

**Please join us for the 32nd Annual  
Lighting of the Old Oak Tree  
Friday, November 28, 2008**

5:15 p.m. to 6:15 p.m.

Gather at the Old Oak Tree on Diablo Road for holiday refreshments and music and sing along with the San Ramon Valley High School Chorus and Danville Girls Chorus

6:15 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Ceremonial lighting of the Old Oak Tree by, Father Christmas and the Snow Angel

6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

“... and the magic continues” with holiday music, entertainment, and refreshments located at various businesses throughout Downtown Danville.

**2009 Installation Dinner  
and 2008 Citizen, Business Person, Educator and  
Charitable Organization of the Year!**

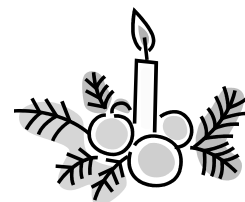
The dinner is to recognize the installation of the 2009 Danville Area Chamber of Commerce Chairman of the Board, Chris Edlund, Executive Board and Board of Directors.

Nominations are now due for the Annual Awards that are presented at the Danville Area Chamber of Commerce Installation Dinner scheduled for Thursday, February 5, 2009 at The Blackhawk Museum.

Nominate who you think should be the 2008 Citizen of the Year, 2008 Business Person of the Year, 2008 Educator of the Year and new this year, 2008 Charitable Organization of the Year. Please download the applications and criteria off our website at [www.danvilleareachamber.com](http://www.danvilleareachamber.com) or mail candidate applications to the Chamber offices, 117-E Town & Country Drive, Danville, CA 94526, Attn: Melony Newman, President/CEO or fax to 925-837-5709 by January 5, 2009. Sponsorships for this event are available. Please call Robin Sell x 14 for more details.

**NOVEMBER-DECEMBER 2008**

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## Member of the Month



Barbara Rogers  
The Body Adventure  
160 E. Prospect Avenue  
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The Body Adventure offers a unique setting with its charming gift shop, tranquil garden and relaxing massage cottage.

The gift shop offers a wide range of body products, candles, jewelry, books, aromatherapy, professional skin care, mineral based makeup as well as home décor and garden accents.

Whether you're looking for the perfect gift or something for yourself, you are bound to find something new and unusual at the store.

The Body Adventure also has a highly trained staff of estheticians & massage therapists on hand offering a range of facials, waxing and body treatments. Spa parties are a recent addition to the services available at The Body Adventure.

We are located in downtown Danville. The Body Adventure celebrates its 12th year of doing business with the community. Visit us soon.

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## CHAIRMAN'S CORNER

New Beginnings.... You, Your Business, Your Community

It is so fulfilling to be writing my final newsletter just as the fun holiday season begins. Not only is this the more prosperous times for retail business, restaurants, and business services, but all businesses look forward to the planning for the next year!



Although this has been a year of "change" in the economy, the Chamber has been successfully promoting business throughout the year. We have just performed ribbon cuttings for such locations as Savignon in Danville, Burke Williams Day Spa, Union Bank of California in Alamo, and Salon Forty Sixty Two. We encourage you to visit all the new members or drop them a note to introduce yourselves.

We thank Barbara Rogers of The Body Adventure for chairing the Danville Fall & Crafts Festival. We also need to thank our chamber member sponsors: Ultimate Security and Stoneridge Creek Retirement Community for their generosity. Not only does the Danville Area Chamber of Commerce help you to promote your business ---we are also a great source of information about the community. Need a quick guide to restaurants, spas, entertainment, or exercise? Want to get involved with the many community events or non-profit organizations during the holidays? Contact the Chamber and they will be happy to assist you!

As my year as Chairman of the Board closes, I thank all the volunteers and staff who helped to make this a great year for me. The Danville Area Chamber of Commerce is a great organization..... whether it is business, home, or community.

Warmest Regards,  
Elaine Cortez Schroth  
2008 Chairman of the Board  
Bay Building Maintenance, Inc.

### *Mission Statement:*

Our mission is to enhance the growth and development of business and the quality of life in our community, by helping to keep our membership informed, connected, and prosperous.



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## Testimonial for Pawsitive Reinforcement, Inc.

There are a lot of dogs & cats currently at the shelters who need loving homes.

If you are looking for a great pet, this is the place to start. Lucky was fortunate to be adopted by the Charlotte and Peter Mills and is going through training with Chamber member Stephanie Ross of **Pawsitive Reinforcement, Inc.**

Stephanie is exactly like her company name, teaches with only the most "pawsitive" methods.

Lucky is learning all his lessons, The Mills still need some training!

Give Stephanie a call for your pet training needs at 925.383.9292,  
[www.pawsitive-reinforcement.com](http://www.pawsitive-reinforcement.com).

To find a pet for your home, contact **Valley Humane Society**, 925.426.8656,  
[www.valleyhumane.org](http://www.valleyhumane.org).

**Dog Bone Alley**, 730 Camino Ramon No. 186 in the Rose Garden Shopping Center is the perfect place to find toys, clothing, food and other special things for your loving pet. Stop by and visit new Chamber member Elizabeth Pinkerton at Dog Bone Alley.



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## From the President's Desk

To our valued Members,

2008 has been an exciting year! It began with the unveiling of the Chamber's new logo and website during our Installation Dinner on February, 7th. This accomplishment is the direct result of the marketing committee, under the leadership of Steve Wilcox with Summit Financial. Steve's vision and business expertise greatly assisted the Chamber in reviewing its image, technology for the future and emphasizing our name. The committee continues to meet quarterly and I am grateful for their contributions: Guy Greco, Joe Combs, Sara Schmitz, Loucy DeAtley, Rich Wood, Sharon Schuyler, and Rick Johnson.

The Chamber has an outstanding staff with Debra Long as Office Manager, Robin Sell as Events Coordinator and Charlotte Mills with Membership Services. They work very well together and I am amazed at how much is accomplished by such a small and mighty team. Of course, the volunteers are imperative to the success of the Chamber and we cherish the relationships and their contributions.

The Board of Directors continues to oversee the direction and success of the Chamber. They are led by dynamic people from the business community. 2008 COB Elaine Cortez Schroth with Bay Building Maintenance has been terrific to work with. She is incredibly hardworking and dedicated to the community. She has been a long time Chamber Member and truly understands the benefits of being a part of the Chamber and the community. She has been a terrific leader.

I look forward to hearing from you regarding any suggestions. We are your Chamber and we rely on you to let us know what is important to you.

I continue to proudly serve you and the business community.

Happy Holidays,

Melony Newman  
President and CEO



*To be a success  
in business,  
be daring, be first, be different.*

# Danville Fall Crafts Festival

A special Thank you to  
Barbara Rogers, **The Body Adventure**  
Chairman of the Danville Fall Crafts Festival

Thank you to our Corporate Sponsors  
**Ultimate Security**

and

**Stoneridge Creek Retirement Community**  
Shuttle Sponsors: **Byron Park** and **Diablo Lodge**

Thank you to our  
Sponsors and Donors:

Jim Edlund, Christe James Fine Jewelry Works,  
Tom Carroll, Black Diamond Brewery,  
McDaniel Callahan Real Estate Team,  
Danville Police Department,  
Next Step Dance Studio,  
Gordon Clark, Tower Grille,  
Kim Lindeberg, The Lindeberg Group,  
Debra & Phil Long, Longevity Wines Inc.,  
Ron Mura, Wizard Winery,  
Sally Kennard, The Crown British Pub,  
Toni Sciaky, Patelco Credit Union,  
Karen Kehr, Smith Barney

A Very Special  
THANK YOU

To all the chamber member volunteers  
staffing the Danville Area Chamber of Commerce  
Beverage and Information Booth

THANK YOU  
to the following merchants in Danville  
who participated in the  
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Baskin Robbins	Landes Studios
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Bellies N' Babies	Terence D. Doyle
California Pedaler	Le Jardin, Inc.
China Paradise	Pacific Bay Interiors at
Christe James Fine	The White House
Jewelry Works	Pascal French Oven
Christina's Fine Clothing	Patelco Credit Union
Christine's-	Presence
A Complete You	Savignon
Corks Wine Store	SideBoard
Cottage Jewel	Snickerdoodles
Design Elements	Tao Sports Taekwondo
Donn's Florist	The Body Adventure
Ella J	The Crown British Pub
Flip Flops for Fun	& Restaurant
Geoffrey Scott	The Polka Dot Attic
Handworks of Danville	Tootsies
Ironhorse Home	Twenty One Tango
Furnishings,	
La Ultima Restaurant	

## CALLING ALL MEMBERS....

*Would you like to become an  
Ambassador for the Chamber?*

We have a new Ambassador Class starting on  
January 9, 2009.

You are invited to join us for the 8 – 9 am meeting and  
check it out. If you decide you want to join the group,  
interviews and instruction for the WINTER CLASS will be  
immediately following from 9 – 10 am.

Ambassador Mission Statement:

Chamber Ambassadors represent and communicate the  
Chamber's mission (see page 3 of Chamber Progress) and  
provide networking opportunities for business people.

Goal:

To effectively enhance the Chamber's image while pro-  
moting the Chamber's activities and encouraging member  
participation.

What are Ambassador responsibilities?

- Recruit new members
- Attend monthly meetings
- Work monthly mixers
- Attend Ribbon Cuttings
- Mentor new members
- AND HAVE FUN While promoting your business!

If you would like more information or would like to come  
attend the WINTER Class Contact Charlotte at  
membership@danvilleareachamber.com or  
call 827-4400 ext 11.

### Member Testimonials

I wanted to take a moment of your time to thank the  
Danville Area Chamber of Commerce for sponsoring the  
recent Business Showcase at the Blackhawk  
Museum. These type of events are very productive for  
small companies like **Lambco Electric** in that they help  
us get our name out into the community. By having a  
booth among other small businesses where the commu-  
nity can come and speak with merchants in a non-stress  
setting is very helpful for the merchants as the commu-  
nity can get to know who they can do business with when  
the need arises.

Lambco Electric thanks the chamber for their hosting of  
the Business Showcase.

Regards,

Darryl Payne  
Lambco Electric

Thank you to  
**Diablo Valley College**  
for hosting the October After Hours Mixer



Elaine Cortez Schroth, Kevin Horan,  
Mariana Moore and Judy E. Walters  
DVC, San Ramon Campus  
1690 Watermill Road

Thank you to the following members for  
donating raffle gifts.

We appreciate your generosity!  
Virginia Duan, Smith Barney,  
Diablo Valley College,  
William White Allstate Insurance  
Breton School for Dogs and Cats

#### UPCOMING MIXERS

December 11th Chairman's Farewell Mixer  
Veterans Hall  
see enclosed flyer for details

January 8, 2009 New Direction Fitness Studio

#### With Sympathy

We wish to offer our deepest sympathy to the family of  
Alfredo Soltano,  
owner and founder of El Nido Mexican Restaurant  
April 9, 1955- October 29, 2008  
"Sigues Siendo El Rey"  
(He will always be "the king")

## Ribbon Cuttings

Congratulations to **Savignon** on your Ribbon  
Cutting and new location located 321 Hartz,  
Suite 1 in Danville. Shop Savignon during this  
holiday season for special and unique gift items



BELOW:

We welcome **Burke Williams Spa** to Danville  
and congratulate them on their Grand Opening  
Call 925.362.0104 today for a day of  
pampering and spa treatment.  
730 Camino Ramon,  
in the Rose Garden, Danville.



Ribbon Cutting at Union Bank of California  
3191 Danville Road  
Alamo, CA

## A Tribute to the Members Who Support Us...

Thank you for renewing your membership and supporting the local business community and your Chamber of Commerce.

Please patronize our loyal Chamber members.

### ◆ Members for over 10 Years ◆

Pattys Fine Jewelers	18
BYC Parties & Events	16
Straface & Riele	16
Green Valley Center	14
Sycamore Square	14
Town & Country Shopping Center	14
Danville Advertising	11
Diablo Valley College, SR Campus	11

### ◆ Members for over 9-2 Years ◆

Peet's Coffee & Tea	9
Richards Arts & Crafts	8
Christian Science Reading Room	8
First Choice Abbey Carpet of Danville	7
Pearson & Williams	7
Lucky	6
Pat Hejtmanek, Re/Max C.C. Connection	6
Michelle J. Place, MD, FACS	6
TALKIN BASEBALL	5
Discovery Counseling Center	5
Wheelchair Foundation	5
Best Western Danville Sycamore Inn	5
Discover Danville Association	4
La Ultima	4
Blackhawk Grille	4
The Combs Team	3
Countrywide Home Loans	3
The Rouge Kiss and Make Up	3
Alberto's Cantina Blackhawk	3
Yellow Wood Coffee & Tea	3
Law Office of Terry L. Thompson	3
Peace Lutheran Church	3
Presence	2
Dagaz Solutions, Inc.	2
Stephenson Welsh Insurance Services	2
Savignon	2
Sunset Development Company	2

### ◆ Members for 1 Year ◆

Guri S. Dhaliwal, D.M.D.	1
King Tut Travel & Tours	1
511 Contra Costa	1
Stan Moore Photography	1

Cut off October 15, 2008

## WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

We look forward to your participation.

Thanks for supporting the business communities of Alamo, Blackhawk, Danville, and Diablo.

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## New Member Profiles

### The Center for Balanced Breathing

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The Center for Balanced Breathing offers breathing evaluations and CapnoLearning™ packages that identify and treat breathing dysfunction. We invite you to visit our websites, come by our beautiful facility and reap the benefits offered by our center.

### Stella Luna

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## Business Showcase, Food & Wine Event

Thank you to the following businesses for donating a raffle prize to our Showcase event held on September 18 at The Blackhawk Museum.

Alamo Limousine  
A Clear Vision Organizing  
Aesthetic Plastic Surgery & Medi Spa  
Amaranta Cocina Mexicana  
At The Candy Shop  
Basil Leaf Café  
Bay Building Maintenance, Inc.  
Beverages and More  
My Buddy Cleaners  
Cattails - Blackhawk Florist  
Blackhawk Country Club  
Blackhawk Museum  
By Candlelight  
California Pedaler  
California Sun Dry Foods  
Chef Dan Leff  
Danville Travel  
Danville Weekly  
Domenico's Delicatessen  
Draeger's  
Faz Restaurant & Bar

FT Fitness Together  
Kenny Family Chiropractic  
Larry Marx, Global Health and Education Foundation  
La Buena Vida  
Lisa Taw-Arbonne Int'l  
Lunardi's  
Merrill Gardens at San Ramon  
Misto Lino Danville  
My Buddy Cleaners  
Patrick David's Restaurant  
Pontious Chiropractic  
Primo's Pizza  
Quicksilver Concierge Services  
Nancy Bambino,  
Town Planner Events Calendar  
Kenny Family Chiropractic  
Rachel Dunne Chocolates  
San Ramon Valley Times  
The Body Adventure  
The Rouge Kiss & Make Up  
Twigsstudio Danville

### Business Briefcase



The new website for **Fit Personal Fitness Studio** is [www.FitStudioDanville.com](http://www.FitStudioDanville.com)

Correction and apology to David Miller, **Ultimate Security** who was regretfully omitted from the sponsor list for the Business Showcase

The new email address for **Leadership San Ramon** is [lsrv@leadershipsrv.org](mailto:lsrv@leadershipsrv.org).

New address for **Huber Construction, Danville Kitchen and Baths** is 547 Silver Lake Dr., Danville, Ca 94526

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# Important Chamber Dates 2008

Danville Area Chamber of Commerce Monthly Calendar

## NOVEMBER

4	11:30am	Business by Referral Lunch Group
6	5:00pm	Ribbon Cutting <b>Salon Forty Sixty Two</b> 4062 Blackhawk Plaza, Danville
7	8:00am	Ambassadors
11	closed	Veterans Day office closed
12	7:30am	Business by Referral AM Group
13	5:30-7:00pm	<b>Business After Hours Mixer</b> <b>FAZ Restaurant</b> 600 Hartz Avenue, Danville Members \$5.00 Prospective Members \$10.00
20	5:30pm	Ribbon Cutting <b>Aswad Properties</b> 452-482 Hartz Ave., Danville
27-28	closed	Happy Thanksgiving
28	5:15pm	<b>Lighting of the Old Oak Tree</b>

## DECEMBER

2	11:30am	Business by Referral Lunch Group
5	8:00am	Ambassadors
11	5:30-7:00pm	<b>Business After Hours Mixer</b> Chairmans Farewell Mixer Veterans Hall (Corner of Hartz and Prospect)
24-Jan 2, 2009		Chamber Office Closed

## SAVE THE DATES

<b>Jan 14, 2009</b>	<b>Dick Frankel Presentation</b>
<b>Feb 5, 2009</b>	<b>Installation Dinner (see page 1 for info.)</b>

**Please check our web site for updates and changes**



## The Chamber Progress

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## 2008 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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