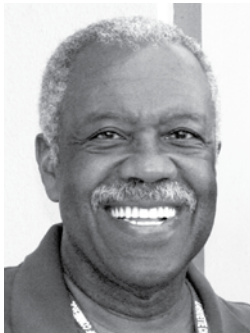


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LARRY DUSON named 2011 Marquis Business Person of the Year



In Mayberry, you could always count on Andy and Barney hanging out in front of Floyd’s Barber Shop. A place where the community walked by to say hello to the sheriff. Here in Lafayette, it happens at the corner of Mt. Diablo Blvd. and Lafayette Circle where you can find Larry Duson meeting and greeting his customers and waving at the cars that honk “hello” to one of our most beloved members of the business district. Larry is the only chamber member to serve twice as President. He has been our ambassador to dozens of businesses over the years. When you visit Larry at Bank of the West, you don’t just get banking services, you get HOSPITALITY with a smile.

We celebrate Larry’s honor along with Mayor Carl Anduri’s “State of the City” address and the introduction to our 2011-2012 Board of Directors. Reservations forms can be downloaded from our website. So in the words of Larry, “LET’S GET THIS PARTY STARTED!” Register for Larry’s party on January 28th at the Lafayette Park Hotel & Spa. Register by downloading a form from our website home page, www.lafayettechamber.org

Calendar for the Downtown Specific Plan

Big meetings coming up in January/February to review the countless hours of debate on this subject. On January 3 the Planning Commission will meet with the Design/Review and Circulation to discuss the parking inventory and downtown character guidelines. You can review the prepared documents by visiting www.ci.lafayette.ca.us The meeting is held at the Lafayette Library & Learning Center and begins at 7:00pm.

Future meetings will include:

- February 7 PC Major specific Issues
- February 22 PC Specific Issues and Plan format

Social Networking 101

You might be surprised to find your business being discussed on-line by our community. Check out the chambers Facebook pages and our new Shop Local Blog

- www.facebook.com/?ref=home#!/LafayetteChamber
- www.facebook.com/?ref=home#!/TryLafayetteFirst
- www.trylafayettefirst.org

What’s Facebook, join us for our Social Media Strategies Workshop Series at the Lafayette Library & Learning Center. Our next workshop on Wednesday, January 18th is on Facebook and begins at 8:00am. Register at worshops@lafayettechamber.org

Chamber Beneficiaries

The Chamber would like to acknowledge the following organizations who received part of the proceeds from this year’s Art & Wine Festival. Generations in Jazz, Town Hall Theatre, Trust in Education, Lamorinda Spirit Van, Futures Explored, Youth Homes, Las Trampas (in honor of Bob Ewen), Contra Costa Food Bank, Lafayette Community Foundation and LASF, now Lafayette Partners in Education who received a donation of \$10,000. We were also able to support our local schools with \$18,500 from the proceeds of the 18th Annual Reservoir Run. Thanks to the many supporters, sponsors, volunteers and attendees. We are proud to partner with so many worthy causes and organizations.

NOVEMBER MIXER

Alta Bates Summit Women’s Health Center



Katie Rose, Katarina Lanner-Cusin, M.D., Lorna Dollard, and Ike Mmeje

Alta Bates Summit Women’s Health Center was a perfect setting for our mixer. Thanks to all who attended and we are grateful to the businesses who donated raffle prizes, Queen Bee, Lafayette Car Wash, Town Hall Theatre, La Boulange and Alta Bates Summit Women’s Health Center.

DECEMBER MIXER

Doughlah Designs



Leila Doughlah, Carrie Lifson, Jay Lifson, and Kathy Barleen.

With lashing rain outside the showroom, Doughlah Designs was inviting and warm to enter and toast the upcoming Holidays. Thanks to Leila Doughlah and her staff for hosting the event. We appreciate all the restaurants who donated their amazing food, Amarin Thai, Chevalier, Lava Pit Fire Grill, Diablo Foods, LaBoulange de Lafayette, LaFinestra Ristorante, Mangia Ristorante & Pizzeria, The Grape Leaf Restaurant & Petars Pub, Pizza Antica, Round Table Pizza, SpringLoaf Catering, and Susan Foord Catering. Thanks to all of the businesses who donated items for the raffle.

Ribbon Cuttings

Douglah Designs



Leila Douglah of Douglah Designs celebrated her new location with a ribbon cutting along with friends and the Lafayette Chamber of Commerce. Please visit her showroom located at 3586 Mt. Diablo Blvd. or her website www.douglahdesigns.com

Creative Alternatives



Joseph Kamkochian of Creative Alterations celebrated with a ribbon cutting at his new location at 1048 Brown Ave. in Lafayette. Please visit Joseph's website at www.creativealteration.webs.com.

Wells Fargo



Wells Fargo held a community grand opening/ribbon cutting to celebrate their new location at 3525 Mt. Diablo Blvd.

FastFrame of Lafayette



Anthony Ruiz of Fastframe of Lafayette celebrated with the Lafayette Chamber of Commerce at his new location at 1020 Brown Ave. Please check out Anthony's website at www.fastframe.com

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Women's Empowerment Forum

The recent Women's Empowerment Forum held at the Lafayette Library and Learning Center sponsored by Mechanics Bank, Lafayette Library and Learning Center Foundation, and Lafayette Chamber of Commerce was a great success.

Leading business women in the area shared their experiences of transitions within their businesses, organizations and their personal lives. The panelists included: D.D. Felton, Susan Goldie, Susan Foord, Leila Douglah, Theresa Wellen, Kathy Bowles, Debbie Swiggert, Connie Collier, Sheila Taylor, Anne Grodin and Melody Howe Weintraub.

Kathy Merchant of the Lafayette Library and Learning Center Foundation welcomed everyone and invited all to upcoming programs provided by the Library and Learning Center. She then introduced the moderator, Heather Quarterman, news Director and Co-host of the Hometown Morning Show on 92.1 KKDV and 101.7 KKIQ. Heather did a superb job of creating a lively and upbeat atmosphere for the audience and panelists. The main themes that resonated within the panelists and audience were; to do what you love, work hard, and the importance of volunteering within your own community. The over 160 guests who attended were invited to visit the resource tables available: Brandman University, Pink Purse Ventures, LLC, East Bay Works One Stop Career Center and Successful Solutions Consulting. A special thank you to the following who contributed to the success of the event: Tea Cakes, Willowstone Catering, La Boulange de Lafayette, Bookmark Cafe, Amarin Thai, Mangia, Lamorinda Weekly, Skin Care by Timberly, The Bistro at the Lafayette Park Hotel and Spa, Jamba Juice, iVideo Media Productions, Deborah Kwan, Susan Sohrakoff, Timberly Scott, The Lafayette Library and Learning Center Foundation, Serendipity Jewels and Caryl Morrison of Successful Solutions Consulting. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all who came and participated in this event.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Jan.						1
2	3 Chamber Office Reopens	4 Executive Committee Meeting 8am, Chamber	5	6	7	8
9	10 Chamber Board 12pm, LPH&S	11 Shop Lafayette Committee 12:30pm, Chamber	12 NO MIXER IN JANUARY	13 RIBBON CUTTING Better Homes & Gardens - Mason McDuffie 5pm, 999 Oak Hill Rd.	14	15
16	17 Martin Luther King Day Office Closed	18	19 Facebook Strategies for Local Businesses 8am, Lafayette Library 3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd	Thurs., Jan. 20 RIBBON CUTTING Junior League of Oakland-East Bay, Inc. 5pm, 3730 Mt. Diablo Blvd., #325		
23	24	25 Green Committee 12 noon Chamber	26	27	Fri., Jan. 28 Bus. Issues/ Govt. Affairs Meeting 8am, Chamber	
30	31 Feb.	1 Executive Committee Meeting 8am, Chamber	2	3 Financial Round Table 8am Chamber	4	5
6	7	8 Shop Lafayette Committee 12:30pm, Chamber	9 MIXER Wells Fargo 5:30pm 3525 Mt. Diablo Blvd. Branch	10	11	12
13	14 Chamber Board 12pm, LPH&S	Wed., Feb. 16 Twitter Strategies (and More!) for Local Businesses 8am, Lafayette Library 3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd.		17 Entrepreneur's Club <small>An Alliance of Independent Business Professionals</small> 8:30am, Chamber	18	19
20	21 President's Day Office Closed	22 Green Committee 12 noon Chamber	23	24	25 Bus. Issues/ Govt. Affairs Meeting 8am, Chamber	26
27	28					

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