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Biz News

First Quarter 2014

Happy 2014!

A new year, a new beginning, new ideas, new challenges, and successes, this all comes to mind on January 1st. This year should be no different. But our year 2013 ended with a very sad note. Our shining founding star, Gloria Magelby, passed on Christmas Eve.

All of you who knew Gloria felt her passion as she spearheaded the idea that Bay Point should have its own Chamber of Commerce. Countless hours were spent visiting Bay Point businesses and signing them up for membership in the Chamber. When Gloria felt she no longer could lead the Chamber she "persuaded" Brad Klock to step up as president of the Chamber. A strong driving force for the Chamber, Brad led us to do great things for both Bay Point businesses and our local community.

When Brad changed jobs to one in another community he passed the mantle to Tim Stone as president and Clarence Wickers as vice-president. Through the efforts of all the Board members the change has been seamless.

We all still have the passion to continue on with Gloria's legacy. We ask all of you to remember what the Chamber stands for and continue to support it for years to come. Sometime in the beginning of the year, we will be having a meeting to bring together the community to have a brain storming session to share ideas for the coming year. Please be ready to share.

Happy 2014

Thank you Bay Point Chamber members and Bay Point residents for a very Successful and Exciting 2013

Thanks to the many donations given by our member companies and the Keller Foundation throughout the year towards the Memorial Day ceremony, the "Unity in Community" celebration, the very successful Yard Sale, and the Christmas Tree Lighting.



A special thanks to the sponsors of the 3rd Annual Carriage Rides: Golden State Water, Tesoro Refinery and J.W. Backhoe and Construction.



Welcome to the New General Manager – Ambrose Recreation & Park District

Doug Long brings years of strong Park and Recreation management to the district. His last employment was as the Parks and Recreation Director of the City of San Carlos. Through the years he has been responsible for supervision and development of a large staff of employees, maintenance and operations for as large as 14 to 38 parks, including outdoor aquatic centers and community centers. Bay Point is very fortunate to have Doug come aboard.



SBDC (California Small Business Development Board) Joins with the Bay Point

The SBDC has made a commitment for 2014, to take a very active role in our area. As a team the Chamber and the SBDC will be holding business workshops throughout the year, per Mari LoValvo, a bilingual Business Advisor for Contra Costa County. We are in the planning stages right now, but our first event will be two-fold. "First Steps to a Successful Start-Up" will first be held as a Spanish language seminar and the second seminar will be in English only. Subsequent workshops could most likely be a seminar on "Build a Better Business" (a 7- week business plan writing course) and (a 2-day action planning workshop).

If your business builds, manufactures or processes in

Contra Costa, the SBDC can assist in Securing Capital to purchase fixed assets and property, Get your business Certified to bid on government contracts, Establish or Expand overseas markets, Help you hire your next great employee.

We know that Bay Point has a lot of residents who work very hard both at jobs and their own businesses, but there are bilingual advisors who can help you start a business and help grow your businesses.

Call 925-602-6806 or go to www.ContraCostaSBDC.com for more information. Or e-mail the Chamber at office@baypointchamber.org with any questions. (web site: www.baypointchamber.org).



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Bay Point Chamber Member Spotlight: Bills Ranch Market

Bill's Ranch Market was a charter member of the Bay Point Chamber and has been a member since 2007. Bay Point has no need for a seasonal farmer's market as we have a great fruit and vegetable market year round. Read some of the Yelp reviews below to see how much Bill's Ranch Market is appreciated.

"I always love stopping in here for mangos and strawberries! I also like buying local honey here. They have the freshest produce and great prices."

-Monica D.

"Fresh Produce, Cheap (comparing to safeway and other chain super markets) & the cashiers are friendly. We shop here when we're lazy to drive to concord to the 99 ranch. Close by to our house, so we come here a lot."

-Peter C.

"Not only do they stock the freshest and cheapest produce in the East Bay but, the owner Bill is always giving back to the community (Schools, churches little league teams you name it). The "Fruit Stand" as most of the locals call it is the ideal place to get the best deals on quality produce while supporting small businesses in your community."

Shauntel M.



"Good, fresh produce! And the prices are very competitive. Not to mention Bill himself is a very nice, honest man. I have a lot of respect for honest business owners."

-C.K.S.

"Fam buys most of our fresh fruit from Bill's. Prices are reasonable and they have a good selection of seasonal items."

-Carolyn J.

Join the Bay Point Chamber of Commerce!

The first question people often ask when joining the Chamber is, "What does the Chamber of Commerce do? This can be answered in a variety of ways because membership with the Chamber of Commerce is what YOU make of it.

There are often misconceptions about the Chamber of Commerce. For example, many members believe that the Chamber exists solely to collect facts, print brochures, visit new businesses, answer inquiries and advertise the community in which they operate. The primary functions of our Chamber extend further than acting as a welcoming committee for Bay Point. The Chamber of Commerce acts as a catalyst for businesses. We aid in the collaboration of business and professional people working in our community. By creating these bonds between various agencies, a healthy business climate is created. A better business community facilitates improved business conditions, and paves the way to a better community for all. That is why the Chamber of Commerce is in business, for the community and businesses together.

Bay Point Chamber Marketing Roundtable

Thursday, March 13, 2014
12-1pm

Ambrose Center - Chamber Office
Bring your brown bag lunch and ideas

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Bay Point's 'mayor,' Gloria Magleby, dies at 87



BAY POINT – Gloria Magleby, fondly remembered as the unofficial “Mayor of Bay Point,” died this week of natural causes. She was 87.

Before a stroke slowed her down three years ago, Magleby had a hand in helping run or developing nearly every civic organization in the unincorporated community.

“I dubbed Gloria the Mayor of Bay Point because of her tenacity, her persuasiveness, her leadership, and obvious love for her community,” said county Supervisor Federal Glover of Pittsburg.

In May 2011, the Contra Costa Board of Supervisors gave Magleby that honorary title in a proclamation for her service.

Rather than enjoying retirement in the late 1980s following a 29-year career in sales at consumer and industrial products company Dexter Hysol, now Henkel, Magleby started making her civic mark.

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Guest book in memory of Gloria Magleby

“Gloria dove into a whirlwind of activities that helped improve the quality of life in Bay Point,” Glover said.

The community stalwart served on its two governing bodies for more than 20 years: the Bay Point Municipal Advisory Council from 1988 to 2011 and the Ambrose Recreation and Park District board from 2000 to 2011.

Magleby also founded the Bay Point Garden Club, Bay Point Historical Society, Bay Point Chamber of Commerce and Bay Point Pride, which mobilizes youths to eliminate graffiti from public areas. Friends and family said she was passionate about mentoring youths, especially on the value of service.

Friend Julie Nelson said Magleby had high expectations of those she worked with, and even higher for her friends.

“To know Glo was to become involved in the community,” Nelson said. “She didn’t ask – she simply declared she wanted you to work for some organization.”

A stroke in 2010 forced Magleby to move into a care home in Concord and resign from her positions months later. She tried to keep up with Bay Point affairs, but it became overwhelming, said niece Joann Magleby, who has been her primary caretaker.

“Bay Point has not been the same without her, and she will be deeply missed,” read a tribute to Magleby on the Chamber of Commerce’s website.

While in Concord, she remained active by meeting often with members of her Mt. Diablo High School class of 1944.

“She had a way about her, that connected her with people,” Joann Magleby said.

Gloria, who never married and has no children, was a lifelong member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, including teaching early morning religious seminary classes to high school students for 16 years.

To nephew Mark Magleby, she was the cool aunt that “you loved to hang out with.”

“She knew a lot about sports, especially the (San Francisco) Giants. I remember her always having the transistor radio on,” he said.

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Mark said he also remembers the convertible sports car Gloria had when he was a kid, and as the only family member with a pet, a black-and-white cocker spaniel with long ears named Sparky.

Born in a small town in Utah, Magleby moved with her family to Bay Point, then known as West Pittsburg, in 1942 at age 16. After graduating from Mt. Diablo High, she went to the University of Nevada and UC Berkeley, commuting to Berkeley.

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