



SHAFTER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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2018 Board Members

President Adrian Monsevias • Vice President Cameron Hunter •
Secretary Bill Van Skike • Treasurer Pam Wells • Board Member Morgan Clayton

GROUNDBREAKING • GRAND OPENING • RIBBON CUTTING

UPCOMING Events

- ◆ March 16:
Distinguished Young Women of Shafter
Fred L. Starrh
Performing Arts Center
at Shafter High
7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
For tickets, contact Valerie Labrentz or dywofshafter@gmail.com
- ◆ March 21:
Chamber Board Meeting
Conference Room
336 Pacific Avenue
3:30 p.m.
- ◆ April 18:
Chamber Board Meeting
Conference Room
336 Pacific Avenue
3:30 p.m.
- ◆ May 5:
Cinco de Mayo Festival Parade at 10 AM
Downtown Shafter
Festivities will continue at Mannel Park.
Booth Applications or Parade Entry Forms contact 661-746-4352 or text 661-865-1194. Visit "Shafter Cinco de Mayo Festival" Facebook
- ◆ May 16:
Chamber Board Meeting
Conference Room
336 Pacific Avenue
3:30 p.m.

Contact us to schedule your event!!!

Shafter Chamber of Commerce
336 Pacific Avenue
Shafter, CA 93263
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Annual Awards Banquet & State of the City Address

On January 25, the Shafter Chamber of Commerce hosted their 70th Annual Awards Banquet and State of the City Address. A spectacular evening it was indeed, with community leaders, event supporters, family and friends gathered to celebrate the honorees. The evening began with entertainment from an outstanding group of kids, Richland Jr. High Jazz Band directed by Guillermo Martinez. Past Chamber President Debbe Haley was MC of the night. Shafter Police Department Honor Guard posted colors. Distinguished Young Woman of Shafter Elizabeth Wilson graced us with her presence and leading the evening with our invocation and pledge of allegiance.

Mayor Cathy Prout addressed the audience with an overview of the three areas focused on in Shafter, "Shafter's three-legged stool of Economic Development, Public Safety, and Education."

We are a City where people and business find welcome and opportunity. This is who we are and who we will continue to be. Because of this, I am happy to report to you that the state of our City is strong! - Mayor Cathy Prout



Agriculture Award
Espericueta Farms, Inc.



Citizen of the Year
Ronald Pierce



Business Award
Bakersfield Pipe & Supply



Education Award
Helen Gaede



Special Award
Christine Wilson



Special Health Award
Priscilla Neufeld



Young Person Award
Yuosif Hussein



Arts Group Award
COLOURS Committee



Leadership Award
Brent Green



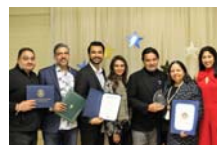
Youth Development Award
Bobbi Camacho



Community Service Award
Stan Wilson



Special Recycle Award
The Scotts Company



City Beautification Award
Taco Bell



Education Support Staff Award
Carmen Cleveland



Education Group Award
Grimmway Academy



New Board Member
Morgan Clayton
Tel-Tec Securities

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CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING & SING

One of my favorite things about the holidays is listening to Christmas music. And while we are in the season of always giving, it is my hope that this event will be one to remember for the community.

Chamber Vice President Cameron Hunter led the evening off with prayer and Elizabeth Wilson, DYW of Shafter did the honors of lighting our beautiful community Christmas tree. Performances continued with Grimmway Academy's 4th grade Choir directed by Bryce Allard, Sequoia School Champs Program directed by Jill Lowe, Shafter High Choir directed by Phillip Bustamante, and a sing along lead by Janis Hooper. The Cub Scouts of Shafter sold hot cocoa and cookies and we ended the evening with a visit from Santa!

Although the Christmas Tree Lighting and Sing happens once a year, local groups work year round to provide services and programs to local residents. We hope that the spirit of giving and generosity felt at the holidays can be one that is extended throughout the year so that the business of giving will continue to thrive in Shafter.



2018 MEMBERS

We would like to welcome our newest members and thank our renewing members for their commitment and support to our community.

NEW MEMBERS

- A2 Designs, LLC
- Hyatt Place Delano

RENEWING MEMBERS

- A-C Electric Company
- Almendros, Inc.
- American Refuse, Inc.
- Anytime Fitness
- Apple Market
- Brannen & Powell
- Brookside at the Depot
- C&H Fence & Patio, Inc.
- California Resources Corporation Services, LLC
- Carnie Kettle Corn
- Craig the Handyman
- Creative Concepts

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- GMC Roofing
- Grapery
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- Hall Ambulance
- Handel & Wilson Farms, LLC
- Jesus Christ Lawn Service & Landscaping
- Jon & Toni Johnston
- Kern Vineyards
- Komin Medical Group
- Krazan & Associates
- M&M Income Tax Service
- Minter Field Airport District
- Mission Bank
- Montoya Insurance Agency
- MRC Global
- Nicolas Construction Inc.
- Nikkel Iron Works Corp.
- Paper Connection, Inc.
- Peters Funeral Home
- Plains LPG Services, L.P
- Richland Chevrolet
- Robert B. Moss, Jr. Architectural Specialties
- San Joaquin Valley Quality Cotton Growers Assoc.
- Shafter Automotive Service
- Shafter Express Oil Services
- Shafter Historical Society
- Shafter Recreation & Park District
- Shafter Rotary Foundation
- State Farm Ramona Herrera
- Supervisor Mick Gleason
- Target Distribution
- Tel-Tec Security Systems Inc.
- The Garlic Company
- Valley Steel Construction
- Vanguard Medical Corp.
- Vast Networks
- Wallace & Smith Contractors
- WESTEC

THE CHRISTMAS STORE WAS A SUCCESS!

Glittering tinsel, the sweet smell of hot chocolate, and Frank Sinatra crooning Christmas tunes set the stage at the Shafter Veterans Hall for something magical on December 2. All the trappings of holiday party were in place, but this event was in fact, the culmination of a year of planning to bring a dignity focused Christmas giving event to Shafter.

The Shafter Christmas Store brought together community volunteers, local businesses and families to test out a unique model in Christmas giving. Over 500 toys that had been collected throughout the month of November were made available to parents to purchase at an 80-90% discount.

“The Christmas Store set out to see parents valued just as much as the children. Many times, parents are circumvented during toy giveaways with gifts going from strangers straight to the children. Or otherwise parents are just handed a toy based on the child’s age and gender, with no say in what they receive. We wanted to recognize, honor and enable parents as providers for the families,” said Melissa Bergen, member of the Christmas Store Leadership Team.

Thirty-one families were selected by Shafter Healthy Start to shop at the event. Families were greeted and made comfortable at tables with snacks and conversation with volunteers while they waited to shop. Families purchased three gifts per child and received two free books as part of the Christmas Store team’s commitment to literacy. Families then returned to their tables to wrap the gifts they had purchased before returning home.

Volunteer Karen Hurlbert described the experience saying, “I could tell that the parents were a little apprehensive at first as they came in, but soon relaxed and enjoyed themselves, and left full of joy.”

One father in attendance came out of the store with huge smile on his face after purchasing a fishing pole for his 16-year-old son. He relayed to volunteers that he loved to take his son fishing but they only had one pole and had to share. He was excited to be able to give him his own pole so they could continue enjoying this hobby together.

At the end of the event, leadership team member Katie Wiebe credits much of its success to the individuals and businesses who supported the effort. “As a team we would like to say, ‘Thank you’ to our sponsors and volunteers who helped to make The Christmas Store a success. We believe that the strength of this program came from all the different talents and assets brought to the table by the community as a whole!” Speaking about the future of the event Brittney Neal-Soberanis, leadership team member, stated, “The magic of Christmas was visible today in the eyes of the families as well as the volunteers. All the planning and effort was worth it and we hope to return next year and grow the program even more!”



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**VACANT
 BOARD OF DIRECTOR
 SEATS**



Two (2) Board Member Seats are vacant.

If interested please call
 661-746-2600 or email us at
shafterchamber@shafter.com

**REMINDER!!!
 MEMBERSHIPS ARE DUES**

Chamber Membership renewal notices were mailed in December. If you have not renewed your membership, please do so at your earliest convenience.

Membership application enclosed!

thank you