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San Jose Silicon Valley Chamber of Commerce announces Distinguished Business Awards

Recipients to be recognized at February 25 Annual Membership Dinner

SAN JOSE—The San Jose Silicon Valley Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce the 2015 Distinguished Business Award recipients and Business Hall of Fame inductees, who will be recognized at the Annual Membership Dinner on Wednesday, Feb. 25, at the DoubleTree by Hilton San Jose.

“This year’s individuals and businesses recognized are notable for their entrepreneurship and tradition of passing the baton to the next generation family members,” said Matthew Mahood, president & CEO. “Our region is blessed to have leaders of this caliber making our community a better place to live, work and play.”

Awards are made based upon professional accomplishments and public service; in addition the Hall of Fame inductees must be in business for at least 50 years.

Distinguished Business Leaders: Becky and James Morgan

Since their arrival in 1968, the Morgans’ individually have marked their service with a brand and style of leadership and accomplishment that resounds long after their retirement. Becky Morgan is a former Santa Clara County Supervisor and former California State Senator, who represented the Silicon Valley. As a senator, she is credited with saving the Peninsula commuter train service, and her husband is the chairman emeritus of Applied Materials, where he was CEO from 1977 to 2003—one of the longest tenures of any FORTUNE 500 CEO. James is a recipient of the 1996 National Medal of Technology for his industry leadership and for his vision in building Applied Materials into the world’s leading semiconductor equipment company, a major exporter and a global technology pioneer.

Together, the couple founded the Morgan Family Foundation in 1993 to focus on youth, education, the environment and stewardship. In Becky’s words, “The Morgan Foundation is our effort to make a difference by helping individuals and organizations reach their full potential, just as we have been helped over the years to reach our goals. We believe that whether wealth is earned or inherited, it is important to help others. As Nelson Mandela once said, ‘Any definition of a successful life must include service to others.’ ”

Businesswoman of the Year: Shelly Paiva, C.H. Reynolds

San Jose State University graduate Shelly Paiva is owner and majority stockholder of the well-respected electrical contracting firm C.H. Reynolds her father founded in 1983. Under her tenure, the company has continued to be ranked one of the fastest growing private companies and was named the No. 4 Largest Women-Owned Business in Silicon Valley in 2014. C.H. Reynolds provides comprehensive electrical and data cabling construction services, energy management solution along with managed IT professional services nationwide. Its mission is to provide innovative, cost effective solutions via unparalleled customer service—establishing a trusted partnership with its clients.

The SJSV Chamber of Commerce is a nonprofit business association representing nearly 1,500 employers and 250,000 employees throughout the greater Silicon Valley. Its mission is to create a strong local economy, provide premier business connections and visibility, represent the interests of business to government, promote the community and initiate political and community action. For more chamber information, visit sjchamber.com.

Businessman of the Year: Joseph Nettemeyer, Valin Corporation

Nettemeyer is Valin Corporation's second CEO. In his first 120 days, the San Jose-based company went from being a \$75 million company to \$25 million, suffering a huge loss with the "dot-com crash" as 87 percent of its business focused solely on the high tech market. Under his leadership, in the last 12+ years, Valin has grown from \$25 million to \$150-plus million in the valuation and was one of one of Inc.'s 500|5000 Fastest-Growing Private Companies, providing automation, fluid management, precision measurement, process heating, filtration, and fluid power products. In 2014, it was also listed as the 19th largest company in Silicon Valley on the Private Companies Book of Lists and the 36th fastest growing company.

Small Business of the Year: Dan Dixon, Crewners Barber Shop

From a one-chair barbershop located in San Pedro Square, Dan Dixon's small business with a big footprint has emerged to become Yelp's No. 1 barbershop in California in 2013. The business is noted for its iconic 1929 vintage barber chair, classic interior design that mimics a 1950s barbershop in the Sands Hotel in Las Vegas. Bookings are solid from a clientele of attorneys, judges, CPAs and software engineers.

Business Advocate of the Year: Former San Jose City Council member Pete Constant

Over two terms, the former District 1 council member remained a true friend of the business community by acting in support of economic development issues and issues that promoted job growth and business prosperity.

Nonprofit of the Year: TeenForce

TeenForce, founded in 2010 by John Hogan, uses a nonprofit business model to help solve the challenging youth employment crisis. By acting in the role of a full-service staffing agency, TeenForce helps businesses fill hiring needs while also supporting teens and young adults with work readiness training. The SJSV Chamber has worked closely with TeenForce to support foster youth, and this collaboration saw the hiring of more than 140 foster I over the past two years. In 2013, the Obama Administration recognized TeenForce as a "Champion of Change."

Business Hall of Fame Inductees

- Barry Swenson Builder—founded 1912
- Boys & Girls Club of Silicon Valley—founded 1944
- Buckles Smith Electric Company—founded 1939
- Hathaway Dinwiddie Construction Co.—founded 1911
- Reed & Graham, Inc.—founded 1921
- Santa Clara University—founded 1851

The public is welcome to attend the chamber's Annual Membership Dinner & Distinguished Business Awards. Tickets are \$75 for members and \$100 for nonmembers. Register online at sjchamber.com. For event information, contact Whitney Diver at 408-291-5267 or whitneyd@sjchamber.com

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