



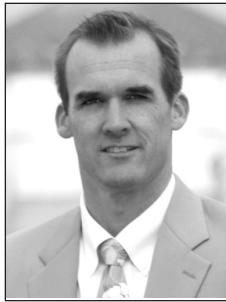
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Where Business and Lifestyle Work Together

Message from the Chair: And the Chairman's Challenge Award goes to...

By David Curry
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It is with great pride that I announce the winner of January's Chairman's Challenge – it's ... David Curry. After receiving submissions for prior months, I decided to formally take the challenge myself. The Chairman's Challenge is a monthly contest to see how many Chamber businesses you can do business with or refer business to.



David Curry

I have long made mental notes of the Chamber members I do business with but this time, I put pen to paper and my first realization upon the Challenge's completion was that I have been putting my money where my mouth is. I did business with or referred business to more than 50 businesses in January. My second realization was that the pleasure was

all mine – that is, there is not a bad business in the list. I looked down the list of Realtors, banks, dry cleaners, restaurants, surf shops, hair stylists, insurance agents, etc. and was completely confident that my clients, friends and I received the best service in the South Bay through these terrific Chamber member organizations.

This month, I put the challenge to you the community and my fellow Chamber members to look through the Chamber directory – either online or by picking one up from the Chamber office – and see how many members you can support! My bet is that you will be pleased with the result. By all means, in the interest of putting my money where my mouth is, you can always call me and I'll give you the Chairman's recommendation.

Leadership Manhattan Beach Class 2010 Announces Class Project: Replacing the Roundhouse Aquarium Signs

Leadership Manhattan Beach class of 2010's "Signs of the Sea" project will provide the Roundhouse Aquarium with a new set of educational signs accompanying the abundant sea life on display. The signs will be designed and created by the class with content guidance from the aquarium staff and is scheduled for completion by May 14.

"Signs of the Sea" is actively seeking corporate and private sponsors. Interested sponsors should contact Fund-raising Director Tony Salvaggio at 310-336-3198 or Tsalvaggio@aol.com. You can also make donations directly at www.SignsoftheSea.com.

Both a live and silent auction will be held March 24 in Manhattan Beach. If you would like to donate an auction item, please contact Larry Scanlan at larry@larryscanlan.com.

Since beginning in 1992, Leadership Manhattan Beach has graduated close to 400 community members. Among LMB's graduates are commission members, service organization officers and City Council members, as well as past mayors.

The capstone of every LMB class is a project to benefit the city or local community. Chosen by the class of 25 to 30 adults and high school students, past years have renovated the pier lifeguard tower and clock, contributed pet waste management solutions, renamed historic Bruce's Beach, pro-



vided survival kits to the city's elderly residents, and in 2009 placed the "BigBelly" solar trash compactors at Polliwog Park. "Signs of the Sea" looks to follow in this successful tradition of bettering Manhattan Beach.

The Roundhouse Studies Lab & Aquarium is part of the nonprofit organization, Oceanographic Teaching Stations Inc. Located at the end of the Manhattan Beach Pier, the Roundhouse Aquarium promotes the public study of, and interest in, the oceans, tide-lands and beaches of Southern California, the marine life therein, and the impact of human population on that environment.

Sneak Peak – MBWIB 2010 Conference

Enjoy a day of brilliant and inspirational speakers, networking with old and new friends, developing new business contacts and mentors, shopping, music, art, and a lovely lunch on the lot – at Raleigh Studios in Manhattan Beach.

April 16
7:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Raleigh Studios
1600 Rosecrans Ave.
Manhattan Beach

Why wait? Register at www.mbwib.com
Keynote speaker Linda LoRe, CEO of Frederick's of Hollywood, will tell you how you CAN have it all!

In the Chat Room, Portia Cohen interviews some of the South Bay's most intriguing women.

Heart & Soul Recipient Terry Gilman shares a life devoted to the promotion of literacy and philanthropy.

Boutique Shopping with more than 35 vendors featuring distinctive fashion, jewelry, cosmetics, skin care, books, gifts and

more!

Wine Tasting with Bacchus Wine Made Simple.

Silent Auction featuring unique experiences and one-of-a-kind opportunities.

Lunch, Networking, Chocolates and so much more!



Mira Costa Career Expo Still Seeking Participants

The March 8 deadline to participate in the Mira Costa High School Career Expo – co-sponsored by the Manhattan Beach Chamber of Commerce, Mira Costa High School, Chevron and Continental Development Corporation – is nearly here. Many career fields including law, optometry, physical fitness, banking, government, engineering, and law enforcement have signed up to participate in the March 23 event to be held at Mira Costa High School.

"The more businesses we can have represented the better," states Gail Curry, Mira

Costa's College and Career Counselor. "Our students really benefit from learning about the types of career options there are available to them. Being able to ask 'experts' about their educational and work experiences, and how they got where they are today, can make a huge difference in the students' lives."

If you would like to participate in the Career Expo, please contact Anita Bhakta at anita.bhakta@verizon.net or visit www.manhattanbeachchamber.net.

Breakfast Mixer in North Manhattan – March 10

Have breakfast with the Chamber this month! Besides our regularly scheduled mixer we are gathering at an amazing new restaurant in North Manhattan, Four Daughters Kitchen, for morning coffee and a breakfast buffet. Bring plenty of business cards so that you get the most out of your networking. This is going to be lots of fun.

March 10
7:45 – 10 a.m.
Four Daughters Kitchen
3505 Highland Ave., Manhattan Beach
\$5 Chamber members, \$10 nonmembers

MBWIB with M.B. Chamber Mixer March 17



Join MBWIB and M.B. Chamber members at the beautiful Q Design Studio for wine, appetizers, and conversation.

No registration necessary – just show up and bring business cards!

March 17, 5:30 - 7 p.m.
Q Design Studios, El Segundo Plaza, 700-B Allied Way El Segundo
\$5 Chamber members, \$10 nonmembers

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