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Chamber Annual Dinner 2012

Save the date!! The 2012 Crescent City-Del Norte Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner will held on Saturday, January 21, 2012. Last year's dinner drew an excess of 226 people, and included the presentation of several annual awards. Again this year we expect a large number of attendees who will enjoy a beautiful meal, hear about strides the Chamber has made, goals for the coming year, and last but not least, the opportunity to mingle with fellow Chamber Members.

Attendees at this year's Annual Dinner also will have a chance to meet the new 2012 Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, as well as congratulate the winners of the Business Leader of the Year Award, the Del Norte Pride Award, Lifetime Achievement Award, and Volunteer of the Year Award.

Last year's winners included Smith River Rancheria (Del Norte Pride) - award accepted by Chairwoman Kara Miller, Chris & Sabina Renner - C. Renner Petroleum (Business Leader of the Year), Charles & Rita Rossini (Lifetime Achievement) - award accepted by Mike & Kamie Rossini on behalf of Mike's parents, Linda Hartt (Volunteer of the Year), and Chris Howard for President's Award.

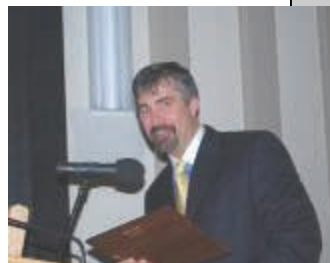
Del Norte Pride Award Winner



Business Leader of the Year Winner



Lifetime Achievement Award



President's Award



Volunteer of the Year Winner

ALERT

CalChamber

The California Chamber of Commerce, the state Board of Equalization (BOE) and the state Labor Commissioner are warning businesses to be aware of misleading solicitations that appear to be official correspondence from a state governmental agency.

According to the BOE and Labor Commissioner, businesses in California have reported that they have received notices from the “California Labor Compliance Bureau,” requesting immediate payment of a “processing fee” of \$275.

The California Labor Compliance Bureau is not a government agency.

The notices use publicly available information, such as BOE account numbers and industry codes, to make them appear to be official correspondence.

Neither the BOE nor the Labor Commissioner’s office is affiliated in any way with the California Labor Compliance Bureau.

The “processing fee” is purportedly for labor-related notices that California employers are required to post at their business premises informing employees of their legal rights under the National Labor Relations Act.

The notices in question are available from the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) website at <https://www.nlr.gov/poster>.

State workplace postings are available from the Department of Industrial Relations website, www.dir.ca.gov/wpnodb.html.

Official Correspondence

Correspondence from the BOE will always feature the BOE’s title and/or logo and contain contact information. The agency said if a business receives a notice and questions whether it is official BOE correspondence, the business should contact the local BOE office (a list of BOE field offices is at www.boe.ca.gov/info/phone.htm), or the BOE’s Information Call Center at (800) 400-7115.

California Labor Commissioner Julie A. Su has reminded employers that investigators from the state Division of Labor Standards Enforcement who visit businesses to ensure they are complying with labor laws will never request payment in lieu of citations or ask for money on site.

She encouraged employers to ask for state identification and a business card from anyone purporting to be an investigator.

If an employer is approached by someone claiming to be a state investigator who asks for payment on site, Su urged the employer to call her office at (415) 703-4810.

NLRB Posting Requirement

In October, the NLRB announced that it is postponing to January 31, 2012 the start date for requiring employers to notify employees of their rights under the National Labor Relations Act (NLRA).

For more information on the poster requirement, including information regarding exclusions from coverage and language requirements, please see the CalChamber’s NLRA Poster Questions and Answers document at HRCalifornia.com, which also includes information regarding the updated date.

Employers should assume they will be required to comply with the posting requirement and post the notice on January 31, 2012. CalChamber is preparing a compliance product in time for employers to distribute it to their employees before the new January 31, 2012, deadline.

The CalChamber [Required Notices Kit](#) includes all 17 required state and federal employment notices most California employers must display, including the new NLRA poster.

Continue to check the CalChamber store website, www.calchamberstore.com, for updated information.

VISITORS CENTER STATS

October 2011

Number of Office Visitors.....1,053
Total Information Packets Mailed in October 2011.....514
Visitors = 468 Relocation = 46

Spread the Christmas Cheer & SHOP LOCAL!



Dear Chamber Members-

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to you all! As your Chamber of Commerce, we are aware that many of you are tightening your belts. But we can help each other. It is that time of year again where we are reminded of the importance of buying and shopping locally. Local independent merchants return approximately 68% of their revenue back into the community. So your dollars that you spend locally helps to keep your neighbor, friend, family member or colleague employed. Not only does the money continue to circulate locally but shopping here at home helps our economy in these tough times.

In the past few weeks I have received tons of emails and catalogs trying to lure my dollars outside of our area. Yes its true that perhaps one can not get everything on their list locally, but if everyone in our community spends a greater percentage locally it will create a ripple effect with more money staying here at home.

Having trouble finding that special gift for the special someone? You have heard that “good things come in small packages”. You can give gift certificates for a wide variety of good and services thru out our community. Shopping for a car enthusiast, how about a gift certificate to get their car detailed? Do you have a fisherman and “fisherwoman” on your list? Why not get them a gift certificate for a fishing trip on the Smith or Klamath with one of our local guides or a new rod and reel? Got a fashionista in the family? We have local boutiques that cater to a variety of styles and sizes. Gift certificates to our local eatery’s is also a great gift! Who doesn't like to go out to lunch or grab a coffee with a good friend?

Ok, you all get my point. Lets try to support each other, our fellow Chamber Members and ***Spread the Cheer Locally***. I challenge you to be creative and check with your local merchants here in your home town to help you find the perfect gift for the special person.

I wish you all a happy, safe and blessed holiday!

Gina





December Mixer

Your Salon

Friday, December 9th @ 5:30pm
118 W. Washington Blvd.
Crescent City, CA. 95531



2012 Annual Dinner and Awards

Each year the Crescent City Del Norte County Chamber of Commerce celebrates the hard work and accomplishments the community has achieved at our Annual Chamber Membership Appreciation Dinner. This year's Annual Dinner will be held on Saturday, January 21, 2012 at the Crescent City Cultural Center. Not only will a fabulous meal be served, but several awards will be given including the Del Norte Pride, Business Leader of the Year, Volunteer of the Year and Lifetime Achievement. You will also get a chance to meet the new 2012 Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. No-Host cocktails will begin at 5:00pm and Dinner will be served at 6:00pm.

DEL NORTE PRIDE AWARD

The Daily Triplicate, in partnership with the Crescent City – Del Norte Chamber of Commerce, is accepting nominations for the annual Del Norte Pride Award. The idea of the award came from discussions a few years ago focused on motivating and recognizing citizens who have improved the aesthetics of our community.

The Del Norte Pride Award was created to inspire and reward people who make a difference in how our county looks. Former winners include Matt Fearing, Bill Stamps Jr., Matt Matheney, Rick and Diana Tomasini, Mitzi Travis, Rika Blue, Mark Lee and Smith River Rancheria.

Who will be the 2012 winner of the Del Norte Pride Award? Who do you think has made an outstanding contribution to the appearance of our county, its communities and neighborhoods over the past year? The winner will be profiled in The Daily Triplicate and will be a guest at the Annual Chamber of Commerce dinner January 21, 2012.

Send your nomination before Jan. 3 to:
Crescent City-Del Norte County Chamber of Commerce
1001 Front Street,
Crescent City, CA 95531
or E-mail: chamber@delnorte.org

BUSINESS LEADER OF THE YEAR

In 1997 the Chamber established an award that recognizes a Chamber member who has provided “notable service” to the community. Winners of this award have included: Ron Sandler, Bill Stamps Sr., Kevin Hartwick, Terry Westrick, Beverly Noll, Becky & Dr. Wood, Debbie Stover, Mimi Stephens, Rich & Chere Wier, Dan Brattain, Dale Miller, Ward Stover, Dwayne Reichlin, and Chris & Sabina Renner, to name a few.

If you know of someone who deserves to be associated with such distinguished company then how about putting their name forward as a candidate for the Business Leader of the Year. **Nominating forms are enclosed with this newsletter** and are also available at the Chamber office at 1001 Front Street in Crescent City. **Nominations must be submitted to the Chamber by January 3, 2012.** The winners will be announced at the Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner on January 21, 2012.



DECEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS



December Thursday Nights

Unwrap Downtown Crescent City! Thursday nights in December come to downtown Crescent City to enjoy carolers, Santa and special activities while shopping at various local businesses who are staying open late. Unwrap Downtown Crescent City is sponsored by BID.

December 3

Frontier Ribbon Cutting & Grand Opening! Frontier Communications, 356 H Street, is having a grand opening and ribbon cutting today. The ribbon cutting will be at 11:00am, but the grand opening celebration begins at 9:00am and ends at 3:00pm. Meet their staff and tour their new store. There will be coffee, donuts, hot dogs and popcorn, Santa Claus and clowns with face painting and balloons, live local music, classic cars, radio broadcasts & more.

Annual Holiday Bazaar: This annual three day event is held at the Del Norte County Fairgrounds. The bazaar features crafts, baked gifts and arts. It is open from 5:00pm to 8:00pm Friday, 10:00am to 4:00pm on Saturday, and from 10:00am to 4:00pm on Sunday. For more info call 464-9556.

Salmon Spawning Adventures: Free, guided trips to view the annual fall migration and spectacle of spawning salmon in the Mill Creek Watershed, Del Norte Coast Redwoods State Park are being offered by the Redwood Parks Association and Redwood National and State Parks. Tours will be on Saturday afternoons, beginning Thanksgiving weekend and continuing throughout December. Call Rick Hiser, 465-6191, for details & pre-registration.

22nd Annual Candlelight Walk: The walk through the ancient redwoods is scheduled at Prairie Creek Redwoods State Park. Participants will enjoy a candlelit walk through the redwood forest, followed by storytelling around a warm, friendly fire then return to Prairie Creek visitor center for refreshments and auctions. A donation of \$5 per person is suggested. Children are free. The Candlelight Walk is sponsored by the Redwood Parks Association. For more information, call 707-465-7327.

December 4

Yuletide Tea: Del Norte Habitat for Humanity is hosting three special teas at the Anna Wulf House. Cost is \$20.00 per person. Call 458-3205 to reserve a place.

Symphony by the Sea: The Curry/Del Norte Orchestra will be performing at 3:00pm today at Elk Valley Rancheria, 2332 Howland Hill Road. Admission is \$10.00 for adults & free for students through grade 12. Tickets can be purchased at DN Office Supply or at the door.

December 5

Crescent City City Council Meeting: The Crescent City City Council will meet tonight at the Flynn Center, 981 H Street, at 6:00pm.

December 6

Harbor Commission Meeting: The Harbor Commission will meet tonight at the Flynn Center Board Chambers, 981 H Street, at 6:30pm.

December 9

Chamber Monthly Seminar Luncheon - The luncheon will be held at 494 Pacific Avenue (Family Resource Center Community Room) from 12:00pm to 1:00pm. Lisa McKeown and Mary Dorman will be speaking on "Being Prepared." Lunch will be provided free of charge for Chamber members. RSVP to the Chamber by Wednesday, December 7th as space is limited! Call 464-3174 for more info.

CHAMBER MIXER! Your Salon, 118 W. Washington Blvd., is hosting tonight's mixer at 5:30pm.

Crescent Elk Middle School/Crescent City Jaycees 8th Grade Girls Basketball Tournament: This annual weekend tournament is put on by Crescent Elk Middle School and the Crescent City Jaycees. For more information, call (707) 954-3428.

December 10

An Acoustic Christmas with Pam Tillis: The show starts at 7:00pm and will be held in the new Tolowa Event Center. Tickets can be purchased at the Lucky 7 Casino Player's Club or by calling 487-7777. For more information visit www.lucky7casino.com.

December 13

Del Norte County Board of Supervisors Meeting: Supervisors will meet at 10:00am today at the Flynn Center Board Chambers in Crescent City.

December 17

Unwrap Downtown Crescent City - "A Fruit Cake Fling Competition" Do you need a break from shopping? Come to Beachfront Park at 11:00am to participate, or watch, a Fruit Cake Fling competition. While you are at it, bring your homemade fruit cake for the Best Fruit Cake competition. Either way, you may be the winner! Unwrap Downtown Crescent City is sponsored by BID.

December 19

Crescent City City Council Meeting: The Crescent City City Council will meet tonight at the Flynn Center, 981 H Street, at 6:00pm.

December 20

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December 22

Unwrap Downtown Crescent City! Thursday nights in December come to downtown Crescent City to enjoy carolers and shop at various local businesses who are staying open late. Tonight, you will find Santa and a live radio remote. You can also participate in the World Aids Day candlelight walk. Unwrap Downtown Crescent City is sponsored by BID.

December 23

Del Norte County Offices are closed today AND Monday, December 26th.

December 24 - CHRISTMAS EVE

Salmon Spawning Adventures: Free, guided trips to view the annual fall migration and spectacle of spawning salmon in the Mill Creek Watershed, Del Norte Coast Redwoods State Park are being offered by the Redwood Parks Association and Redwood National and State Parks. Tours will be on Saturday afternoons, beginning Thanksgiving weekend and continuing throughout December. Call Rick Hiser, 465-6191, for details & pre-registration.

December 27

Del Norte County Board of Supervisors Meeting: Supervisors will meet at 10:00am today at the Flynn Center Board Chambers in Crescent City.

December 30 - County Furlough Day - Offices closed.

CHAMBER MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Del Norte Family Resource Center

Jennifer England, Executive Director

Submitted by Sharyn Loughry

Many of you are familiar with this month's Chamber member spotlight. However you may not be aware that their focus is children, as well as their families. Upon entering the main lobby and being greeted by a friendly receptionist, their heart for these members of our community becomes increasingly obvious as you stop, listen and look. You might hear the cheerful sound of children's voices emanating from the large playroom off to the right. But before you can peek into the playroom, you will walk by a low, square table with a box of crayons and pictures for coloring, surrounded by upholstered, child-sized chairs. You notice large matted photos of children of various ages on the walls. There's a rack on the wall filled with informative brochures on topics pertinent to children, teens and their families.



The Del Norte Family Resource Center was established in downtown Crescent City in 2002 as a partnership between FIRST 5 Del Norte and the Area 1 Agency on Aging. In October 2007, they remodeled and moved into the old Pacific Market. Their mission is: "The Family Resource Center supports and enhances opportunities that enrich the lives of children, families and all members of our community through education, information, referrals, programs, and activities that build bridges between generations and people and that celebrate our children and families."

Because of this, they offer many programs for community members, either free of charge or on a sliding scale. You may have heard of their annual August backpack giveaway, when, through the generosity of our community, they give away packs filled with school supplies to local children on a first come, first served basis. But that is only one of the many services they provide. They offer baby sign language classes, parenting classes, birth and beyond classes (sponsored by Sutter Coast Hospital) and a nutrition table. There's a library with reference books on parenting. They even have information on parenting special needs children! They also partner with HEAP (Home Energy Assistance Program), are a VITA (Volunteers in Tax Assistance) site and offer neutral ground for non-custodial parent visitation and special needs therapy.

Those of you who come to Chamber Seminar Luncheons are familiar with the Del Norte Family Resource Center's Community Room. This room is rented out for many activities besides our seminar luncheons. Birthday parties, bridal and baby showers, trainings and other events are held there. A non-commercial kitchen can be rented, as well as a board room and a conference room. These rentals help support services and programs which are available to all comers.



Stop by and visit. Bring your children to enjoy the playroom and other activities. Check them out on Facebook. Your children are all grown up? Not a problem. They love volunteers who want to make a difference in the lives of children and families. Either way, they will welcome you with a big smile.

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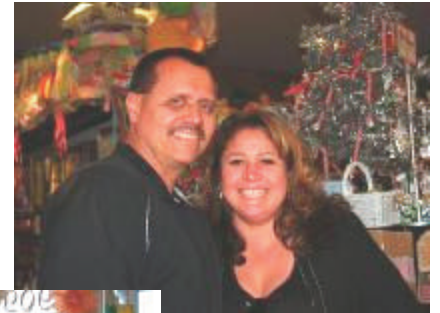
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www.dnfrc.org

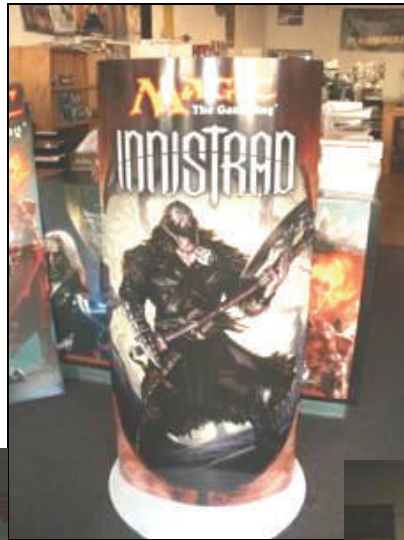
Facebook: The Del Norte Family Resource Center



6° of Celebration Mixer!



A Gamers Retreat Mixer!



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