrifice that is equal to the amount of feeding a poor person for every day of fasting not observed.

The purpose of fasting in Ramadan is not just to prohibit food consumption. Islamic fasting has two main goals. The first is to tap into the spiritual strength of a Muslim. It requires a lot of

self control to abstain from food and water when it is readily available. This spiritual strength then translates into restraint and repentance against every evil act. The second goal of Islamic fasting is to feel the needs of less fortunate in our society. When a person endures hunger, he can feel the pain of those who have to bear this hunger based on poverty. Fasting motivates a Muslim to make financial sacrifices and share his resources with those who are in need of assistance. This understanding of humanity leads to peace and acceptance for others.

The Ahmadiyya Muslim Community of Bay Point is celebrating this Ramadan with a heightened spirit of devotion. The focus of Ramadan is prayers, so special attention is given to offering prayers in congregation at their mosque. Taraweeh, a prayer exclusive to Ramadan is offered daily after sunset in congregation. Meal for opening fast, Iftar, is arranged every weekend by the community members at the mosque. It is an opportunity to get together in the spirit of unity and enhance faith by sharing fasting experience with each other. The month of Ramadan will be concluded with the festival of Eid-ul-Fitr on August 19th, 2012.

For more information: please visit www.alislam.org

Mosque Info: Darus Salaam Mosque: 520 Pacifica Ave, Bay Point, CA 94565

Contact: Mr Khurram Shah

(President Ahmadiyya Muslim Community Bay Point Chapter)

Email: khurramshah74@gmail.com or Cell: 925-260-4764

Muslims for Life Blood Drive

“Muslims for Life Blood Drive at Ambrose Community Center” on Saturday, September 8th from 9am to 4pm.



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Grant-writing Workshop Offered by Supervisor Glover



The popular grant writing workshop sponsored by Supervisor Federal Glover will return to east county

this fall. The workshop was held in Hercules in February and attracted about 100 participants.

“A lot of East County residents and agencies didn’t sign up for the Hercules workshop because they didn’t want to drive all the way across the county,” said Glover. “They wanted to wait until it was held back in their part of the county,”

The workshop, open to individuals, government agencies and community-based organizations, gives

participants the information on how to write an application for grants.

The waiting list for the fall workshop is already more than half full, according to David Fraser, Glover’s chief of staff, who teaches part of the workshop.

Normally costing several hundred dollars, Glover’s workshop is offered at no cost.

The workshop is going to be held Oct. 3 at Los Medanos College, room 109, 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Pre-registration

is mandatory by going to the supervisor’s county website www.cccounty.us/supervisorglover and providing the necessary information.

“Many nonprofits and government departments have successfully won grants after taking the class,” said Glover. “In these times when money is scarce, we need to be creative to find funding.”

Future Events

August 16, 2012

Luncheon/Mixer
Federal Glover, Supv.,
Contra Costa County, Dist. 5

September 29, 2012

Bay Point Chamber of Commerce &
Ambrose Recreation & Park District
Sponsored Community Yard Sale

September 20, 2012

Luncheon/Mixer
Maureen Toms, Department of
Conservation and Development

October 18, 2012

Luncheon/Mixer
George Carter, E. Bay Economic
Development Alliance

ANNOUNCEMENT TO CHAMBER MEMBERS ONLY!!

The Bay Point Chamber of Commerce has display room in our office for your promotional handouts and advertising flyers . During our open hours Tuesday and Thursday 10 – 2:00 we have people dropping by and looking for different services. We would love to have material on hand for those people seeking local retailers and services. Please feel free to drop by and if you have any questions e-mail Mimi Stofer at office@baypointchamber.org.

