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Education Committee Kicks Off the Year with New Focus

The Manhattan Beach Chamber of Commerce Education Committee started off the new school year with its first meeting Aug. 20. The mission of the Chamber's Education Committee is to connect academics with both businesses and residents to promote real world learning, support partnerships, and encourage and celebrate educational excellence in our schools. The committee is made up of Chamber members, representatives from various sized local businesses and nonprofit organizations, and school administrators.

Chaired by Chevron Public Affairs Representative Jill Brunkhardt, this year's Education Committee is starting off the year with a new focus. "The elementary schools in the Manhattan Beach Unified School District receive a lot of support from their local PTAs, so we have decided to shift the committee's focus towards enhancing the sixth through 12th grades," states Brunkhardt.

Plans for this year's Education Committee include assisting with Mira Costa High School's Career Expo, conducting resume and interview skills workshops, providing internship program information, sponsoring teachers into the Manhattan Beach Young Professionals, awarding scholarships to deserving students from Mira Costa High School, and providing lunch time speakers for Manhattan Beach Middle School.

The next Education Committee meeting is Sept. 17, 4 p.m. in the College and Career Center at Mira Costa High School, 1401 Artesia Blvd., Manhattan Beach. If you would like to join this committee, please contact Brunkhardt at 310-615-5387 or the Manhattan Beach Chamber of Commerce at 310-545-5313.

Annual Golf Tournament Oct. 12 at Rolling Hills Country Club

It's that time of year again and you don't want to miss out on what this year's Manhattan Beach Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament has in store for sponsors and players. After last year's tournament at Candlewood in Whittier, the Chamber is proud to bring the tournament back to the South Bay.

This year's tournament is set for Monday, Oct. 12, at the Rolling Hills Country Club in Rolling Hills Estates. This is your opportunity to play a beautiful private course for an entry fee of only $250 per player.

As in the past, the tournament, which is one of the Manhattan Beach Chamber of Commerce's signature events, will donate a portion of its proceeds to local charities. This year's tournament will benefit Walk with Sally, South Bay Family Health Care and the Benefit Fund for Jon Wilhite.

Walk with Sally, in Torrance, is dedicated to healing and comforting children debilitated by the emotional experience of living with or losing a parent or sibling to cancer.

South Bay Family Health Care, formerly known as the South Bay Free Clinic, is one of Los Angeles County's leading community clinics and safety net providers, offering high-quality low- and no-cost health care to underserved populations in the South Bay and South Los Angeles County.

The Benefit Fund for Jon Wilhite, assists the Manhattan Beach native who is the sole survivor in the car accident that took the life of Angels' pitcher Nick Adenhart. Although Wilhite was friends with Adenhart, he is not a professional baseball player, and therefore, he and his family need all the financial support possible because insurance does not cover all the expenses associated with his recovery.

With only 144 golfing spots available at $250 per person, this year's tournament promises to sell out quickly. The entry fee includes a barbeque lunch, green fees, putting contest, contests including hole-in-one "shoot-out" for a car on every Par 3, closest to the pin, longest drive, on-course beverages, raffle tickets and dinner.

For information about becoming a sponsor, to donate a silent auction item or to sign up a foursome, visit www.ManhattanBeachChamber.net, contact Bill Glavin at 310-882-0000, or the Manhattan Beach Chamber of Commerce at 310-545-5313.

Former AVP star Brent Frohoff at last year's Manhattan Beach Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament.

Dick Heatherton addresses "How to succeed in these tough times" at the Chamber's Speaker Series Breakfast

Dick Heatherton

The Chamber's Speaker Series presents Dick Heatherton who on Sept.17 will speak at the new and exciting Memphis at the Beach Café/Bar. Enjoy a great breakfast and hear Heatherton give you the tips you need for getting through these challenging times.

Heatherton has a distinctive message that activates the individual to exceed business and personal goals, and that positively invigorates the bottom line! He believes you can achieve your goals and feel fulfilled even in today's business climate. He has revealed and demonstrated "how," to thousands of people around the country.

Heatherton spent many years on-air as an announcer/warm-up for TV shows including "The $100,000 Pyramid," "Tic Tac Dough," etc. He spent 14 years on ABC-TV's "General Hospital," and he's been a political campaign director and an American Ambassador of Good Will for the city of Frankfurt, Germany.

Chamber Speaker Series. Dick Heatherton, "How to succeed in these tough times." Sept. 17, 7:30 – 9:30 a.m., Memphis at the Beach Café, 1142 Manhattan Ave., Manhattan Beach. Just $20 for Chamber members and $25 for nonmembers. Reservations are required. Register at www.ManhattanBeachChamber.net or call 310-545-5313.

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Manhattan Beach Young Professionals

MBYP Morning Buzz Aug. 11

Kathleen Terry's presentation "Emotional intelligence – A new way of being smart" was food for thought at the breakfast at The Lakes in El Segundo.

(Photo by Jeff Wilson, JW Party Pictures)

Eric Takaki, Kathleen Terry

MBYP at Concerts in the Park August 16

Hearing the Beatles tribute band, Backbeat, at Polliwog Park made for a great Sunday afternoon doing what the MBYP's do best – having fun and networking!

(Photo by Brad Herbst, Van Images)

Sydney Nichols, Todd Anderson, Penny Hodges

Join us for our upcoming events:

Sept. 30 – MBYP Networking Fundraiser at the Comedy & Magic Club 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. 1018 Hermosa Ave., H.B. Networking at 6:30 followed by a comedy show at 8 p.m. Proceeds from ticket sales will benefit MBYP charities including Mychal's Learning Place. Tickets are $15. Purchase tickets online at www.ManhattanBeachChamber.net or call 310-545-5313.

Oct. 21 – MBYP Wine Tasting Mixer at Shade, Time to be Announced, 1221 N. Valley Drive, M.B. $20 Chamber members, $25 nonmembers. Purchase tickets online at www.ManhattanBeachChamber.net or bring cash/check for tickets at the door.

Congratulations to Moses Ramler, MBYP Member of the Month – August

For more information about MBYP and all upcoming events, visit www.MBYP.org, join our Facebook group, or follow us on Twitter@MBYP.