

CALENDAR

Wednesday, March 3
8 a.m.
Board of Directors Meeting
Servino's

Wednesday, March 3
7:30 p.m.
Tiburon Town Council
Tiburon Town Hall

Monday, March 8
7:30 p.m.
Belvedere City Council
Belvedere City Hall

Thursday, March 11
11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Monthly Luncheon
Featured Speaker
Jorge Almaguer from BayNODE
Microsoft Distributor – Windows 7
Tiburon Grill (The Lodge)
\$20 members, \$25 non-members

Sunday, March 14
Daylight Savings Time Begins

Wednesday, March 17
7:30 p.m.
Tiburon Town Council
Council Chambers

Wednesday, March 17
St. Patrick's Day

Wednesday, March 24
5:30 - 7 p.m.
Monthly Mixer
PLEASE NOTE:
CHANGED TO WEDNESDAY
Hosted by
Tiburon Peninsula Club
1600 Mar West
\$10 members, \$15 non-members
This should be great... we haven't had a mixer at the TPC since before it was completely remodel three years ago!

Fax: 435-1132

Jorge Almaguer IT Consultant with BayNODE The New Windows 7 Program Thursday, March 11, 2010 Tiburon Grill (Lodge at Tiburon) 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.



Jorge Almaguer is a BayNODE consultant. His professional background encompasses more than a decade and a half of experience in IT consulting both locally and internationally. He has successfully completed projects at large S&P 500 companies as well as small local businesses. Currently, he specializes in client support and implementation of Microsoft Desktop operating systems, office applications and a number of accounting and business productivity applications such as Quickbooks, Deltek Vision, SunSystems, ACT! and Goldmine to name a few. He lives in Strawberry with his wife, Sara, and their two children, seven-year-old Matteo, and four-year-old Emma.

Jorge will give us a presentation on the new Windows® 7. He plans to provide insight into how its professional operating system delivers a powerful combination of improved performance and innovation that works the way customers want, helps them get more done and safeguards their work.

BayNODE (www.baynode.com) is an Information Technology consulting firm based in San Francisco. Since 2004, BayNODE has been providing scalable IT solutions for small and medium-sized companies and nonprofit organizations. It specializes in custom design, development, implementation and support of business networks and related systems, such as network design, software support, application development, security, virtualization, disaster recovery systems, hosting and professional business systems.

Don't miss this unique opportunity – bring all your IT questions to lunch.

Web: www.tiburonchamber.org

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Business of the Month

Hearts & Flowers

Peggy O'Neill has owned and run Hearts & Flowers for over 30 years. It was 1979 when she and her husband, Tom, were about to become first-time parents. Time flies – one month ago, on January 30th, that baby, Casey, was married at St. Hilary's Church to his longtime girlfriend, Nicole.

Wanting to stay home with the baby, Peggy left her buying job with Joseph Magnin (which entailed numerous buying trips to Europe) and tried to think of a business she could run near her Tiburon home. "I liked the idea of buying flowers for no reason at all," she said, "like Europeans did. Shops around here didn't do that, and since locals here travel a lot, I thought they'd go for buying fresh flowers."

Starting out small, her first shop was the tiny, 150-square-foot store next to where Unique Boutique now is. She began going to the San Francisco Flower Mart at 4:30 a.m. three times a week – which she still does. The advantage of this is that she always carries fresh flowers. Knowing she had a lot to learn about the business, she talked to the growers at the mart, who were happy to teach her.

Five years later, she opened a second store at The Cove in the spot vacated by Varney's Hardware, and not long afterward, closed "the little store." When Milano's Ristorante moved from next door to around the corner, she broke through the wall and opened a small coffee shop. And when Arnold's Upholstery left on the other side, Peggy cut a doorway in the wall and turned that spot into a gift shop.

In 1987, Peggy opened her third store at The Boardwalk, along with a coffee shop next to it, in a space that was much smaller than The Cove shop. She later sold the coffee shop to Jeanne Brown, and she closed the flower store last month, intending to concentrate on The Cove shop.



Peggy and Casey O'Neill

Hearts & Flowers has always been a "community player." Peggy donates to the schools, both public and private, and has taken part in Bouquets to Art for over 20 years. This year will be no exception.

For years, she has hired middle school students for after-school jobs "to encourage a work ethic." They are responsible for getting to the shop on their own (without help from mom).... and completing their tasks in an efficient manner - learning to accommodate the needs of the designers. "We have had them come back to visit years later with babies in their arms telling us it was the best job they ever had!!!" said Peggy. "That's just one of the many happy experiences of owning Hearts & Flowers."

Go into Hearts & Flowers any weekday afternoon and you'll find Peggy O'Neill working, laughing and trading stories alongside her employees who she considers "part of her extended family." Maybe the reason for her successful business is her philosophy: "Go to work to have fun and to be creative for our customers."



Chamber Mixer at Guaymas



News About Town

Joyce Turley Nicholas is the lead in a short movie: "GrandmaTakedown." It will be shown in film festivals around the country. It's a SAG movie and produced by Emmuel Lee productions.

Joyce enrolled in acting school last year and says there is a demand for older women. Her part is a grandma who robs a bank in her Easter outfit and gets away with it. The film was shot in a vacant, 1937 bank in Vallejo. Tommy, at Bank of America, says he doesn't want to hear about it. However, he does have a copy of the poster in his office. You can get the trailer on line – <www.Grandmataakedown.com>.

INFORMATION FOR OUR MERCHANTS:

The Small Business Development Center at Santa Rosa Junior College provides long-term, in-depth, no-cost professional counseling to new and existing businesses in Marin and Sonoma counties.

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There will be an artist's reception on Friday, March 20, at The Art Bar – 46 Main Street, from 6 to 8 p.m. Adam Miller is the featured artist and will bring along his model, "Alexandra."

Christopher's on Main Street (Ark Row) is expanding and taking over the shop next to his studio. It will house home designs, antiques and some small home furnishings. "STAY TUNED for the grand opening.

Prima Palate is booking private events now – they can arrange for a private wine class and tasting party. <PrimaPalate@mac.com>. Phone, 889-8998

Saint Germain Arts & Jewelry, 80 Main Street, is celebrating their 20th year anniversary with a special sale of their art and jewelry. They repair and also design jewelry, working in silver, platinum and gold. Pay them a visit.

Main Treat Resort & Casualwear at 21 Main Street <tcouderc@yahoo.com> has just received a new shipment of shirts, sweaters and resortwear – all good looking items.

Giftique has Easter and St. Patrick's Day cards, plus a whole assortment of cards for all occasions. It also carries wind socks, laughing and singing animals plus "bookseat" and "liquid cardboard." Phone, 435-6630. Check it out for children's clothing and all kinds of gifts.

Windsor Winery Tasting Room on Ark Row is getting a face lift!! A new, interior paint job – pale brown with cheery yellow. Stop by to see it while sampling their new wines.

Still Life Fine Clothing & Accessories on Ark Row has moved down the street and is now located at 82 Main Street (Ark Row). Phone, 789-9460.

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The Belvedere-Tiburon Library is holding a Gently Used Art Auction from Monday, March 8th, to Sunday, March 14th. This is a wonderful way to pick up really nice art objects while, at the same time, helping our local library.

Ruth Livingston Studio and Artefice by Dianda, will begin their partnership by introducing a new line of TV Lift Cabinets (Motorized Media Cabinets) with a marketing plan to achieve full implementation in 2010 and will be offering the standard product in six finishes. The motorized remote control system allows users to raise and lower the flat screen TV at the touch of a button. Stop by and view this new cabinet at 74 Main Street, Tiburon. Phone 435-5264, or e-mail rlstudio@ruthlivingston.com.

For Her ladies couture and casual wear at 42 Main Street has received a new shipment of spring outfits. 435-5791.

Flying Horses Toys and Gear is now open at 17 Main Street. All sorts of fabulous toys – www.flyinghorsesboutique.com.

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Thank You Renewing Members

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 Marin Community Healthcare
 Tiburon Sanitary District #5
 David Corkill, Tiburon Theatre
 Belvedere/Tiburon Community Recreation
 Reed Union School District
 Coronthian Yacht Club
 Earl Farnsworth Moving & Storage



A Grand Opening party held at the newly constructed Harbor Light building. Work was done by architect Hank Bruce and Peterson-Mullin Construction Company. Office space will be upstairs and retail downstairs.

News About Town (continued)

Junella's and RJ Sax has new fashionable Ray Band and Tommy Bahama dark glasses plus all sorts of men's and women's clothing. The shops are across the street from Sam's Anchor Café.

One hundred years ago, the Angel Island Immigration Station opened for the first time. Commemorating its 100th anniversary, President Barack Obama proclaimed January 21, 2010 to be "National Angel Island Day." His proclamation may be viewed at www.whitehouse.gov.

A celebration for Dana Thor, marking her 25 years as the Belvedere-Tiburon Community Recreation's Adult Program & Facilities Supervisor, will be held on Saturday, March 27th, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Belvedere Community Center. All are welcome to stop by and congratulate her.

Servino's monthly Opera Night will be held on Wednesday, March 10. For more information, call 435-2676 or go to www.servino.com.

Ko'ze is receiving new collections of favorite brands every day, in addition to several new lines they are introducing. They also have a great collection of sandals, scarves, sunglasses and hats. Stop by 16 Main Street. Phone, 435-1916.

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