



A message from
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President, Imperial Beach Chamber of Commerce



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Greetings,

Your Imperial Beach Chamber of Commerce has remained quite active since my last newsletter. We hosted the Candidates Forum On September 28th. We have six qualified candidates which all participated in the forum which was hosted by the Chamber and facilitated by the League of Woman Voters of San Diego. The Chamber, per our by-laws, remains non-partisan and non-political but we do feel it is important for everyone to be informed and exercise your right to vote.

On October 6th, the South County Economic Development Council hosted the Elected Officials reception at Portwood Plaza here in Imperial Beach. It was a beautiful evening in Imperial Beach and a wonderful way to show off our city. This was a well-attended event and for the first time ever at this event, our own Historical Society was on hand to show our cities history. What a wonderful job the Historical Society is doing to preserve our history and share it with the community.

Our Networking Breakfast speaker for October, 2016 was Gary Gallegos, Executive Director of SANDAG Gary is an excellent public speaker and had some great information to share with us. I have attached a summary of the breakfast as well as a copy of all the handouts. Please be sure to look at these handouts and participate in the community events. These breakfast meetings are a great way to network with fellow businesses and our community. We do not have breakfast meetings in November or December. Please mark your calendars for Thursday, January 12, 2017 – out next breakfast meeting.

Our next big event we are working on is our Military Appreciation Day to be held on Saturday, November 12, 2016 at Dunes Park, 790 Seacoast Drive. We will have live music and free food (hot dog, hamburger, chips and a drink) for active duty, veterans and their families with a valid ID. The Chamber, in conjunction with our local veterans organizations (VFW, FRA and American Legion) are working together to host this event. Hutchins Realty is the host of our beer garden with the Bullpen will be providing the beer. Please come out and join us.

Finally, mark your calendars for Saturday, December 3rd when your Chamber will host our Christmas Comes to IB. That is always a fun day for our families and local business community.

Sincerely,

Karen W. Odermatt
President