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Biz News

June 2012

Keep Up!! There's Many Things Going On!

Brad Klock, President

It's warming up...both outside and within your Bay Point Chamber of Commerce! Business and activity keep our community of Bay Point thriving! We're moving ahead, and we want everyone within Bay Point to be with us...

Where do I start? Let me begin with a warm welcome to the latest addition to our Staff - - our new Chief Administration Officer - - Mimi Stofer. Mimi replaces our previous Secretary, Julie Nelson. Mimi comes to the Chamber with a whole bunch of energy and a lot of ideas. A 20-year past employee of Bay Point's own General Chemical, Mimi is a resident of Pittsburg and has great admiration for Bay Point. At General Chemical, Mimi served in a variety of roles, from Executive Secretary to Production Scheduling to Human Resources. Mimi is also a private business owner, having previously operated Specialized Publisher Services with her husband, Gary. She's an avid American Cancer Society volunteer, and a member of CERT (the Community Emergency Response Team). I really look forward to the work that Mimi will do for our Chamber and Bay Point. She started working for us at the beginning of May, and has already made changes and improvements at our office at Ambrose. If you've been around there lately, you've likely seen and met Mimi. If not, stop by and talk to her. You will enjoy the conversation and her outgoing personality!

Bay Point signage and clean-up activity is next. Led by Tim Stone, Chamber Vice President, your Chamber is making significant progress with the installation of a second "Welcome to Bay Point" sign, on Bailey Road as you enter Bay Point from the southeast. Design is complete. Approvals are in progress. And installation is planned for June! Further, with the assistance of both Keller Canyon grant monies and in coordination with the County's Adopt-A-Road program, the Chamber is keeping the area in and around the western-edge "Welcome to Bay Point" sign, on Willow Pass, clean and landscaped. On April 28, you may have seen a group of us, led by Tina Gonzalez, Chamber Treasurer, cleaning up Bay Point. Special thanks also go to Golden State Water, which donated time, materials, and labor to the landscaping efforts.

The Chamber will again be hosting the Memorial Day Remembrance on Memorial Day. Location is the Ambrose Rec. and Park District building. Time is 9:00am. Please come and remember those who have sacrificed for this great country of ours. Please also pass this word on to others, as we'd love a large crowd before the Spring Derby Parade.

And now we move on to planned monthly lunch meetings and presentations. We have three lined up at the moment. The first, on June 21, is highlighted by a presentation from Dr. Bill Wattenburg. For the last thirty years, Dr. Wattenburg has enjoyed two professions, one as a well known scientist and the other in the media as an author and a popular radio talk show host with an enormous audience. Today, he is a senior research scientist at the Research Foundation, California State University, Chico, and a scientific consultant for many other institutions. Earlier, he was a nuclear weapons designer at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory; a member of the US Air Force Scientific Advisory Board; and a UC Berkeley professor of electrical engineering. He was co-founder of Berkeley Scientific Laboratories with Dr. Donald Glaser (Nobel Prize,

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Physics, 1960). Dr. Wattenburg's popular radio talk show "The Open Line To America" is now carried by radio stations all over the United States. For twenty-five years, he was a talk show host on KGO Radio AM810, ABC, San Francisco. Come listen to Dr. Wattenburg touch on numerous subjects. This will take place at the Wedgewood Wedding and Banquet Center at the Pittsburg Golf Course...again, June 21, at 12:00 noon.

In July, we're planning on State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Tom Torlakson, to be our guest and speaker. That exact date is not yet firm, but will also be at the Wedgewood. Supt. Torlakson will provide updates on education within our state.

In August, Supervisor Federal Glover is our guest and speaker. That date is August 16. Location is again the Wedgewood, starting at 12:00 noon.

As you know, it is always a pleasure, and always valuable, to hear from Supervisor Glover.

Yes, there is lots going on. Your Chamber has many ways to serve our community of Bay Point, and many ways for you to contribute as well. Look us up, get more involved, and make a difference! We'll see you at the Unity in Community program at Ambrose on Saturday, June 23!!

Welcome Habitat for Humanity East Bay

Welcome Habitat for Humanity East Bay. Formed in 1988 as an independent affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International, this organization serves Alameda and Contra Costa counties. In 2008 Habitat East Bay celebrated their 20th anniversary and completion of its 200th home.

Since 2000 Habitat East Bay has been building sustainable "Green" homes integrating environmentally preferable materials, energy efficiency, water conservation, and durability into the design of the buildings. In addition to new construction Habitat East Bay has been selected as one of the top affiliates in the nation to participate in a new and

innovative national program called the Neighborhood Revitalization Initiative (NRI). By working in partnership with local government entities and community supporters, abandoned homes are renovated using volunteer labor and these homes are later sold to low-income families at affordable prices.

June 2, 2012 was the Home Dedication ceremony at the 1.20-acre El Rincon site in Bay Point. The development consists of 9 single family homes, ranging from 1,171 sq. ft. 2 bedroom to 1,444 sq. ft. 4 bedroom homes with attached 2-car garages. Construction of these homes started in 2010. All of these projects are



supported by grants and donations and the hard work of all the volunteers. For more information, go to their website at **www.habitatEB.org** or call **(510) 251-6304**.

We look forward to a long association with Habitat for Humanity East Bay as a new member of the Chamber.



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Location: Wedgewood Banquet Center
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Price: \$20 members | \$25 non-members

Call Mimi for reservations: (925) 698-9994

Seating is limited – RSVP by June 18th!

Guest Speaker: Dr. Bill Wattenburg

Host of the nationally broadcast radio show, "Open Line to America" on the iHeartRadio network.

Bay Point Chamber of Commerce invites all East County chamber members and local residents to attend a luncheon and lecture discussing realistic options for near-term and long-term energy solutions. What are the essentials for sustained economic growth?

Dr. Bill Wattenburg, well known inventor, scientific consultant and long time Bay Area radio personality, will provide his perspectives on the intimately, interconnected energy and economic challenges facing our nation. Dr. Wattenburg will offer his views on the most promising and practical solutions

for addressing our energy problems and enabling the expansion of our lackluster economy. Dr. Wattenburg is renowned for energetically engaging the debate on the most pressing issues of our time and he has long championed practical solutions to complex problems. His solutions are often derived from a unique



blending of his early life experiences in blue collar work in the remote areas of northern California, with the scientific grounding of his later education at the University of California at Berkeley.

This is also a great opportunity to network with other businesses in our area. Bring your business cards!

Remember – space is limited. Anyone interested in attending the lecture and lunch should call the Bay Point Chamber of Commerce to reserve a seat: (925) 698-9994

Welcome Brighter Beginnings!

Welcome Brighter Beginnings! The Bay Point Family Strengthening Center is located at the Ambrose Center, 3105 Willow Pass Rd., Rm.13., (925) 757-5303. Brighter Beginnings started in 1984 in response to the needs of families in resource-poor neighborhoods and has centers located also in Oakland, Richmond, and Antioch.

With a strong vision statement **"Every family matters. And every child deserves a happy, healthy future."** and a **Mission to "...support healthy births and children's successful development by partnering with parents, strengthening families**

and helping to build strong communities.", Brighter Beginnings, a non-profit organization, each year serves more than 2,200 families in Alameda and Contra Costa counties. Some of their specific programs include: **Antioch First 5 Center and Alameda County Parenting Partnership, Black Infant Health, Bright Futures, Brothers and Sisters, Moms Mentoring Moms, PAPAS, Raising a Reader, Role of Men, and Teen Family Support.** Go to their website: www.brighter-beginnings.org for more information on these programs and also information on how you can help support Brighter Beginnings through donations and volunteer work.

We are truly honored to have such an organization join our community and welcome them as a new member.

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PG&E Joins the Bay Point Chamber of Commerce



Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E), a provider of gas and electric services, is proud to be one of the newest members of the Bay Point Chamber of Commerce.

PG&E has been serving the East Bay for over 100 years and is nationally recognized by Newsweek Magazine as one of the greenest utility companies in the United States. PG&E has also received national recognition for its supplier diversity program and was given honors by President Obama's Small Business Administrative for providing business and training opportunities to women, minority and disabled veterans businesses.

PG&E's Senior Government Relations Representative, Tom Guarino, is the company's liaison for Bay Point and addressed some of the reasons for their joining the Bay Point Chamber of Commerce.

Q. Why did PG&E join the Chamber after all these years?

PG&E has always been very engaged in our communities. After being approached by Brad Klock, Bay Point Chamber President, he made a compelling case that the Chamber is the perfect fit for us to address many local issues and increase our access and availability to the community.

Q. What are some of the programs PG&E intends to bring to the community through the Chamber?

There are always a number of sponsorships; in fact, we'll be making some exciting announcements in this regard

in the months ahead. PG&E also looks for organizations that are good bridges to policy makers and we're very impressed with the Bay Point Chamber.

Q. Tell us about some of PG&E's East Bay activities.

Many people don't realize this, but next to Chevron, PG&E is the largest taxpayer in all of Contra Costa County. We have significant investments such as our Gateway Generating Station, partnerships in several other power plants, hundreds of miles of transmission and distribution lines, over 4,000 employees and a like number of retirees. In addition to the taxes, we also invest over \$500 million a year in our infrastructure.

Q. What are PG&E's future plans for the East Bay?

PG&E will be focusing on improving our infrastructure. While our Gas Pipeline Safety

Enhancement Plan generates quite a bit of attention - we'll actually be relocating our entire Gas Division - about 800 employees - to San Ramon. This will increase our coordination and responsiveness to our customers with tremendous benefits for our friends in Contra Costa County.

Q. Thank you for your time. Are there any other thoughts you would like to add?

You're welcome. PG&E is very excited about our membership, and we look forward to a long, prosperous partnership with our customers in Bay Point and the greater East Bay.



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