

CALENDAR

- AUGUST 8 / Tuesday**  
STATE OF THE NATION LUNCHEON  
12 NOON–1:30 PM  
DoubleTree by Hilton Los Angeles/Norwalk,  
3111 Sycamore Dr, Norwalk
- AUGUST 9 / Wednesday**  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
11:45 AM / SFS Chamber Office  
12016 Telegraph Rd, Santa Fe Springs  
YOUTH ENRICHMENT FUND BOARD  
1 PM / SFS Chamber Office  
12016 Telegraph Rd, Santa Fe Springs
- AUGUST 10 / Thursday**  
SANTA FE SPRINGS CITY COUNCIL  
6 PM / SFS City Council Chambers  
11710 Telegraph Rd, Santa Fe Springs
- AUGUST 16 / Wednesday**  
SFS CHAMBER OFFICE CLOSED AT  
12 NOON FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
ANNUAL WORKSHOP
- AUGUST 17 / Thursday**  
SFS CHAMBER OFFICE CLOSED  
FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
ANNUAL WORKSHOP
- AUGUST 18 / Friday**  
SFS CHAMBER OFFICE CLOSED  
FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
ANNUAL WORKSHOP
- AUGUST 23 / Wednesday**  
AMBASSADOR COMMITTEE  
8:30–9:30 AM / SFS Chamber Office  
12016 Telegraph Rd, Santa Fe Springs
- AUGUST 24 / Thursday**  
SANTA FE SPRINGS CITY COUNCIL  
6 PM / SFS City Council Chambers  
11710 Telegraph Rd, Santa Fe Springs
- AUGUST 25 / Friday**  
RCA LEGISLATIVE FORUM  
8–9 AM / SFS Chamber Office  
12016 Telegraph Rd, Santa Fe Springs
- AUGUST 29 / Tuesday**  
NEW MEMBER WELCOME  
9–10 AM / SFS Chamber Office  
12016 Telegraph Rd, Santa Fe Springs
- SEPTEMBER 4 / Monday**  
SFS CHAMBER OFFICE CLOSED  
IN OBSERVANCE OF LABOR DAY
- SEPTEMBER 6 / Wednesday**  
BUSINESS CARD EXCHANGE  
7:30–9:30 AM / Brookdale Uptown Whittier  
13250 Philadelphia St, Whittier
- SEPTEMBER 7 / Thursday**  
POTATO BAKE  
11:30 AM–2 PM / sponsored by SFS  
Department of Fire & Rescue to support  
Relay for Life, 11300 Greenstone Ave, SFS
- SEPTEMBER 12 / Tuesday**  
PIH HEALTH RIBBON CUTTING  
10 AM / Bloomfield Medical Office Build-  
ing, 12400 Bloomfield Ave, SFS
- SEPTEMBER 13 / Wednesday**  
BUSINESS EXPO  
3–6 PM / Heritage Park, 12100 Mora Dr,  
Santa Fe Springs
- SEPTEMBER 14 / Thursday**  
CHAMBER BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
12 NOON–1 PM / SFS Chamber Office  
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Be an Exhibitor! Call and Register Today

Win BIG by reserving your table for the annual Santa Fe Springs Chamber Business Expo on Wednesday, September 13. Reach hundreds of people face-to-face while promoting your business to other businesses and the community at large.

This annual expo will once again be held outside at Heritage Park and feature over 100 businesses representing a variety of industries and restaurants showcasing their products and services.

Register now for the best location. Reservations are on a first-come, first-served basis. In addition to booths, we are offering special packages that provide event signage, social media and program advertising.

Participating businesses are encouraged to decorate their booths to celebrate the theme. This year's theme—"Win BIG with the SFS Chamber"—is promoting a tailgate atmosphere which opens up possibilities of sports, teams, barbecuing, or anything your imagination inspires.

The Expo will be open to the public from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. and admis-

sion is FREE! The Santa Fe Springs Chamber's Business Expo provides an opportunity for the business community to market their business while networking, meeting new leads and customers, sampling food from some of the most popular local eateries, and winning raffle items.

If you are serious about growing your business, don't miss out on the

chance to participate and join other businesses who have already signed up.

Having a booth and/or advertising in the Business Expo booklet is a great opportunity to gain business exposure for very little cost. To register for a table or advertising, please visit [www.sfschamber.com](http://www.sfschamber.com) or call the chamber office at (562) 944-1616.



Café N' Stuff serving up samples at a previous Business Expo.

'Diners, Drive-Ins and Destiny'

Cars, neon signs, scooters, vending machines... just a few of the hues that painted the spectacular scene at this year's Destiny Dinner.

Guests enjoyed cocktails, mingled with the crowd, and bid on silent auction items as they oohed and awed over the collectible cars and other memorabilia.

New faces met with those who had founded the Youth Enrichment Fund 20 years ago for a lively social gathering.

Many thanks to all the generous contributors and dinner attendees for enabling the Youth Enrichment Fund to present scholarships to this year's deserving recipients.

Daniel Fong, the 2017 recipient of the \$20,000 Destiny Scholarship, will use his scholarship to attend Biola University.

Powell Grant Recipients Emily Rodriguez is attending University of California, Santa Cruz and Jasmine Rodriguez is attending Chapman University.

Preparing for the Destiny Dinner is a huge undertaking and its success is

due to the committee that planned the event.

YEF President Jeff Winkler had the help of Debbie Baker of Simpson Advertising, Teri Bazen of Norwalk/La Mirada Plumbing & HVAC, Lisa Boyajian of Ansa Insurance Services, Trese Childs of the Radisson Hotel, Whittier, Alicia Estrada a Whittier College student, Claudia Fimbres of Bluemoon Onstage, Lynn Foster, Kimberly Grana and Joanne Klemm of Comet Employment Services, Patricia Kotze of Diversified Risk Management, Devin Lindsay of AALRR, Wendy Meador of Tangram Interiors, Joseline Nucum of Holiday Inn La Mirada, Theresa Oliver of ARCpoint Labs of Santa Fe Springs, Stacie Ramos a La Serna HS student, Carolyn Reggio of CAPC, Sharon Wu of Roquemore, Pringle and Moore and the entire YEF board of directors.

All proceeds from the event go to the Santa Fe Springs Chamber/League Youth Enrichment Fund which provides programs and scholarships for the youth of Santa Fe Springs.

Please see pages 6 and 7 for photos of the event.

Nominations for Citizen of the Year Deadline is September 15

The Citizen of the Year Awards is an annual celebration to honor volunteers in the residential and business communities of Santa Fe Springs.

These individuals have donated their time, resources, and talents to the Santa Fe Springs community and have made it a better place to live and work.

They may volunteer in their church, at a local school, in service clubs, on a city committee or with the chamber of commerce. It seems that no matter how busy they are, they will always lend a hand when one is needed.

Please help us identify the recipients of this year's awards.

For a nomination form, please contact the chamber office at (562) 944-1616.

Los Angeles Minimum Wage Increase Goes Into Effect

By Jonathan Judge, Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo

The minimum wage rate increases in Los Angeles city and unincorporated Los Angeles went into effect on July 1, 2017.

In Los Angeles city, the minimum

wage increased to \$12.00 per hour for employers with 26 or more employees and \$10.50 per hour for employers with 25 or fewer employees.

In the unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County, the minimum wage also increased to \$12.00 per hour for employers with 26 or more employees and \$10.50 per hour for employers with 25 or fewer employees.

To determine if a location is in an unincorporated area of the county, the county directs the public to: [http://file.lacounty.gov/SDSInter/dca/244030\\_WebsiteGuide-Registrar-RecorderDraft5-19-16.pdf](http://file.lacounty.gov/SDSInter/dca/244030_WebsiteGuide-Registrar-RecorderDraft5-19-16.pdf).

Note: The City of Santa Fe Springs is incorporated and, therefore, not

subject to the unincorporated Los Angeles minimum wage increase.

In addition to the above increases, the City of Los Angeles Paid Sick Leave requirement was extended to employers with 25 or fewer on July 1, 2017. Such employers must provide six days of sick leave per year.

Looking forward, on January 1, 2018, the California state minimum wage is set to increase to \$11.00 per hour for employers with 26 or more employees and \$10.50 for employers with 25 or fewer employees.

For more information on this and other matters, please contact the author or visit our website at [www.aalrr.com](http://www.aalrr.com).

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By  
**Sharon Wu,  
Roquemore,  
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Moore**

As president, I want everyone to know throughout the year my goal with the assistance of the chamber board and staff, is to bring both large and small businesses to the table. Thus, my tag line, "Our Business is You!"

I also want to share a few things this month and I want you to know that the chamber board of directors, staff, and committee members are hard at work to continue bringing great value to you, our members.

Together with funds from membership dues and funds raised at various events throughout the year, your dollars provide the necessary support that drives the Santa Fe Springs Chamber in making our area the best place in which to conduct business.

As business professionals, we are always looking to gain a competitive edge. The many services offered

through the chamber either help promote your business or provide valuable insight into the business and regulatory framework.

For chamber members who may not know all of the benefits that are available, I encourage you to take a few minutes to seriously consider taking advantage of something new that you may not have made use of in the past.

As for any business not yet a member, I highly recommend joining the chamber and capitalizing on a terrific value. Our marketing and sales director, Colin Diaz, is always available to share the chamber experience and why it's a great value for your dollar.

The chamber is also dedicated to supporting our local residential community. One very important event is the Destiny Dinner recently held by the Santa Fe Springs Chamber/League Youth Enrichment Fund (YEF).

This event honors recipients of scholarships that provide financial assistance to local high school graduates in fulfilling their dream of attending college and preparing them to be our future leaders.

Thanks to YEF Past President Jeff Winkler and the organizing committee for putting on such a wonderful event. Also, thanks to all of the sponsors and supporters for making it all possible.

## OUR BUSINESS IS YOU!

We have an upcoming event that everyone should know about—the Business Expo to be held on Wednesday, September 13, between the hours of 3:00 and 6:00 p.m. at Heritage Park, right here in Santa Fe Springs.

This year's theme is "Win Big with the SFS Chamber." This is a great opportunity to showcase and promote your business. You will also have the opportunity to meet and partner with many local businesses. Remember, we all win when sourcing products and services from the local area.

I encourage all of you to either email the chamber at mail@sfschamber.com or call the chamber at (562) 944-1616 with any questions you have or with any ways in which the chamber can assist you. Remember, "Our Business is You!"

## SFS Chamber Website Statistics June 2017

Hits: 19,830

Event hits: 4,155

Directory hits: 7,945

Top five categories searched:

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Clubs and organizations

Hotels and motels

Accounting and tax services

Top five members searched:

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Graphic Dies, Inc.

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Member-to-member discount hits: 247

Job hits: 617

### Santa Fe Springs BUSINESS

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### SANTA FE SPRINGS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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## SANTA FE SPRINGS

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

### 2017 Citizen of the Year

#### 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual Citizen of the Year Awards

#### Nomination Form

**The following individual / couple is recommended for consideration as a recipient of the 2017 Award**

(Check Appropriate Box)

☐ **Residential Nominee** (Must reside in Santa Fe Springs)

☐ **Business/ Professional Nominee** (Must work for a business in Santa Fe Springs or be an active SFS Chamber Member)

Name of Nominee \_\_\_\_\_

Company (If Business / Professional Nominee) \_\_\_\_\_

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## City Recognized for Offering Great Outdoor Areas and Opportunities to Stay Fit

In a day and age where technology and modern conveniences encourages most people to stay indoors, it is great news to be recognized as a city that provides opportunities to enjoy time outdoors and stay active.

Santa Fe Springs was recognized as one of the “Best Cities for Outdoor Lovers” by Millennial Personal Finance, which ranks the best 500 cities in the United States for outdoor lovers. It ranked Santa Fe Springs as #193 in their report, meaning the city offers a good number of outdoor space per person and offers good “outdoor friendliness.”

LendEDU, which analyzes cities in the country for which are best suited to keep in shape, ranked Santa Fe Springs as number # 245 in the country.

Santa Fe Springs has always been known for its many parks and recreational space. Residents are encouraged to get outdoors and get active! A variety of activities are offered through the Parks and Recreational Services Division to help you get outdoors and active. Call (562) 863-4896 for more information.

## 50th Annual Fiestas Patrias Celebration in Santa Fe Springs!

Come and join the festivities of the 50th annual Fiestas Patrias celebrating Mexico’s independence from Spain. Fiestas Patrias will be held on Friday, September 8, at the Town Center Plaza located at 11740 East Telegraph Road.

The event will be held from 6:00 to 11:30 p.m. and will feature a live mariachi band, folklorico dancers, Mexican food, and game booths. The evening’s festivities will begin with the traditional “grito” (or shout) to ring in the day of independence and conclude with live musical entertainment. For the convenience of those attending, a special shuttle service will be provided free of charge from Los Nietos Park.

Fiestas Patrias provides a wonderful opportunity to celebrate a City tradition and an opportunity for residents to support the many local organizations, clubs, and non-profit agencies that make a difference every day! Please contact the Gus Velasco Neighborhood Center at (562) 692-0261 for more information on this event.



## Don’t Miss the Final Movie and Concert at Heritage Park

Plan to attend the final movie and concert of the season at Heritage Park, located at 12100 Mora Drive. Seating is on the green (we encourage blankets and lawn chairs) and food is available for purchase from Tepeyac at Heritage Park. Bring your family and friends to enjoy the last free movie and concert of the summer series in this beautiful and serene setting. Call the Parks and Recreation Services Division at (562) 863-4896 for more information.

Conjunto Jardín de Veracruz, México      The Lego Batman Movie  
Friday, August 4      Friday, August 11  
6:30 to 8:30 p.m.      Approximately 8:15 p.m. (dusk)

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## WaBa Grill Hosts July Networking @ Noon

Julio Ramos and his great staff at WaBa Grill were excellent hosts at our July Networking @ Noon. Attendees included a nice mixture of ambassadors, members, prospects and first-timers. As always, the networking and relationship building were in full swing. Everyone had an opportunity to meet others, share about their business and enjoy the healthy lunch from WaBa Grill.



*WaBa Grill store manager Julio Ramos speaks to the group about the restaurant and their catering opportunities.*



*Attendees pose for a quick photo.*



*Attendees network for a bit before the raffle.*

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Chamber of Commerce!**  
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### Santa Fe Springs Chamber of Commerce

## New Member Welcome

**Tuesday, August 29th**

**9:00 – 10:00am  
Continental Breakfast**

**Chamber Office  
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**Reservations Required**

**RSVP by August 24th**

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*Welcome!*

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**Here are 5 reasons you should make time to join us:**

1. Meet the Chamber and City leadership; learn how they can work for you.
2. Make new business contacts with other new Chamber members.
3. Learn about the marketing vehicles offered through the Chamber.
4. Understand all the Chamber has to offer – from member programs to legislative affairs.
5. The Chamber is just like your gym membership. The more you put in, the more you get out.

**We look forward to seeing you  
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*Santa Fe Springs Women's Club Scholarship Chairperson Mary Jo Haller, recipients Esther Sanchez and Valerie Rios, and Salvation Army representative Barth Medina, holding up recipient Amber Stewart's certificate. (Amber could not be at the program.)*

## Santa Fe Springs Women's Club Scholarship Distribution

The Santa Fe Springs Women's Club gave three scholarships to the Salvation Army TLC ladies on Tuesday, June 20.

Our members work hard fundraising to be able to give back to our community. Congratulations to our recipients that are working to better their way of life.

Our 2017 recipients: Esther Sanchez, Valerie Rios and Amber Stewart.

If you would like to donate to our scholarship programs, please send donations to SFS Women's Club, P.O. Box 2301, Santa Fe Springs, CA 90670. Reference: Scholarship.

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Emily Rodriguez beams after being awarded her Powell Grant by Wendy Meador of Tangram Interiors.



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*Margie Martinez of HERAEUS wins the Treasure Chest.*



*Lisa Boyajian congratulates renewing Pbd Sponsor HealthFirst Medical Group and new Pbd Sponsor HTS Environmental Services.*



*YEF President Jeff Winkler of BreitBurn and Daniel Fong award \$500 to the raffle winner Monique Zamora of PIH Health.*



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*Kevin Jamero of WUHSD and his wife Rebecca share a laugh with Santa Fe High School Principal Craig and Melissa Campbell.*



*Chamber and YEF board members share a table.*



# HealthFirst Medical Group Celebrates 30th Anniversary

HealthFirst Medical Group of Santa Fe Springs is pleased to be celebrating 30 years of providing comprehensive and cost-effective occupational medical services to businesses via two attractive, efficient and accessible locations which cover the north and south quadrant of Santa Fe Springs and many of our surrounding communities.

HealthFirst is owner-operated by Ronald Crowell, M.D. and Susan Crowell, CEO. The Crowells believed in 1987, that by working with the business community in an honest and ethical practice, they could build trust and loyalty from their clients.

As a result of this identity, HealthFirst can say they serve hundreds of companies who have been clients for 20 years or more. Many of their clients have worked with them consistently since they opened their practice in 1987.

Clinical services are provided by a staff of carefully selected personnel who are experienced in the unique aspects of occupational medicine and workers' compensation.

Approximately 50 percent of the staff has worked with HealthFirst for 20 years or more. Clinical expertise, communication and a medical advisory role to the employer is an inherent part of the employer/clinical relationship.

Since 1987, the Crowell's have been dedicated to giving back to the communities served by their business. Through the many chambers of commerce to which they belong, they have been leaders in volunteerism in many areas such as youth education and scholarship programs, business

emergency preparedness, economic development, Red Cross funding and Relay for Life, along with many more programs in our community.

At a recent luncheon to celebrate their 30th Anniversary, HealthFirst was honored and congratulated by representatives from the following: Linda Sanchez, U.S. Congresswoman of the 57th District; Janice Hahn, LA County Board of Supervisors; Ian Calderon, Majority Leader, Fifth District; City of Santa Fe Springs, City of Pico Rivera, City of Hawaiian Gardens; along with the Santa Fe Springs Chamber/League and Pico Rivera Chamber of Commerce.

Currently, HealthFirst is in discussions with PIH Health to determine how best to combine efforts and resources to provide expanded health-care service for the local workforce and residents of the cities they serve.

PIH Health's network includes two hospitals in Downey and Whittier, a number of outpatient medical offices throughout the region, a multi-specialty medical group and independent physician association, home and hospice care, urgent care facilities and emergency services.

Later this month, PIH Health will open a new medical office building in Santa Fe Springs on Bloomfield Avenue near Imperial Highway, with an urgent care center, family practice and orthopedic physician offices, as well as an eye care center and pharmacy.

"This relationship would optimize synergies between both organizations and enable us to collectively enhance the breadth of the occupational healthcare services we provide to those living and working in these



*The SFS Chamber and YEF boards present HealthFirst Medical with a proclamation on the 30th anniversary. Left to right: Daniel J MacMillan, Stifel; Debbie Baker, Simpson Advertising; Fred Latbam, retired city manager; Lisa Boyajian, Ansa Insurance; Kathie Fink, SFS Chamber CEO; Rick Landis, SFS Swap Meet; Liz Buckingham, Friendly Hills Bank; Tom Summerfield, Cascade Pump; Dr. Ronald Crowell and Susan Crowell, HealthFirst Medical Group; Carolyn Reggio, CAPC Inc.; Scott Radcliffe, Rad Custom Signs; Darryl Blunk, Apfells Coffee; and Jim Cusick, Shaw Diversified Services, Inc.*

communities" said James R. West, PIH Health president and chief executive officer.

Southeastern Los Angeles County and Northern Orange County, including the San Gabriel Valley, are home to thousands of businesses and employees who could benefit from expanded services delivered by our two world class organizations.

PIH Health was recognized by Truven Health as one of the nation's top hospital systems for the best practices and cutting-edge advancements in both quality and healthcare technol-

ogy for the past two consecutive years. PIH Health also invests millions each year in community education and free and low cost services to support those with the greatest need.

Both HealthFirst Medical Group and PIH Health have developed a strong presence in Santa Fe Springs and surrounding communities over the past decades.

"We look forward with great anticipation to working with PIH Health in providing expanded needs of our clients" said Susan Crowell, CEO of HealthFirst.



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# Back to School Safety

By Captain Aviv Bar

Back to school time is exciting for many people, from kindergarteners to college students, as well as parents and school staff. Back to school time is also an exciting time for crooks who exploit unsuspecting victims as streets fill up with students carrying valuables, and school parking lots fill up with vehicles. The following list contains various tips on making your school year a safe one:

- Be sure your child knows his or her home phone number (including area code) address, your work number, the number of another trusted adult, and how to use 911 for emergencies.
- Plan a walking route to school or the bus stop. Choose the most direct way with the fewest street crossings. Test the route with your child. Tell him or her to stay away from parks, vacant lots, fields, and other places where there aren't many people around.
- Teach children—whether walking, biking, or riding the bus to school—to obey all traffic signals, signs, traffic officers. Remind them to be extra careful in rainy weather.
- Make sure they walk to and from school with others—a friend, neighbor, brother, sister.
- When carpooling, drop off and pick up children as close to school as possible. Don't leave until they have entered the school yard or building.
- Teach your child never to talk to strangers or accept rides or gifts from strangers. Remember, a stranger is anyone you or your children doesn't know well or doesn't trust.
- Have a secret code word with your child, to help confirm your child is dealing with a trusted person.
- If your child is home alone for a few hours after school:
  - Set up rules for locking doors and windows, answering the door or telephone.
  - Talk about what activities your child can and not do while home alone.
  - Make sure he or she checks in with you or a neighbor immediately after school.
  - Agree on rules for inviting friends over and for going to a friend's house when no adult is home.
- Take time to listen carefully to children's fears and feelings about people or places that scare them or make them feel uneasy. Tell them to trust their instincts. Take complaints about bullies and other concerns seriously.
- Teach you kids to stay alert when they walk to and from school. This means refraining from listening to music in both ears and always watching for suspicious persons or vehicles.
- If you choose to send your kids to school with valuables such as Ipods, Ipads, laptops, smartphones, or expensive jewelry, ask them to keep the items hidden in a backpack as they travel to and from school. They should also keep a close eye on their property throughout the day.
- If you park your vehicle at school, make sure the alarm is on, all doors are locked, and all valuables are removed from plain view.

Aviv Bar is a captain with the Whittier Police Department and oversees the department's Investigations Division and the Santa Fe Springs Policing Team. He can be reached at (562) 567-9265 or via email at [abar@cityofwhittier.org](mailto:abar@cityofwhittier.org).

## Santa Fe Springs Crime Statistics Part I Crimes Monthly Comparison

Crimes reported	June 2017	2017 totals	2016 totals	difference	
Total	104	609	660	-	8 %
Homicide	0	0	3	-	100 %
Rape	1	3	4	-	25 %
Robbery	6	23	18	+	28 %
Aggravated Assault	3	50	28	+	79 %
Burglary	18	96	78	+	23 %
Commercial/Retail	17	74	62	+	19 %
Residential	1	22	16	+	38 %
Vehicle	18	80	127	-	37 %
All Thefts	63	345	447	-	23 %
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Through various activities such as Career Day, college visits and business breakfasts, you will meet with your student to provide support, counsel, friendship and constructive examples. Our next program will begin in September and will continue through May.

Every month, there is a structured activity for mentors and students to attend. These activities are on weekdays and run approximately two hours. The goal of each activity is to encourage interpersonal skills in the students and to teach them about life and business.

Because of the success of the program, the number of students increase every year so we always need new mentors. The only qualifications for this job is someone who is friendly, enjoys spending time with students, and is willing to be a role model

and help a student plan for a successful future.

Common questions about the mentoring program:

*What if I cannot attend an activity?*

Although we encourage the mentors to attend all the events, we understand that this is not always possible. We just ask that you try and attend the events and call us if you are not going to be able to attend one.

*Do I need to be fingerprinted?*

Yes, to protect the integrity of the program, all mentors fill out a short application packet which includes fingerprinting.

*I was a mentor last year, will I have the same student?*

No. In order to provide as many students as possible with this incredible opportunity, the program is limited to students who are in the 11th grade. Every year a new group of students participate in the mentoring program.

*Will this cost me money?*

No. The SFS Chamber/League Youth Enrichment Fund, along with donations from the community, provide the funds to run this program.

*Will I be expected to transport my student?*

No. The school provides transportation for the students so the mentors will meet the students at each event.

Our mentors have thoroughly enjoyed being a mentor and come back year after year. Won't you consider being a mentor and making a difference in just two hours a month? If you would like to add your name to the list of mentors, please contact Sue Grana at [grana@sfschamber.com](mailto:grana@sfschamber.com) or (562) 944-1616.

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The restaurant was originally opened by Don Callender, the founder of the Marie Callenders Restaurant chain. In 1999 he sold it to his managing partner in the restaurant, Bob LaRue, who is currently the owner.

The restaurant is over 17,000 square feet and decorated with a golf theme. It has an "outdoor" feel because of its massive skylights and high ceilings; serving lunch and dinner daily with a buffet brunch on Sunday.

Geezers' success can be attributed to its great staff, awesome customers, and a very business friendly city. It has been the host for hundreds of weddings, thousands of showers and birthday celebrations, and millions of

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**By Gail Cecchetti Whaley**

The U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) published a revised version of Form I-9, Employment Eligibility Verification this week. The new version bears a revision date of 07/17/17 N. The Form I-9 has been revised twice in less than one year.

By September 18, 2017, employers must use only this new version (rev. 0/7/17/17 N). Until then, employers can continue using Form I-9 with a revision date of 11/14/16 N or use this new version.

The Instructions for Form I-9 and the Form I-9 Supplement have also been updated.

One change relates to the timing of when the Form I-9 must be completed. Previously, the form and instructions stated that the employee must complete Section 1 “by the end of the first day of employment (emphasis added).” Now, the USCIS has removed “the end” from the phrase, and the employee must complete Section 1 “by the first day of employment.”

According to the revised *Handbook for Employers: Guidance for Completing Form I-9*, the employee must complete Section 1 “at the time of hire (by the first day of their employment for pay).” Remember, employers cannot ask an individual to complete Section 1 before he/she has accepted a job offer.

According to the USCIS, revisions also include:

- A change to the name of the Office of Special Counsel for Immigration-Related Unfair Employment Practices to its new name, Immigrant and Employee Rights Section.
- Revisions related to the list of acceptable documents on Form I-9:
  - Added the Consular Report of Birth Abroad (Form FS-240) to List C.
  - Combined all the certifications of report of birth issued by the Department of State (Form FS-545, Form DS-1350 and Form FS-240) into selection C #2 in List C.
  - Renumbered all List C documents except the Social Security card. For example, the employment authorization document issued by the Department of Homeland Security on List C changed from List C #8 to List C #7.

The USCIS also included these changes in the revised *Handbook for Employers: Guidance for Completing Form I-9* (M-274), which was also improved for ease of navigation.

Employers must continue following existing storage and retention rules for any previously completed Form I-9.

CalChamber added the new Form I-9 English and Spanish versions to the HRCalifornia website, along with the Instructions for Form I-9 (and Spanish) and the Form I-9 Supplement. All these forms are available for free.

For more information, please contact the Santa Fe Springs Chamber of Commerce, (562) 944-1616 or [mail@sfschamber.com](mailto:mail@sfschamber.com).

The following companies recently renewed their memberships. We salute these businesses and thank them for their continuing support. Members listed in boldface type donated to the Youth Enrichment Fund.

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