We are recognizing the critical impacts of businesses - small businesses, major corporations, entrepreneurs, and non-profit organizations. We’ll hear from families with a long history of excellence in Anaheim, entrepreneurs following their American dream in Anaheim, and organizations working to address major challenges including housing and hunger in Orange County.

More importantly, each of these small businesses creates jobs and is an important member and contributor of the local community. In many cases, making a positive difference in so many others lives, whether as an employee, client or customer. Together they are making an immeasurable impact in Anaheim to our economy, our workforce and our community.

Whether the industries are scrap metal recycling, restaurant, hospitality or manufacturing, these businesses have proven their ability to grow, sustain, and maintain their integrity across the years and in many cases across family generations. From our vantage point, we see how much is gained from the wisdom and passion of these firms to give back in a meaningful way.

Many of the leaders of these companies have stepped beyond their corporate post to become advocates for the business community. They have recognized the opportunity to use their mass toward making an impact today and for the long-term, helping to widen the path for others to follow in their footsteps. They understand the immense value of their knowledge of “been there, done that” to help others.

They have also demonstrated leadership beyond their industry whether it is being recognized for diligence in protecting the environment, or in how much they provide to the city’s tax base because of their success.

The Chamber is honored to support these businesses and owners and will continue to do its part to ensure that there is a support system for the city’s existing businesses and the ones that today may only be a dream, a passion, or an idea. We believe in you, we can advocate for you and we will do our job to help to support you in your growth.
The business community in Anaheim has a proud history of excellence and leadership in the region. Our businesses represent a broad base of businesses from different industries, sizes and impacts. With more than 23,000 business licenses in Anaheim, home-based businesses to large corporations all call Anaheim home. Most importantly these businesses drive the local economy, employ our local and regional workforce, and give back to the community in many different ways.

**The Anaheim Business Awards Luncheon** is our opportunity to showcase some of our business community’s top leaders. In this issue, as well as in future communications and at AnaheimChamber.org, you will have opportunities to learn more about this year’s Business Award winners. Hear their stories about how they started their business, key impacts they are having in Anaheim today, and how they are giving back to the Anaheim community today.

**Dogtopia**

High school sweethearts Larry and Sherry Hartjoy purchased a Dogtopia franchise because of the love they share for their two labradors. Their doggie daycare and overnight boarding and spa experience, not only provides love and care for dogs, big or small, in a safe, happy and fun environment, but it also gives peace of mind to their owners when they are away from home.

Dogtopia of Anaheim Hills has been open for business for two years, and its growth of 200% represents the demand for dog daycare services in the community, allowing them to increase their employees to 14. In a family-oriented environment, Larry and Sherry’s employees get the necessary skills to become canine coaches. With their nationally accredited training program, employees can later further their careers to become vet techs or veterinarians.

Giving back to the community is part of Dogtopia’s core values. They have held on-site events to benefit Barks of Love, a dog rescue organization, have sponsored other events like The Yankee Doodle Dog Show, the Taste of Anaheim, the Anaheim Hills Buzz Bingo Night Fundraiser to benefit the Olive Hills Dog Park.

“Dogtopia is truly a community gem and well-deserving of the Family-Owned Business of the Year Award. The care, love and interest that Larry, Sherry & Candace Hartjoy put into every pup is amazing. Whether it’s bubble day, water play day or Halloween costume picture day…you know your furry baby will ALWAYS be well-cared for and have a spectacular time. Thank you for taking such great care of my pups—Harper & Schuyler!”

~Carrie Nocella

Larry and Sherry Hartjoy
Government Affairs Committee

This year the Chamber’s Government Affairs Committee took positions on a number of pieces of legislation that were of importance to the business community as either drivers for economic development, or that would have been an impediment to growth and job creation.

Below are some of the proposed laws the Chamber took a position on and its status.

**AB 5**, Gonzalez-Fletcher (D-San Diego). Scheduling mandate. Imposed undue burden on employers by requiring them to offer more hours to current employees before hiring new employees or contractors. Failed legislative house of origin deadline. Chamber opposed.

**AB 190**, Steinorth (R-Rancho Cucamonga). Design review. Eases the regulatory burden on new housing by requiring a 30 day design review deadline once applications are completed. Failed legislative house of origin deadline. Chamber supported.

**AB 890**, Medina (D-Riverside). Local land use, CEQA review. Would require all local ballot initiatives to undergo CEQA review and prohibit ballot placement for any initiative found to potentially have a direct or indirect impact on the environment. Vetoed by the Governor. Chamber opposed.

**AB 943**, Santiago (D-Los Angeles). Local land use, voter approval. Requires a two-thirds vote threshold for local ordinances and measures that would curb, delay, or deter growth or development within a city. Held in Senate Appropriations. Chamber supported.

**SB 52**, Newman (D-Fullerton). State Route 39. Authorizes the California Transportation Commission to turn over the portion of SR-39 (Beach Blvd.) which runs through the City of Anaheim over to the control of Anaheim. Signed by the Governor. Chamber supported.


**SB 384**, Wiener (D-San Francisco). Alcoholic beverages, hours of sale. Permits local governments, at their discretion, to extend “last call” hours to as late as 4AM upon approval of Alcohol & Beverage Control. Application would be limited to destination and late-night entertainment areas. Gutted and amended. Chamber supported.

**SB 562**, Lara (D-Bell Gardens), “Healthy California Act.” Creates a new single-payer, government run, multibillion dollar health care system financed by unspecified and undeveloped “revenue plans” penalizing employers and individuals and resulting in significant new taxes on all Californians and California businesses. Failed Legislative deadline. Chamber opposed.

Jessica Gonzalez

In July, Jessica Gonzales joined the City of Anaheim as its new Economic Development Manager. In this role, she oversees the City’s Economic Development functions and is in charge of developing and implementing business attraction, development, and retention strategies that can assist the more than 16,000 businesses located in the city. She has worked in the economic development field for over 10 years and has created and implemented a variety of innovative business attraction and retention efforts throughout Orange County. She previously held positions with the Cities of Lake Forest and Santa Ana.

Jessica received her Master’s in Public Policy from Pepperdine University and a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from Cal State Fullerton University. She is one of the cofounders of the Orange County Economic Development Working Group, a forum for economic developers and business resource agencies to share best practices and strategies for helping businesses to grow and prosper in their respective communities. Jessica also serves on the Board of the California Association of Local Economic Development.
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2017 Anaheim Business Award Winners

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Minority-Owned Business of the Year
Castle Inn & Suites

Manufacturer of the Year
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Small Business of the Year
The Clubhouse at Anaheim Hills Golf Course

Family-Owned Business of the Year
Dogtopia

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Grandma’s House of Hope
Non-profit Organization of the Year

This year, the Anaheim Chamber of Commerce is recognizing Grandma’s House of Hope with the Non-profit Organization of the Year award. Grandma’s House was founded in 2004 by Executive Director Je’net Kreitner who overcame human traffic and homelessness herself. The purpose of this organization is to provide housing, food, workforce development, and enrichment activities to people in need.

The organization, which started just with Je’net, has now 22 employees and 4,000 volunteers and runs 4 different programs:

• The Rescued and Restored Women's Housing Program, with 93 beds in the city of Anaheim
• Grandpa's House, which supports care for older homeless men and veterans with mental health challenges and disabilities
• Nanna’s Kidz, with two distribution centers in Anaheim, provides healthy meals, school supplies, and shoes to homeless and unstably housed children and families
• HopeWorks! Provides after-school programs, adult education, early childhood development, and Health and Wellness classes to 45 very low-income families with 93 children

Grandma’s House has seen significant financial growth since 2007 with a projected 2018 budget of $2.9 million. Their budget growth is achieved through building lasting funding relationships with key partners and foundations. This year alone the organization has received a total of $364,200 in Grants and an additional $942,000 still pending. Other funds come from partners contractors who donate to GHH to support women’s participation in their housing program.

Castle Inn and Suites
Minority-Owned Business of the Year

Since 1976 the Patel Family have provided value and upgraded experience to guests who visit the Disneyland parks and have taken a leadership role within the Anaheim business community to support the growth of the Anaheim resort.

When the Patel Family acquired the original Peter Pan Motor Lodge they expand it from 40 rooms to 76. In 1980 they built the Convention Center Inn with 122 rooms, and after buying several other properties, they build and opened The Castle Inn and Suites with 200 rooms.

Castle Inn and Suites supports the TID that fund the Resort District maintenance and is very active with Visit Anaheim, Anaheim Chamber of Commerce. They are also part of the board of the Anaheim Hotel Association.

The contributions to the community include supporting organizations such as the YMCA (Bharat is on the board of Directors), Boys and Girls club, and military support.

The Clubhouse at Anaheim Hills Golf Course
Small Business of the Year

Orin Abrams owns and operates Anaheim Hills Golf Course Clubhouse since 2014. As 20-year-old Anaheim resident, Abrams saw the opportunity to invest in the Clubhouse to provide a welcoming environment, unparalleled food, and beverages, event services to golfers, public and community. Their growth and stability surpass the industry standards and have been up for the last six years, allowing the company to retain its original 50 job positions. Abrams take pride in knowing every employee at a personal level and offers support and assistance when needed.

The Clubhouse comprises of 30,000 square foot for receptions, conventions, parties or tournament luncheons. It offers a Grand Ballroom and an expansive Terrace that accommodate over 350 guests each. The Clubhouse at Anaheim Hills gives back to the community in every opportunity and donates countless dollars to charities, such as Anaheim Health Fair, Tyrol Plaza Thanksgiving Dinner, Gang Reduction & Intervention Partnership, and Windy Ridge first responder dinner service. In his personal life, Abrams is active on the board of the Anaheim Community Foundation, Anaheim Hills Rotary Club and member of the Anaheim Chamber of commerce.
Congratulations to the Anaheim Business Award Recipients
For more information on how to invest and get involved, contact
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Wishing you had a fresh look in your office? Thinking about expanding your space to accommodate for a growing staff? Considering a move to have a more efficient working space? RCSmith Design Build would love to collaborate with you and help come up with creative ways to do this! As a full-service design and build contractor, we can help with the ideas for design and implementation of a space that best meets your needs.

Many businesses are moving towards the open-office concept, a workspace without dividing walls. The original idea behind this kind of space is to create organic meeting places for idea generation, as well as condensing workspaces to provide more desk space in open areas. Another way to achieve this is through a hybrid space, which can incorporate glass walls for office and conference rooms. There are also other ways to include communal places for conversation generation, such as merging and expanding break rooms or common areas. There are numerous designs and ideas that you can implement, sometimes easily, based on the needs of your office. What changes can you make to improve your space while boosting office interactions?

Did you know that California offers a tax credit to companies that make improvements to their space? Call your business accountant to find out how you can receive a tax benefit by improving your space, and call us to brainstorm some ideas on refreshing your office!

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Ernesto Medrano, Los Angeles / Orange Counties Building and Construction Trades Council

The LA/OC Building and Construction trades Council has been a job generator in Orange County for over 100 years. They represent 48 local unions and district councils in 14 trades throughout LA and OC and have been a strong contributor to Anaheim’s economic development. Their membership includes more than 100,000 men and women, 1,900 of those being Anaheim residents. The Council works closely with local developers and owners in order to negotiate Project Labor Agreements both in the public and private sector. Through these agreements, the council assures that their members receive fair pay, benefits, retirement pension, local hire opportunities, and safe work environments. Recent agreement include employment on Anaheim projects at the Disneyland Resort Parks and the construction of the new Wincome Group hotel. Through their contract with Wincome Group they agreed to give employment priority to Anaheim residents to push strong local hire and give residents the opportunity to work in their own backyard.

Representing LA/OC Building Trades Council is Ernesto Medrano who has been part of the organization since 2014. As a resident of Anaheim himself, he truly sees the value in continuing to develop the city and pushes local hire. He has been responsible for contract negotiation between employers and the trades and ensuring that his members and neighbors are well represented. In addition to his work at the LA/OC Building and Construction Trades Council, he has been Chair of the Anaheim Public Utilities Board for approximately two years. The Public Utilities Board makes recommendations to the City Council concerning the operation of electric, water, and other public utilities under the management of the Public Utilities Department. The board’s role is to advise the council on utility matters, including: Annual capital and operating budgets, renewable energy resource options, sources of water and power supply, water and electric rates, and water and energy conservation and efficiency incentives. This Public Utilities Board is very relevant regarding the expansion of the resort district in Anaheim, and without their innovation it would not be possible for four new four-diamond hotels to be planned for construction in the city, which will produce over 1,100 jobs each in the upcoming years.

Karl Kreutziger, President, C.W. Driver Companies

Karl Kreutziger is the president of C.W. Driver Companies, a premier builder providing general contracting, construction management and design-build services to the Western United States since 1919. As president of the C.W. Driver family of companies, Kreutziger is responsible for the overall direction and leadership of three leading construction firms: C.W. Driver, Driver SPG, and Good & Roberts.

Under Kreutziger’s leadership, C.W. Driver Companies has worked on many Anaheim projects, including the Anaheim GardenWalk, Holiday Inn Anaheim, Anaheim Marriott, Disney’s Grand Californian Hotel expansion and Disneyland Dream Suite. Currently, C.W. Driver is working with Wincome Group on the construction of the four-star Anabella Resort Hotel. These projects have helped grow Anaheim’s tourism industry, which today makes up only five percent of Anaheim’s land mass but produces more than 50 percent of the city’s general fund.

As president of C.W. Driver Companies, Kreutziger has been committed to hiring hundreds of Anaheim residents for these projects and continues to be a contributor to the growth of Anaheim jobs.

Beyond projects, Kreutziger has led a variety of philanthropic efforts. Last year, C.W. Driver Companies dedicated 180 volunteer hours on average per month, totaling 1,300 volunteer hours, 22 events and $160K donated to local charitable organizations. Through Kreutziger’s leadership, the company’s philanthropic efforts have become a definitive part of its culture by shaping the work environment, goals and values. There is a charitable tie-in to every corporate event C.W. Driver Companies hosts. Many of these nonprofits benefit the residents of Anaheim, which in turn positively impacts the community.

Kreutziger sits on multiple boards, including HomeAid, where he is actively involved in the nonprofit’s strategic planning for providing transitional housing for the homeless community, and DiscoveryCube, a nonprofit organization impacting the lives of children through hands-on science education.
Are you a member that is unsure how to get the most out of your Anaheim Chamber membership? The Chamber offers numerous benefits that can help your business grow and develop. As a member, you have access to monthly networking events that often lead to new contacts and referrals. At networking events, you have the chance to promote your business as well as the opportunity to meet and interact with other businesses and individuals in the Anaheim area. The Chamber hosts Leads Lunches on the second Wednesday of month from 11:30-1:00 pm. If you haven’t been to a Leads Lunch yet, we highly recommend attending and finding out how this networking event can promote your business. Come enjoy great food and meet other businesses from the area! In addition to Leads Lunches, we also hold a Good Morning Anaheim event on the first Friday of every month at 7:30 am. At Good Morning Anaheim, a speaker discusses relevant business and community issues that could have an impact on your business. Lastly, the Chamber holds an after-hours mixer quarterly, which takes place in the evening from 5:30-7:30 pm. This event often includes music and entertainment as well as delicious food. These mixers are often times with other cities to expand your networking area.

Aside from the regularly scheduled networking events, the Chamber also hosts a Legislative Committee monthly. At this lunch, members are given the opportunity to come and listen to guest speakers as they discuss important issues on both the local and state level that could impact their business. This is a great way for members to find out what is going on in the community, how it affects their business, and how the Chamber can better represent them.

Another way the Chamber helps members promote their business is by offering them the chance to advertise in our various publications, including our newsletter, “Anaheim Business Advocate”, our weekly newsletter, “This Week in Anaheim”, and on our website. Advertising is a great way for your company to gain notice! If you are interested in advertising, please contact us at (714) 758-0222.

During a time when the market is constantly growing and evolving, members should seek to become more engaged with their chamber. By using your chamber, its resources, and the numerous networking opportunities, you are maximizing your ROI on your chamber membership. Getting involved with your chamber could be the missing factor your business needs to grow to the next level.

Still not sure how the Chamber can help? We can put create tailored Chamber Business Plan to make sure you get the biggest bang for your Chamber membership. We strive every day to make our members see and understand the value of the Chamber.

For more information on what the Anaheim Chamber of Commerce can do for your business, please contact Kyle Woosley at kyle@anaheimchamber.org
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