RENT WITH RADIANCE

BY: ALISON WILSON, Brisbane Chamber Director Marketing / Sales alison@brisbanechamber.org, 415-640-9875

For 39 years, boutique party rental company, Hensley Event Resources, has specialized in creating spectacular events of all sizes. I sat down and spoke with General Manager, Susan Kidwell and Event Coordinator Melissa Moncada about what makes Hensley so special. Susan opened the interview saying, “Hensley prides itself on excellent customer service, attention to detail, and years of experience which enables us to transform practically any space into something breathtaking. We know that each event is unique and special, whether small or large. We have transformed all size settings, from intimate gatherings to iconic events, garages to halls, indoor and outdoor venues, into an extraordinary experience that our client envisions. We take pride in creating something memorable within every budget. Our clients provide the vision and we get to work making it come to life.”

Clients include event and party managers, designers, brides, individuals, corporations, and small businesses. Susan said, “Tenting and draping is our flagship offering and something we’ve become famous for. In addition, we have a large inventory of dance floors, tables, chairs, table settings, furnishings, curtains, napkins, lighting, and so much more.” Continuing she said, “Our team has built custom wood and metal fabrications such as bars and stages to create the client’s vision. If we don’t already carry

OUTDOOR DINING IN BRISBANE

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Sava and Didi Pentchev started our interview speaking about Brisbane. I learned that when Sava made the decision to sell his successful freight company and focus on his love of barbecuing and cooking, he and his wife Didi decided to open a fine dining food truck. Opening a food truck allowed him to combine his love of preparing Bulgarian and European style cuisine with an outdoor setting. After much research, he and Didi opened Vasani Best of European Food Truck at the Park and Ride parking lot at the entrance of Brisbane on Bayshore Boulevard.

Sava said, “Didi and I are a part of Brisbane. We want to provide an opportunity for people to enjoy quality and tasty BBQ meals outdoors in a safe and spacious covered picnic area or as takeout, presenting meals in a clean brown box.”

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In May, we also collaborated with Lipman Middle School for the Chamber’s annual Students in Business and Government Day. I will never forget participating in Students in Business and Government as an 8th-grade student. It was a day in the life of a politician.

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STUDENTS IN BUSINESS AND GOVERNMENT...

BY: BRUCE BONAR, Brisbane Chamber of Commerce Board Chair, bruce@brisbanechamber.org, 415-467-7283

The Brisbane Chamber of Commerce hosted its 23rd-annual Student Forum in Business and Government Luncheon on Wednesday, May 22nd for Lipman Middle School eighth graders at Mission Blue Center in Brisbane.

Chamber President and CEO Madison Davis welcomed nearly 100 guests, including 48 students, to the event sponsored by Recology. “This year, our 8th graders dove deep into learning about the companies they shadowed, which lead to lively and informative presentations”, said Davis. “Three years ago, presentations were transitioned to a digital format which has enhanced the students’ communication skills and understanding of technology. The students also went further this year to tailor their interviews, researching their business beforehand and crafting specific questions. This allowed them to be prepared for their visit and participate in conversations with some working knowledge of the company.”

This program, which partners the business community with Lipman Middle School students, has been a joint effort for 23 years and has exposed over 1000 8th graders to businesses in Brisbane, South San Francisco, Daly City, and San Francisco. Through this experience, students can gain insight into an industry and a series of careers within that industry that they may be unfamiliar with. We hope that throughout this process, students come away inspired and have learned something that may not have been introduced in the classroom.

The Chamber thanks the following businesses that participated in this program: Recology, South San Francisco Scavengers Company, Hensley Event Resources, Davis and Company Real Estate, Universal Paragon Corporation, F.W. Spencer and Son, BiRite Foodservice Distributors, City of Brisbane, North County Fire Authority, Brisbane Police Department, US Bank, DoubleTree Hotel San Francisco Airport North, KTSF 26, and Seton Medical Center.

Photographs of the students both shadowing the business and at the Students in Business and Government Forum can be found on the Chamber’s web site: http://www.brisbanechamber.org/eventphotos/

If you or your business is interested in participating in the 2020 Students in Business and Government Forum, please contact us at the Chamber office (415) 467-7283 or by e-mail madison@brisbanechamber.org.

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR...

THURSDAY, MAY 30TH — EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION:

The school year is winding down, and the chamber and community will be honoring our local elementary, middle and high school students at the 24th annual “Excellence in Education Awards” event. The reception starts at 6:30pm, Thursday May 30th at the DoubleTree Hotel, 5000 Sierra Point Parkway, Brisbane 94005. We thank Golden State Lumber for sponsoring this annual event, Please RSVP by email rsvp@brisbanechamber.org or register on-line at https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2019-annual-excellence-in-education-awards-evening-tickets-61260303216

For questions on donating to the scholarship fund, please contact president/CEO Madison Davis at madison@brisbanechamber.org or call (415) 467-7283.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19TH — JUNE NETWORK@NITE:

It’s hard to believe, but it is already time to be making plans for summer! Please plan to attend the June afterhours mixer at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel San Francisco North 5000 Sierra Point Parkway, Brisbane CA from 5pm to 7 pm on Wednesday June 19th.

This is a great opportunity to mingle and network while building community, rekindling friendships, and making new connections with other business owners, chamber members and community leaders. To RSVP, please email rsvp@brisbanechamber.org or register on-line at https://www.eventbrite.com/e/june-networknite-doubletree-by-hilton-san-francisco-airport-north-tickets-62327388898

A vibrant community has to have a diverse and vibrant business sector to ensure stable revenue for the community, and to be good corporate citizens who help to create an environment where everyone can benefit. Please remember to support our local restaurants and businesses.

We are interested in ideas of what you would like to see in future issues of the Luminary and want to hear your thoughts. You can email us at: madison@brisbanechamber.org.

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BY CURTIS ROE, Director of Finance, Purcell Murray Company, cre@purcellmurray.com

Have you considered investing in the stock market but you weren’t sure where to put your money? You are probably familiar with mutual funds. They are very common in 401k plans and that may be the best place for them. A mutual fund is an investment program funded by shareholders that trades in multiple holdings and is managed by a professional investor. The nice part of mutual funds in a 401k is that the taxes are deferred to a later date. Mutual funds can be a good place to invest when there isn’t the time or understanding to invest directly in stocks or bonds. There are some issues to be aware of along the way, in particular the taxes. So, if we buy some shares stock and then sell it, we have either a gain or loss and we have to report it on our tax returns. Cash will be paid and returned to us. In a mutual fund, we can buy the same dollar amount of shares in the mutual fund. The fund then buys and sells shares of stock. The fund owns shares of a company and we own shares of the fund. Our only personal cash transaction in this case would be when we bought shares in the fund. Typically when a mutual sells shares, it reinvests the proceeds from the sale of shares within the fund back into the fund by purchasing other shares. We most likely won’t receive any of the cash proceeds but instead become an indirect shareholder in new shares of a different stock. The benefit being that we don’t need to pick, choose, and trade ourselves. But be aware that the gain or loss within the mutual fund is taxable to us. The fund manager will report this on the annual tax form 1099-DIV. The same holds true for interest payments or dividends within the fund. There is a lot of information available on mutual funds. They tend to have a general guideline as to how they invest. They typically focus on forms of risk, reward, size, and time. For example there funds that invest only in stocks listed as part of the Dow Jones Industrial Average. Others focus on emerging technologies. Some are based on asset preservation instead of asset growth. Funds also charge fees. We don’t need to be on the inside of the next IPO to benefit from the stock market or to invest in bonds. I found a place with a quick on line search that will open an account for a little as $50.

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what they’re looking for, we can often build it from scratch. This is what sets us apart from other event rental companies.”

I asked Susan why Hensley Event Services chose to locate their business in Brisbane. She replied, “It’s ideal for our business. The hub of Hensley is centered on a dispatch center with a team that responds 24/7. Being in Brisbane means that we are situated at the base of San Bruno Mountain in an industrial park that is quiet, beautiful, and spacious. We’re centrally located next to San Francisco with easy access to all points of the Bay Area, Napa Valley, and Lake Tahoe. In Brisbane we found the perfect combination of location and a warehouse that provides enough space to meet the needs of our expanding business.”

As our society becomes more environmentally focused, I am always interested to learn how businesses manage their waste, resources, and energy use in an effort to be more environmentally responsible. Curious about what happens to damaged tablecloths, napkins, drapes and other products, Melissa replied, “we take pride in reusing and repurposing our inventory so that our carbon footprint is small.” She gave the example that unusable tablecloths happens to damaged tablecloths, napkins, drapes and other products, Melissa replied, “we take pride in reusing and repurposing our inventory so that our carbon footprint is small.” She gave the example that unusable tablecloths could be cut into napkins so as to prevent the fabric from being wasted. In addition to their quality rentals, Hensley also has a highly capable staff. Employees apply their breadth of knowledge and experience along with innovative ideas to create unforgettable events and manage the inevitable last-minute changes at the event itself. “It is because of staff satisfaction and solution orientation that we are able bring to reality and produce the unique setting the client has envisioned in the space they have selected.” Susan stated.

In closing, Susan said, “Our mission is to support our clients and make their dream a reality. We provide the most up to date furnishings and tenting to create impactful and memorable events along with unmatched customer service and response time. Our dispatch office tends to clients 24/7, ensuring that every event is flawless.”

Hensley Event Services is located at 180 West Hill Place, Brisbane, CA 94005. They can be reached at (650) 692-7007. Ask them for a tour. Drop by and say hello. They are open from Monday through Thursday 9am to 5pm and Saturdays from 9am to 1pm. Hensley is on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter. Enjoy their newly unveiled web site at http://www.hensleyeventresources.com.
and greenhouse gas emissions from the business sector. The centerpiece of the project is development and adoption of an ordinance that requires existing commercial buildings (including multi-family buildings) to benchmark their energy and water use annually and to audit their facility periodically.

The city committed to addressing the carbon footprint of its buildings through its 2015 Climate Action Plan. Due to the significance of the commercial sector in Brisbane’s overall emissions profile and the perceived challenges of residential mandates, an ordinance focused on reducing energy use in commercial buildings through benchmarking, auditing and improving the efficiency of an existing building’s equipment and systems requirements was prioritized. As a member of the air district’s board of directors, I am proud to support this program.

In other news, after a nearly two-decade battle, the Cow Palace Board of Directors (#1-A District Agricultural Association) voted April 16 to end gun shows at the Daly City venue starting Jan. 1, 2020. The communities surrounding the Cow Palace earned a big victory. I applaud state Sen. Scott Wiener for his tireless efforts over the past two years to bring the community’s desire to reality.

The state should not profit off the sales of guns and now it no longer will at the Cow Palace. The San Mateo County Board of Supervisors has called for ending gun shows at the Cow Palace since 2014. I first joined then state Sen. Mark Leno in this effort in 2009 when I served on the Daly City Council. Leno authored legislation to ban shows at the Cow Palace 2009 to 2014, but the state Senate ultimately vetoed it.

David J. Canepa is a member of the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors representing District 5, which includes Brisbane.

THANK YOU TO RENEWING AND NEW MEMBERS

Joining the Chamber makes a powerful statement about your business. Chamber members know the importance of integrating good customer service, sales promotion, public relations, direct mail, newsletters, event sponsorship and attendance, networking, as well as other communication channels to present a unified message about their company, its products or services.

Chamber members know that being visible is a smart strategy for any business, especially when times are good. A market can change quickly. Chamber members that are actively involved gain access to government and business leaders. Events are invaluable as they allow attendees to identify and meet decision-makers face-to-face.

The Chamber thanks business and residential members for their support. If you would like information on joining the Chamber, contact Madison at madison@brisbanechamber.org or by phone at 415-467-7283.

OVER ABUNDANCE OF BACKYARD FRUIT?

BY: TERENCE MONTGOMERY, South San Francisco Scavenger Company/Blue Line Transfer Inc. 650.589.4020 x105, teresa@ssfscavenger.com

If you have a green Organics cart, hopefully you are aware that backyard fruit and vegetables can be placed inside. Other yard trimmings as well as food scraps and food-soiled paper from your kitchen belong in the cart too. The use of plastic liner bags, compostable or standard plastic, is not allowed.

Materials collected from green carts all over Brisbane are anaerobically digested at South San Francisco Scavenger Company’s nearby facility. The digestion process produces clean-burning, carbon negative fuel for the company’s collection fleet and a high-quality “digestate” that is further processed into nutrient-rich compost.

Participation in the Organics Recycling Program is important and appreciated but when it comes to edible food, we’d rather it feed people than a cart. Always try to harvest and eat everything you buy and grow. When that’s not possible, donate what you can.

The Second Harvest Food Bank accepts donations of backyard fruit that is free of mold or decay and has a shelf life of at least 3-5 days. For a complete list of guidelines and drop off locations, visit www.shfb.org or call 408.266-8866 ext. 102.

For more information on Brisbane’s Organics Recycling Program and anaerobic digestion, visit www.sssfscavenger.com.
The City of Brisbane is a vibrant city with clubs, businesses, restaurants, and civic activities that enhance the community’s quality of life through education, culture, and leadership development. Submit your event in the Community Calendar, e-mail alison@brisbanechamber.org.

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**GIL’S DRUG STORE**

BY: Dolores Gomez, Brisbane historian, brischic@sonic.net

Gil’s Drug Store, was one of a kind. It was a variety store, medicine and prescription store, small five and ten cent store also a meeting place for Brisbane residents. This humble, small wooden structure at 49 Visitacion, (painted fire plugs are now here) had the greatest sight. Residents found flames was the doctor!

Dr. Guardino had to remind Gil constantly, in a pleasant way, that HE be heard arguing in the store. Dr. Guardino had to remind Gil constantly, in a pleasant way, that HE be heard arguing in the store. Dr. Guardino had to remind Gil constantly, in a pleasant way, that HE be heard arguing in the store. Dr. Guardino had to remind Gil constantly, in a pleasant way, that HE be heard arguing in the store. Dr. Guardino had to remind Gil constantly, in a pleasant way, that HE be heard arguing in the store.

I could see only a part of the top of the soda counter, a beautiful swirled colored marble, but it was pilled high with boxes, supplies and papers! Sticking up behind the counter top, were the high chrome shiny soda pumps. I never saw anyone sipping a soda or enjoying a dish of ice cream! Scattered tables in the store hosted a variety of cough syrup bottles, bobby pins, hair tonic or Duncan Yo-Yos, and more, creating a continual hunt for wanted items. When a customer had to ask for an item, surprisingly, Gil knew where everything was to be found in the store! The residents relied on him for their information, medical or personal advice. I remember one time he told me for exercise don’t walk on level ground, walk on uneven soil. Dr. Guardino, our much loved hometown physician and Gil were very close friends. At times they could be heard arguing in the store. Dr. Guardino had to remind Gil constantly, in a pleasant way, that HE was the doctor.

Early Thanksgiving morning in 1949, it was sad and heartbreak ing sight. Residents found flames shooting from the roof and front windows of Gil’s Drug Store. Volunteer firemen rushed to extinguish the blaze, but the unique drug store was a total loss because of poor electrical wiring. Gil’s Drug Store was half of the expensive fire insurance two weeks before! He soon opened another drug store in the Bayview district of San Francisco.

After the fire, a young pharmacist opened a new drug store up the street. He wore a starched white jacket and on display in his new glass cases were a lovely variety of gifts for sale. Stock on the shelves and on the counters was all neat, clean and in perfect order. There were no tables to be found in the new store!
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FOCUS On Education

BEING THERE EXPERIENCES
BY: KIMA HAYUK, Brisbane Elementary School District Board Trustee, khayuk@brisbanesd.org

It’s that time of the school year where we’re all looking ahead to summer break and taking stock of the school year that is coming to a close. It’s a great time to reflect on one very important aspect of Brisbane School District’s mission to help students to be thoughtful, prepared and engaged citizens. That’s the District’s “Being There Experiences.”

The Brisbane School District feels very strongly about the educational benefits of taking our students to locations off of our campuses and away from our classrooms to enhance ourstudents’ educational experience. The main purpose of owning and operating a school bus is so that our students are able to have these experiences.

The district has approximately 60 field trips per year, which translates to one trip every three days across all grades. Our teachers are the driving force in organizing Being There Experiences, often spending many hours planning and also fundraising to cover the costs of the trips. Being There Experiences are thoughtfully planned to maximize educational value by making learning relevant and sparking engagement.

Graduates of the district often cite Being There Experiences as some of their most memorable moments of their time in the district and some of the trips have become beloved traditions as successive siblings in families participate in these exciting experiences. Nevertheless, different trips, including some that families were anticipating are sometimes discontinued. Often escalating costs require reconsideration of the ratio of cost to educational value. Some trips are closely associated with particular educators and when there are personnel changes in the district, the motivating force of the older trip may be replaced by a new teacher’s inspiration for another experience.

“Being There Experiences” focus on curriculum relevant destinations that are often educational institutions such as museums or historical sites as well as natural areas which can tie in educational material for earth sciences or biology. The diversity of experiences is broad with just a sample of destinations including the SF Marine Institute, the Rosicrucian Egyptian Museum, the San Jose Tech Museum, the Exploratorium, Children’s Creativity Museum, the San Francisco Zoo, the South San Francisco Scavenger Facility, Pie Ranch, Hidden Villa Farm, Sanchez Adobe, Pillar Point Harbor, Angel Island, Oakland Museum, Randall Museum, Curitndyssey, Bay Area Discovery Museum, Tour of San Francisco, Outdoor Education, Woodside Store, Lawrence Hall of Science, Folger Stables, Los Trancos Open Space Preserve, Herbst Theater, Hiller Aviation Museum, San Mateo County History Museum, UC Berkeley, Mills College, Monterey Bay Aquarium. In the 2018 - 2019 school year, students also went on two overnight trips, one to the historic Gold Rush town of Columbia and the other a rafting adventure. And last but not least, the 8th grade goes to Great America at the end of the school year.

All in all, it’s an impressive testament to our district’s teachers, staff and parent chaperones in organizing such valuable “Being There Experiences’ for our students. However, this year, the district’s emphasis on off-campus learning has even extended to the district’s teachers and staff! As the result a generous grant, the district was able to arrange for the entire staff to visit the Museum of Tolerance in Los Angeles in a two day visit that included a day at the museum and a day of anti-bias curriculum and training. Almost everyone attended and the trip was seen as so valuable that grant proposals are being written again for this year.

The district will continue to look for ways to expand their offerings of “Being There Experiences” and staff are always evaluating the educational benefit of existing trips and looking for new opportunities. At the March School Board meeting, the purchase of a new school bus was approved with an eye towards many more educational trips and memorable experiences for years to come. Being There Experiences are a critical part of the Brisbane School District’s mission in serving our community of learners!
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