

Legislative Show Me the Money

By Carl San Miguel

It's tough to stop spending when you use credit instead of paying cash.

In the 1990's the federal government was struggling with the budget and a Senator named Bob Dole stated that we were talking about a billion here, a billion there, and pretty soon it adds up to some real money. Well now, we are talking about trillions of dollars. If Senator Bob Dole was still in the Senate he would probably say "Can this be TRUE?" Over 14 trillion dollars in debt and growing and THAT is a huge concern. What does that mean to us in a per person dollar amount? How much would it cost every man, woman and child in this country for the trillion in debt that we are in? Well let me educate you. Each will owe \$43,750 and a family of four would owe \$175,000. Amortize that at 6% interest over a 30 year period and it comes to \$1,049.21 per month for 30 years. That interest rate is not fixed, it is adjustable and in all likelihood the interest rate will be higher than the 6% and may be as high as what we experience in the late 1970's and early 1980's. The two most common ways of addressing the debt is to increase taxes or decrease spending. If we increase taxes, this will stifle the economy, decrease the net spendable money people have and the money will not be circulated by purchases. Decrease spending and it could affect the employment numbers along with more straining on government to provide for the unemployed. There is a third method of increasing revenue to government and this would allow the economy to prosper. Government does not create jobs, the private sector does. What government can do is be the enabler by reducing regulations and decrease the cost of doing business.

The Fed's have a big job ahead of them and we will be watching how and what they do to us in the process.

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Travel to Italy:

The Chamber is offering a 10 Day trip to Rome and the Amalfi Coast in March 2011. Price includes airfare, some meals, wine tasting and more. Contact Seven Seas Travel at 408.378.7327 for more details.

New Members

Golden State Tax Service, Inc.
www.goldenstatetaxservice.com

Chacho's
408-379-8226

Chapala Mexican Bistro
www.chapalamexicanbistro.com

Advanced Home Improvement Inc.
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www.themopsterstcb.com

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www.nordahhall.com

Calendar of Events

MARCH

- 3/1 City Council Meeting 7:30pm
- 3/2 DCBA Meeting 9:00am
- 3/3 Mixing it Up! Courtyard Marriott from 5:00-7:00pm
- 3/10 Board of Directors Meeting 8:00am
- 3/10 Business Development Forum, Mountain Mike's Pizza, 11:30-1pm
- 3/10 Nelson Staffing Ribbon Cutting 5:30-7:00pm
- 3/16 Monthly luncheon, Buca di Beppo, 12-1:30pm, Sponsored by Bay Area Equity Group
- 3/19 Celebrate Campbell at Villa Ragusa 6:00pm-9:00pm

APRIL

- 4/5 City Council Meeting 7:30pm
- 4/6 DCBA Meeting 9:00am
- 4/14 Board of Directors Meeting 8:00am
- 4/14 Business Development Forum at Mountain Mike's Pizza, 11:30-1:00pm
- 4/19 City Council Meeting 7:30pm
- 4/20 Month Luncheon, Villa Ragusa, 12-1:30pm
- 4/21 Membership Benefits Workshop at Chamber 8:30am-10:00am
- 4/28 Ambassadors Mixer, Towneplace Suites by Marriott 5:00pm-7:00pm

MAY

- 5/21 & 5/22 Boogie on the Bayou in Downtown Campbell

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Event Focus

A Little Bit of Business, A Lot of Fun!

MIXING IT UP 3!



Come enjoy a lively, after work, social hour where the hard working business people of Silicon Valley can relax with complimentary drinks, delicious apps & desserts from our local restaurants below, and win some great raffle prizes! Network and make connections with friends and colleagues from the area!

Thursday, March 03, 2011 5pm-7pm

The Lounge @ Courtyard by Marriott in Campbell

655 Creekside Way, Campbell, CA 95008



SPECIAL GUESTS!

Showcasing their talent will be the **International Culinary Center**, located right here in Campbell!

Watch as Chef & student assistants create beautiful and tasty apps for you in their demonstrations! Come early to make sure you don't miss out on their delicious culinary creations!!



RSVP: Call Bethany (408) 378-6252 or by email to bethany@campbellchamber.net

- Admission = Free!
- RSVP = 2 Free Drink Tickets if on RSVP list.
- Non-RSVP = \$5 for 2 drink tickets.



See pictures from our last event on the Courtyard Campbell's Facebook Page!

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Renewals

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| Kirkorian Enterprises, L.L.C (56)
Killroy Pest Control (46)
378-0441
Campbell Optometric Group (45)
378-4661
City of Campbell – City Manager (20)
866-2125
A Party Place (16)
871-0752
Heritage Village Office (16)
866-4450
Thai Stick (16)
532-8191
Elephant Bar Restaurant (14)
John Besseling Construction Co Inc. (14)
379-4853
Communication & Control (12)
377-2900
Kirk’s Mini Storage (12)
378-8973
Dr. Jan W. Nyssen & Associates (11)
376-0460
Envision Technology Marketing Group (9)
American Business Women’s Express Silicon Valley (8)
379-4483 | Tax Help & Accounting Solutions (8)
558-9000
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583-3555
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354-2922
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831-425-0401
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377-3406
Dairy Queen of Campbell (5)
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Signature Dental (3)
377-8910
K.C. Customs & Remodeling, Inc. (3)
385-1914
Safeway (2)
925-467-2212
Terrance Insurance Services, Inc. (2)
871-2000
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879-2328 |
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Member Photos



Ribbon Cutting on February 10th. Check out La Casita De Kaleidoscopes located at 389 E. Campbell Ave and learn all about kaleidoscopes!



Check out Campbell Patch for all your Campbell Needs! www.campbell.patch.com



Pay 'N Time Can help you will all your payroll needs. They are located at 6455 Almaden Expwy. #98

From the Office

By Neil Collins

March is an exciting time here at the Chamber. We are in full swing planning for Celebrate Campbell, which is one of my personal favorites. Celebrate Campbell is the premier awards recognition dinner for the community where Campbell Honors the Business of the year, Citizen of the year and Service club honorees. This year I am excited to announce that our Citizen of the Year is Jimmy Zien. Jimmy’s community involvement is vast from coordinating food drives and leadership programs, but most importantly known for his role in coordinating his Home Church team for the Carol of Lights and the Bunnies and Bonnets Parade. This past year he even took on the role of coordinating crossing guards for the Downtown Trick & Treat. Our Business of the Year is Hawgs Seafood Bar. Hawgs is always willing to donate their famous clam chowder for any good cause and their Hawg’s Hole is a mainstay at our golf tournament. Celebrate Campbell will be held on Saturday March 19th at Villa Ragusa from 6-9pm. To reserve a seat stop by the Chamber office or go to www.campbellchamber.com

In addition to planning for this rewarding event, the Campbell Chamber of Commerce is also preparing to step up its involvement in Economic Development. Economic Development is at the core of what we represent and something we strongly believe in. We already have a vast amount of resources and special programs designed to help businesses succeed and are in the process of developing an action plan of new programs that we intend to implement as well. Some of these programs already have a proven track record in other communities. We look forward to working even more closely with City Council and Staff to stimulate our local economy. We believe a private / public partnership is the best way to accomplish our goals. Together we can accomplish great things.



Harper School was surprised when the Chamber of Commerce’s Welcome Wagon Stopped by!



Bay Area Equity Group Ribbon Cutting on January 19th. Bay Area is new to Campbell so stop by and Welcome them to the Community! Located at 1901 S. Bascom Ave, Ste. 1325