

## NEWS RELEASE

CITY OF LOS ALAMITOS

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### Los Alamitos City Council Recognizes 2017 Business Recognition Award Recipients During March 20, 2017 City Council Meeting

The City of Los Alamitos appreciates businesses and their commitment to the community. Los Alamitos is excited to recognize businesses and individuals that are exceptional role models. This year, the Los Alamitos City Council recognized ten local business during the March 20, 2017 City Council Meeting. Each honoree received a Commendation from the City of Los Alamitos and a Certificate of Recognition from Congressman Alan Lowenthal's Office.



*Pictured above from left to right (back row): Council Member Josh Wilson, Mayor Pro-Tem Troy Edgar, Shawn McLean of Sir Speedy Printing, Kent Clayton of Los Alamitos Medical Center and Council Member Richard Murphy. Pictured in the front row from left to right are; Council Member Warren Kusumoto, Mayor Shelly Hasselbrink, Jack Nance with Robert Darwin Nance of WaterSafe Swim School, Art Garcia of Maderas Steak & Ribs, Jenny Parazette of 60 Minute Spectacles, Stan Blackwell of 60 Minute Spectacles, Brandon Petersen of Ganahl Lumber, John Osborn of Alamitos Eye Care, Lauri McLean of Sir Speedy Printing and Allen McLean of Sir Speedy Printing. Honored, although not pictured, are Columbia College, US Bank and Deux Amis Gifts.*



**Alamitos Eye Care** is a generous supporter of The Youth Center not only with their financial support but with their time. Dr. Avani Patel and John Osborn are always available to assist; dedicating their time, talent and resources recently nominating the Youth Center for a \$1,000 grant. Dr. Patel, recently featured in *Women in Optometry*

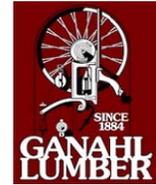
*Magazine*, is an active supporter of the Los Alamitos Education Foundation, Taste for Los Al, American Legion and the Los Alamitos Police Department through its POA. Please visit Alamitos Eye Care at 10951 Cherry Street. Nominated by the Youth Center.

**Columbia College** is a generous supporter of Wings Wheels and Rotors, supporting all businesses and Chamber of Commerce events. Located at the Joint Forces Training Base, Columbia College improves the lives of diverse undergraduate and graduate learners through exemplary teaching. Self Nomination.



For over 18 years, **Ganahl Lumber** has been supporting local children through their generous

donations to the Youth Center. Not only has Ganahl Lumber contributed financially but they also host the Youth Center's Christmas Tree Lot. Ganahl Lumber is a true partner that invests in the youth of Los Alamitos. Please come see Ganahl Lumber year round at 10742 Los Alamitos Blvd. Nominated by Lina Lumme, The Youth Center.



The **Los Alamitos Medical Center** is a heavy contributor of time and resources to Los Alamitos. Los Alamitos Medical Center CEO, Kent Clayton is involved with Rotary, Race on the Base, Casa Youth Shelter, Police Appreciation Luncheon, The Youth Center, local golf tournaments, Little League World Series, Winter Wonderland and the canned food drive. Kent works with Los Alamitos High School transitional students to provide life-skills opportunities and training. Los Alamitos Medical Center was named in U.S. News & World Report in an American Heart Association feature recognizing hospitals for AHA Get with the Guidelines achievements. Come visit the Medical Center, on good terms of course, at 3751 Katella Avenue. Self Nomination.



A recent recipient of the Century Club Award, Los Alamitos' **Sir Speedy**, is now in an elite group of Sir Speedy franchises worldwide. The Century Club sales achievement award recognizes 100 of the top franchises in the entire network for outstanding sales achievement in 2015. The award was presented at the annual Sir Speedy Convention, held in July at the Hyatt Regency New Orleans in Louisiana. Sir Speedy in Los Alamitos is owned by Lauri, Shawn and Allen McLean. Self Nomination.



**60 Minutes Spectacles**, Ginny Parazette and Stan Blackwell bring a new sense of community Service and Support by donating time and money to support schools, senior centers, and community events. Nominated for their dedicated efforts to assist the Community by offering free minor repairs and adjustments to everyone. They are truly civic minded. Come visit them at 10612 Los Alamitos Blvd. Self Nomination.



**US Bank**, located at Pine Street & Katella Avenue, recently transformed their property with new landscaping. Beautifying their landscaping has transformed the bank and accentuates the architecture, bringing a fresh look to this corner of Los Alamitos. Please take a look at their new landscaping at 10942 Pine Avenue. Nominated by Tom Oliver.

In their second year of operation, **Water Safe Swim School** has experience revenue growth of 300% while their clientele has more than doubled. They also increased their number of employees from 25 at the end of 2015, to 56 at the end of 2016 while maintaining a standing rating of 4.5 Stars on Yelp and 4.9 Stars on Facebook. Water Safe Swim School is located at 3686 Cerritos.



**Deux Amies Gifts** is an upscale boutique located on Los Alamitos Boulevard for 26 years! Deux Amies Gifts has been involved in community activities all through the years with Casa Youth Shelter's Holiday on the Boulevard, donations for schools auctions and carnivals. This past Christmas, Deux Amies Gifts hosted Holiday Open Houses for 3 charitable women organizations providing a percentage of sales were donated. Deux Amies Gifts, at 10678 Los Alamitos Blvd. is open Monday - Saturday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and would love to help you find that perfect gift. Self Nomination.



Opening up **Madera's Steak and Rib Restaurant** was not enough for Art Garcia. He knew he was in a town with a Military Base and cared about the services these men and women were providing for the freedoms he enjoyed. He reached out to those soldiers who might be homeless that could use a warm meal,

*particularly during the holidays. Art appealed to his employees and patrons to provide free Christmas meals to these special patriots. Working with the Joint Forces Training Base he has done this for a number of years; bringing joy to our less fortunate warriors.*

*This past year, he decided to take the meal on the road and got volunteers to prepare and serve the Christmas meal at the Long Beach Veteran's Hospital. "We covered a number of wards, but we missed others," he said. "We tried to prepare more meals and give thanks to these special wounded veterans - but we now know what our goal is going to be for 2017 in order to take care of every veteran at the hospital" Please visit Madera's at 3642 Katella Avenue. Nominated by Dean Grose.*

The City of Los Alamitos is located at 3191 Katella Ave., Los Alamitos, CA 90720 and is open between 7:30 AM and 5:30 PM. Monday through Thursday, 7:30 AM and 4:00 PM alternate Friday. For further information about the 2017 Business Recognition Program, you may call Steven Mendoza at (562) 431-3538, ext. 300.

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