

# San Martin Chamber of Commerce



## HAPPY FIRST ANNIVERSARY,

and thank you to the businesses, non-profits, and neighbors for supporting SMCoC, and for your commitment to "The Jewel of South County"™. We know "it's easy to form a Chamber, but another thing to keep it going".

It is clear, that business owners desire a San Martin Chamber, and we are dedicated to ensuring that this Chamber will exceed expectations! With consistent growth, SMCoC has surpassed our expectations during the past few months., and we are proud to announce dedication of over 50 members. We've stayed the course, to affirm structure and a sound foundation for 2018, as we progress to the future.

**\*\*SAVE THE DATE\*\* Aug 25<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 -10:00pm!**

*The first annual* **HARVEST MOON FESTIVAL** is on



the rise! We're looking for all you '**MOVERS AND SHAKERS**' for this

**AWESOME** family event!

*We Need Your Support, Volunteers, and SPONSORS!*

For more information:

<http://www.harvestmoonfestival.org>,

[www.sanmartinchamber.org](http://www.sanmartinchamber.org),

[events@sanmartinchamber.org](mailto:events@sanmartinchamber.org), or call 408 686-4049.

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### SAVE THE DATE

**May 11 at 12:30pm:**  
**Ribbon Cutting Ceremony - South Bay Airstream Adventures**

13635 Sycamore Ave, San Martin  
[www.southbayairstream.com](http://www.southbayairstream.com)

**June 28 at 5:30pm:**

**SMCoC Business Social** - Clos LaChance Winery,  
1 Hummingbird Lane, San Martin. (Members are welcome to stay for the public Thursday Night Music Series 7:00-10:00pm)

[www.clos.com](http://www.clos.com)

**July 7 at 10:00- 11:30am:**

**San Martin, Then & Now – Presentation by author Donna Brodsky** - Hosted by Morgan Hill Historical Society, Hiram Morgan Hill House, 17860 Monterey Road, Morgan Hill

<http://morganhillhistoricalsociety.org>

**Aug 25 at 5:00-10:00pm** **The first annual HARVEST MOON FESTIVAL!**

More information to follow!

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**Last July 4<sup>th</sup>, the Village Core came to life with decorations of Red, White and Blue** for Independence Day! Chamber volunteers decorated business doors with banners, and American flags were placed along the curbs at Monterey Rd and W San Martin Ave. As this had never been done before, there was a flurry of chatter on social media with curiosity about who was responsible for this. It was lots of fun, and as well as a great display of pride for San Martin. Many thanks to those businesses who supported these efforts!

**The Chamber and some local businesses** got together last Fall for a photo-op before the downtown was rejuvenated with some basic weed abatement. Wow! What a difference that made just sprucing up the areas from San Martin Ave, Depot Ave, and Monterey Road, and the VTA parking area! It really improved the view for those stopped at the traffic signals.



**The TRASH BASH** is the latest talk of the town! With the County support, SMCoc and SMNA were empowered to co-host the November 2017, and March 2018 Trash Bash events (with Greenwaste and SCVWD). The first event had approximately 80 volunteers (most had RSVP'd), and the Boy Scouts lead the Flag Ceremony in honor of Veterans.

**The March TRASH BASH** had even more helpers...some from the previous one recognized those that returned. It was very encouraging to have San Martin, Morgan Hill and Gilroy volunteers (as well as San Jose to San Juan Bautista) working side-by-side. The benefits of these joint efforts have brought greater awareness to the needs of the entire South County.

Local businesses  
Bottled water, Pizza and students earned school  
The mutual goal is to  
Green", through  
education about the  
waterways.

**SUCCESS IS NO  
ACCIDENT  
It is hard work,  
perseverance, learning,  
studying, sacrifice, and  
most of all...LOVE of  
what you are doing. ~~  
Pele**

donated Coffee and Pastries,  
raffle items. Teens and college  
credits for their community service.  
help "keep San Martin Clean &  
community efforts, and including  
importance of maintaining clean

**With the announcement of the new San Martin Chamber of Commerce last year** came numerous requests for this Chamber's participation. So last October and December, we seized the opportunity to assist Cecelia's Closet. Chamber members volunteered and helped at the Edward "Boss" Prado Foundation Octoberfest Clothing Drive. In December, we placed gift-wrapped barrels at local establishments & collected 5 barrels of new toys for South County children. Mark Peebles and Connie Ludewig delivered the barrels, and represented the Chamber at their holiday celebration. It was a merry way to end the year.

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**In January 2018, San Martin Chamber of Commerce was honored with commendation, presented by Supervisor Wasserman.** Board Member Marilyn Liebrers was present to accept the award. The Chamber was acknowledged for the community efforts.

**Did you say Ribbon Cutting Ceremonies?** We wanted to bring awareness to the TRASH BASH since it is recognized by the County as an ongoing San Martin event, and to acknowledge the participants.



In March 2018, the Chamber hosted our first Ribbon Cutting Ceremony! Supervisor Wasserman and SCVWD Director, John Varela joined the Chamber for this momentous event. When the ribbon did not cut; roars of laughter erupted from the crowd. Just goes to show we can't take things too seriously.

**We are pleased to announce, another Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on Friday, May 11th at 12:30.** Please join us to welcome **South Bay Airstream Adventures** to San Martin. They are hosting their **GRAND OPENING** on May 11th and 12th, 9am-6pm! Please stop in to meet them and enjoy complimentary lunch from 11:00am-2:pm both days. [www.southbayairstream.com](http://www.southbayairstream.com)

**It's been a busy first year**, and we'll continue to keep members informed via our website and social media (facebook and Nexdoor) with up-to-date information. Have you been following us? Although we may not have personally spoken, the chamber has been busy, growing stronger with each new member, and we are pleased to be moving into our second year!

Our goal is to keep you better informed with our quarterly newsletter, and we encourage you to use our website as a resource. But we'd also like to hear from you.

- What is important to you as a business owner, or resident?
- Is there something new and exciting with your business, that you would like to share?
- Do you have general questions about the Chamber, and would you like to get more involved?
- Would you like to refer a colleague to become a Chamber Member?
- Is there an event you want posted on the Chamber Calendar?

**We're on Social Media!** Check out our **San Martin Chamber of Commerce** Facebook page and click LIKE! You'll see posts promoting Chamber Members, local updates from the County or neighboring cities that affect traffic, etc. There are posts of businesses who have donated for raffles, and information about local activities, including Community CERT Training, and more!

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**This Chamber has been busy** bringing awareness to “The Jewel of South County”™. We are excited to announce our partnership with SunPower Solar Company (SMCoC Member). Please watch for a large postcard (approximately the 1<sup>st</sup> week of June) with information about residential solar. Chamber Members who purchase or lease residential solar will receive a \$500 rebate (after Federal Tax Break). Additionally, the Solar Power company will contribute \$500 to the SMCoC for each purchase.

**We Welcome New Members.** Please SHARE our posts with others and encourage them to “Join The Chamber”. As a proud member of San Martin Chamber of Commerce, you are eligible to get one of these signs at no charge (while supplies last). These signs were donated to SMCoC, and will help spread the news and show everyone you know that you are a proud member of the San Martin Chamber. Get yours today and display it in front of your business or home. Just call the number on this sign. → →



**Business Socials** are what we've been striving to get scheduled. We generally will plan to meet on quarterly intervals, on Wednesdays. But this one is the exception: Mark your calendar for **Thursday, June 28<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm at Clos LaChance Winery**. Light appetizers will be provided. Members are welcome to stay for their Music Series from 7:00pm-10:00pm. Afterall, 'a Chamber who plays together, Stays together!'

**Monthly Board Meetings** are every second Wednesday of the month. We meet at the Wings of History Museum (nonprofit member) at 5:30-7:00pm. You are welcome to attend, and if you have a topic you wish to have discussed, please email Mark Peebles at [president@sanmartinchamber.org](mailto:president@sanmartinchamber.org) . to have it added to the agenda.

We hope you enjoyed this update. It is a pleasure being involved with San Martin Chamber of Commerce, and we look forward to staying in touch.

Regards,

San Martin Chamber of Commerce Board

Mark Peebles, Co-President  
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