

# Central Pacific Chamber of Commerce

13/02/06 Meeting Agenda

## CEN-PAC

Central Pacific Chamber of Commerce Office is now open and functioning in the Pacific Center across from Cable Tica. The office hours are 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM Monday-Friday. The telephone is 643-2853.

## ACHIEVEMENTS:

**Membership Committee** – Brad Sanson, Kevin Olson, Shawn Fletcher, Hannah Fletcher, Harmony Hoefner, Christina Truitt, Gabriela Arias y Andrea Jiménez This committee has developed a target list of individuals, companies and recommendations for giving. Attached please see a list of those who have become actual members. The Membership Application and Fee Schedule has been set. The Decal Stickers are ready for members and are being distributed to those who are joining.

**Projects Committee Has Been Formed** – Pat Hundley, Juan Carlos Rodo, Gabriela Salinas, Ken Schaafsma and Antonio Facio. This committee has developed a list of foreseen projects with descriptions and budgets and identified persons who have already invested time and effort in these projects. The main projects that are to be discussed tonight are

- **Safety, Security and Tourist Assistance:** The Chamber of Commerce is working in conjunction with the Municipality to help headquarter the tourist police here in Jaco. Remodeling of the leasespace on Calle Bohio for their new headquarters has begun and we are hopeful they will be relocated by the end of March. The Chamber is having a meeting this Friiday with the head of the Tourist Police to establish agreements and check out the leasespace.
- **Beach cleaning:** The first piece has arrived in Jaco. The second piece is in the country and we are working with the municipality to get it here as soon as possible. We are currently in search of a tractor and trailer to operate this equipment. The Chamber is hoping to integrate Amigos de la Playa into the new Beach Cleaning crew.
- **Road Repair:** The original bid was \$229,000 and a construction company has broken it down in three segments. The work crews are ready to begin as soon as they have 30% down.

**First Monthly Mixer / School Fundraiser was a success:** The Chamber held its first monthly mixer on Tuesday, January 23, 2007 at Bahia Encantada. The first Central Pacific Chamber of Commerce Monthly Mixer was a huge success. It was truly incredible to see the overwhelming amount of support from members and business owners of the community. Over 120 people were in attendance and we raised over \$3,000 dollars for the local public schools here in Jaco. In addition to monies donated for school uniforms; people of the community donated many school supplies. If anyone wants to contribute who was unable to attend; please call the office at 643-2853 or Christina Truitt at 899-1520 or Gabriela Arias Chacon at 392-7506. Extra special thanks to Monkey Bar, El Bohio Bar and Bubba's for providing drinks and food. Extra special thanks to Glenn Reinhart at Books & Stuff for arranging for us to get dictionaries and working with us to help get a book program started in the elementary school. FYI: We also need \$25,000 for classrooms.

High School: Items are being distributed this Wednesday. We have a backpack for each of the 107 students on the administrative beneficiary list. Each backpack has a dictionary, a uniform shirt, a notebook and some other school supplies. Elementary School: For each of the 53 students on the beneficiary list, we are planning to distribute backpacks, full uniforms, shoes, dictionaries, notebooks and other school supplies as soon as the uniforms arrive.

**Next Monthly Mixer:** We have decided that the next meeting will be held in conjunction with the next monthly mixer. This event will be to help the underprivileged through the local Catholic church next to the municipality. We are asking that people who attend bring clothing, personal items and food for the needy. It will be held on Tuesday, March 13<sup>th</sup> at 6PM. We are currently looking for a centrally located space to hold this event as well as other sponsors to donate food and drinks. If you are interested, please see Christina or Gaby after the meeting.

**Nuestra Próxima Actividad.** Vamos a tener la reunión y la actividad juntas para recaudar fondos para la Iglesia Católica de Jaco. Estamos solicitando ropa y comida. Se realizara el día 13 de Marzo a las 6PM. El lugar no lo hemos decidido aun pero lo estaremos informando muy pronto. Y alguna persona esta interesado en colaborar favor comunicarse co Christina o Gaby después de la reunión

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