



Press Release

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Chamber Leadership Ready for 2009

Election of the 2009 Officers and Board of Directors was finalized in December, and already they have developed an action plan for the coming year. The new officers and directors will be installed at the Chamber's Volunteer Recognition and Installation Banquet January 10, 2009, at Valley Hi Country Club.

Richard Samra, principal of Richard Samra Enterprises, was elected to lead the Elk Grove Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors in 2009 as Chair of the Board. Steve Griffin, Grubb & Ellis, has been named Chair-Elect.

Meeting in retreat on December 5, the new officers, along with newly elected and returning Directors, laid out plans for Chamber action in 2009. Those plans include:

- Getting the word out on the Chamber services that can help businesses through tough times,
- Concentrating efforts on the core services of the Chamber such as referrals, networking, seminars and counseling
- Development of new programs to help small businesses cope with current economic conditions, and

Four new business representatives will join the Board of Directors in 2009, filling seats vacated by the expiration of the terms of current members. The following members will be filling three year terms on the Board:

- Steven Ladd, EGUSD
- Micheal Megna, Backscratchers
- Debra Fee, Raley's/BelAir
- Sandy Yuyama, Mechanics Bank

Filling out the governing board are returning directors:

- Sheryl Carlson, Vista Point Insurance Services
- Terry Haupt, Frontier
- Veronica Knudsen, Methodist Hospital
- Sharon O'Brien, O'Brien & Co.
- Michelle Odell, Kaiser Permanente
- Todd Vermillion, River City Bank

Other officers elected are Paul Krueger, SureWest Communications as Vice Chair, and James Sweeney, Sweeney & Greene, as Treasurer. Ongoing 2008 Board Chair Jack Williams of Smog N Go, will continue on the Board in the position of Immediate Past Board Chair.

For more information on the Banquet, contact the Chamber at 916-691-3760 or online at www.elkgrovec.com.

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