The Greater Irvine Chamber team is on the cutting edge of economic development, business and leisure travel attraction, and government advocacy. It’s our goal to keep our readers up to date on the most relevant information that gives your organization a competitive information advantage. Stay tuned!

Breaking Business & Economic News

Donald Bren at Irvine Company Makes Rare, Public Pitch for Amazon’s 2nd Headquarters
Donald Bren, owner and chairman of the Irvine Company issued a rare statement Thursday after Amazon said it was on the hunt for another base of operations in North America. “We are uniquely qualified to meet Amazon’s needs,” Bren said in a statement to the Orange County Register. The Greater Irvine Chamber fully supports Amazon locating its second US headquarters in Irvine. read more

Greater Irvine Chamber Economic Development Team Helps New Zealand Company Locate in Irvine
Attracting Foreign Direct Investment continues to be a key focus of the Greater Irvine Chamber’s Economic Development team. After several communications, a meeting in March, and a visit to the Chamber’s OC World Trade Week Breakfast & Forum in May, Adam Brown, founder and V.P. of Sales & Purchasing at Protempo, selected Irvine as the base of his U.S. sales operation. The company’s U.S. operations moved into its new Irvine office headquarters on Sept. 1. read more

Business Innovation Research Road Tour Comes to UCI Applied Innovation Cove
Program managers from federal agencies representing $2.5 billion in early-stage funding will participate in this one-day event on Tuesday, Sept. 12 of the Small Business Innovation Research and Small Business Technology Transfer, alongside technology entrepreneurs and the regional innovation ecosystem. This funding is aimed at small advanced technology firms to spur new technological discoveries and facilitate the commercialization of innovations. read more

OC Business Journal’s Best Places to Work Include Outstanding Greater Irvine Chamber Member Companies
The Orange County Business Journal recently released its list of the best places to work in Orange County. The Greater Irvine Chamber congratulates all of the OC businesses that made the grade, particularly Chamber member businesses, which go above and beyond to demonstrate good corporate citizenship in addition to contributing to the economic vitality of our region and providing outstanding workplaces that attract the highest caliber of talent and doing what it takes to bring out their best. read more
Greater Irvine Chamber’s Career Edge Soft Skills Program Scaled to Include Offer to Students from all Irvine Colleges, Universities
More than 200 Irvine Valley College students have participated in the pilot phase of the Greater Irvine Chamber’s Career Edge program over the past two years. Career Edge is a simple but important solution to a challenge that Orange County companies face: new employees who lack satisfactory business writing, presentation, problem-solving, and critical thinking skills. Because of the success of the pilot program, Career Edge is now being extended to students enrolled at any college or university located in Irvine. read more

Business Executives to Share Insights at Greater Irvine Chamber’s Legends & Leaders Program
Leading business executives are slated for the Greater Irvine Chamber’s 2017 Legends & Leaders program on Tuesday, Oct. 10 at Hotel Irvine Pavilion. Sharing an insider’s view into how the evolution of their companies and corporate culture were developed, how bold leadership is shaping their future, and information that can help business leaders be successful, are Brian Berger, executive V.P. of commercial cybersecurity, Cytellix; Steve Bilt, CEO of Smile Brands; and Robert Brown, founder & CEO of Meridan AR. read more

Featured This Week

FEATURED MEMBER
Julie M. Cho has been an attorney since 1997, providing counsel in matters involving estate and business planning. With experience working in large law firms, Cho opened her own practice in Irvine, the city where she was raised, providing personalized service to clients from large corporations and small businesses to individuals.

IRVINE CHAMBER MEMBER SINCE: 2016

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!
Telecomprehensive Solutions | Kantor Sales Training Associates
California Apartment Association | MENTOR Global Consultants
National Association of Women in Real Estate Businesses
KAP7 INTERNATIONAL INC. | Scott Barr - HOM Sotheby’s
Black Tie IT | We Irvine | OC Web Kings
I Can Barbecue Grand Opening Photos

Upcoming Chamber Events

NETWORKING

Networkers Luncheon
Wednesday, September 13 | 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM
Il Fornaio | 18051 Von Karman Ave, Irvine

Make new contacts and business opportunities while enjoying a great meal! There are always new faces to meet and plenty of referrals and opportunities to go around.

COMMITTEES

Gain insight and help make a positive impact on the issues that affect business locally, nationally & globally; attend any of the Chamber's open-access committee meetings!

LOCATION: Greater Irvine Chamber | 36 Executive Park, Suite 100

Business and Workforce Development Committee
Tuesday, September 19 | 4:00 – 5:00 PM
Featured topic for discussion: Future of Work
- October 25 Business Outreach Rally update
- Startup Eco-System – next stage engagement
- Career Readiness Reports: Financial Forum, Ethics Forum, Irvine Job Discovery Day
- Career Edge, October 7 - mentors wanted!
- Ostrich or Eagle? Business Preparedness & Recovery Summit, October 19
- Question: What geographic area in California and what industry sector in California do think is ripe for Irvine to attract businesses to relocate here and why?

LEADS GROUPS

Develop a professional networking group to help grow your business! Members share a 30-second introduction, their competitive advantages, and business leads.
LOCATION: Greater Irvine Chamber | 36 Executive Park, Suite 100

**Thursday** September 14 | 2:15 PM – 3:30 PM
**Tuesday** September 19 | 11:45 AM – 1:00 PM
**Wednesday** September 20 | 11:45 AM – 1:00 PM

### Coming Soon

**Legends & Leaders**

**October 10, 2017** 8:00 – 10:45 AM
Hotel Irvine Pavilion

**Presenters:**
- Brian Berger
  - Cytelix
- Steve Bilt
  - Smile Brands
- Robert Brown
  - MERIDIAN AR

**Emcee:**
- Albert Napolitano
  - Metropolitan Water District of SoCal

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**Emergency Preparedness & Recovery Forum**

**Thursday, October 19, 2017**
Trade Fair & Networking: 8:00 a.m.
Forum: 9:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.
Location: Greater Irvine Chamber Offices
36 Executive Park, Suite 100 – Irvine, CA

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**Business Summit Series**

**Breakthrough Performance**

Transforming your business to be ready for today’s digitized and disruptive environment.

Series of 5 workshops starting Friday, October 20 - marquee instructors courtesy of NextWorks Strategies.

**FULL SERIES:**
- Chamber members: $229
- Non-members: $259

**INDIVIDUAL WORKSHOP:**
- Chamber members: $59
- Non-members: $79

Click for more info

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**Business Outreach Rally**

**Wednesday, October 25, 2017**

- Introduce Irvine businesses to powerful Chamber resources
- Get to know their business challenges and share solutions
- Expand customer-making networks and connections
Partner Events

FREE First Aid and Safety Skills Course - Cintas
Wednesday, Sept. 13 | 12:00 PM
4230 E. Miraloma Ave. | Anaheim

Learn basic first aid principles, how to recognize and respond to medical emergencies, specific steps for treating injuries, and even how to use a fire extinguisher. The course hosted by Cintas will also cover signs, symptoms, and recommended actions including response to cardiac arrest, stroke, choking, and fires.

7 Sure-Fire Strategies to Turn Prospects Into Clients
Friday, September 15 | 9:00 – 11:00 AM

If you’re like most female business owners, you’re great at what you do, but you just wish you had more clients. In fact, you need an entire strategy of turning contacts into prospects and prospects into clients. In this high-energy, interactive program, Liz Goodgold shares what works…and what doesn’t when it comes to growing your business.

HYATT HOUSE CAREER FAIR
Tuesday, September 12th
@ Andrei’s Conscious Cuisine
2607 Main Street
Irvine, CA
Join us from 9am to 7pm
**Aloha Nights 2017**

Thursday, September 14
5:00 - 10:00 PM
Balboa Bay Club, Newport Beach, CA

Tickets:
$59
Includes:
Food, Drink, Music, Family

Co-hosted by: ORANGE COUNTY REALTORS®
emerging professionals

Buy tickets at www.oear.org/aloha-nights
Proceeds to benefit OCAR Cares Foundation

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**Life of the Party**

Need a last minute event venue?
Book by 10/31/2017 and get two bottles of wine per table with dinner.

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**Western Growers**

Get the training you need for your supervisors to fulfill state mandated requirements.

Harassment, Discrimination, and Abusive Conduct Prevention Training
September 26, 2017
Irvine, CA

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**SCE Crews Give Back in Irvine**

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**Earn Your MS in Cybersecurity**

Starts October 23
Now Accepting Applications
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Leaders Circle
THE ELITE MEMBERSHIP GROUP OF THE GREATER IRVINE CHAMBER
The Greater Irvine Chamber:
Promotes local economic growth | Advocates for the business community with federal, state and local government
Promotes the city as a dynamic business and tourism destination | Provides valuable training and networking opportunities