

Sacramento



Hello Fred,

If you joined us for any of the programs and events we had in March, we want to sincerely *thank you!* From the monthly networking mixer to the online social media webinar with SDW Consulting & Training, to the 2023 Business & Community Excellence Awards, it was great to reconnect with so many of you and we're even more excited for our other upcoming events – like the **Big Day of Giving Drag Queen Bingo** on May 4th!

Programs like the Business & Community Excellence Awards wouldn't be possible without the dedicated volunteers behind them. We'd like to extend a special thank you to our awards selection committee: Sara Hanson of Broadway Sacramento; Alexandra Michel of Opendoor; Andrea Weathington of Environmental Science Associates; Melissa Muganzo of Muganzo Entertainment; Tyler Thompson of State Farm – Team Snead; and Paul Villaluz Weubbe of Braun Property Services.

If you're interested in becoming more involved in the Chamber this year, please [email us](#) to learn more about open committee positions or other ways to volunteer.

Warmly,
Samuel N. Jones, Chair
Fred Palmer, Executive Director



Samuel N. Jones and ABC10's Alex Bell present Paul Lau, CEO of SMUD, with the Corporate Advocate Award (Photo Credit: [Katherine Elise Media](#))



Rainbow Chamber Staff and Board Members at the Business & Community Excellence Awards (Photo Credit: [Katherine Elise Media](#))

MEET OUR 2023 AWARD WINNERS

We asked Joel Hockman, owner of [Pucci's Pharmacy](#), about his Excellence in Business Award. Read on to learn more about this local business leader - and look for more Q&As with our winners in future newsletters!

Q: What does receiving this award mean to you/your business?

It is a great honor to be recognized by the community. A core tenant of our business is to ensure the health and wellness of

the entire Sacramento community. We especially focus on the LGBTQ+ community as we are aware of the potential challenges the community faces when seeking health care. We strive to ensure our environment caters to the unique aspects of all members of the LGBTQ+ community through our commitment of open, non-judgmental, equitable access to care.



Q: What does the word “community” mean to you?

Community can be defined as many things. For me community is about experiencing commonalities in life with others whether it be a personal passion for a cause or hobby or simply the geographic environment one calls home. A vibrant community is most successful when each individual respects the differences within and revels in the camaraderie with others members.

Follow the Sacramento Rainbow Chamber on [Instagram](#) and [Facebook](#) this month to read more of our interview with Joel and other award recipients’ responses!

Photo Credit: Tia Gemmel

Upcoming Chamber Events

April Drag Queen Bingo - April 6

We'll see you at Mango's Sacramento on April 6 for another fun night of Drag Queen Bingo! Play is \$20 and we'll start promptly at 7 PM. Seating is first come first served, so get here early! This month's event proceeds will benefit NorCal AIDS Cycle.



[Learn More](#)

Monthly Networking Mixer - April 18

Join us at Tri Counties Bank (801 K Street) for hosted appetizers and wine as you build your sphere of influence, meet and collaborate with other local business leaders from all over Sacramento. Guests are always welcome! Event registration is required.



[RSVP Here](#)

Chamber Member Events & News

Arena Animal Hospital Grand Opening - April 8

Join new Rainbow Chamber Member, [Arena Animal Hospital](#), for a grand opening celebration on April 8 from 12-4 PM. Meet the team, tour the hospital, and enjoy a raffle and complimentary refreshments. This event is pet and family friendly! Arena Animal Hospital is located at 4321 Truxel Road, STE F5 in Sacramento. Arena will begin accepting appointments beginning April 10th, with same-day appointments available. Learn more at www.arenaanimalhospital.com or follow [@arenapetvet](#) on Instagram.

Small and Diverse Supplier Expo - April 13

Join Supply Chain Management, in partnership with the campus Office of Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion and Health Equity, Diversity & Inclusion and UC Davis Health Procurement, at the Activities and Recreation Center at UC Davis from 10 AM to 1 PM. This event is FREE to attend. Please [register here](#).

Cancer is a Drag - April 13

The Sacramento Rainbow Chamber is proud to partner with the Triumph Cancer Foundation for Cancer is a Drag, a vibrant fashion drag show event at Mix Downtown on April 13th. VIP and standard admission tickets are available. Learn more and get tickets [here!](#)

Meet The Author of Bods Among Men - April 17

Join author Adam A. Neal, psychotherapist, sex coach, and educational presenter in his Book Talk, Q&A, & Signing of recent release Bods Among Men: A Homo-Generous Guide to Body Change at A Seat at the Table books on April 17 at 6:30 PM. The event will include a reading and individual activity from the book, in addition to a signed copy for everyone who attends! Admission is \$10. Tickets and more information can be found [here](#).

7th Annual Senior Pride Information & Resource Fair - April 27

The Wisdom Project = LGBT Elders of Servant Hearts presents its 7th Annual Senior PRIDE Information & Resource Fair. Join us at the Hart Senior Center from 11 AM to 2 PM. There will be a food truck, live music and more! [Learn more.](#)

Community Updates

Rainbow Chamber Foundation Scholarships are Open Now!

The purpose of the Sacramento Rainbow Chamber Foundation Scholarship Award is to motivate and assist Greater Sacramento's LGBTQ+ and allied students in pursuing and completing an educational degree or vocational certificate. Learn more and apply on [our website](#).



Volunteer at Sacramento Pride 2023

Volunteering at Sacramento Pride is your chance to gain hands-on work experience, meet new people and attend Pride! We are looking to fill strategic-level volunteer leadership positions that will develop, implement, and oversee festival and march logistics. Does this sound like you? Contact Hollis at hollis.sweet@saccenter.org for more information! View available opportunities [here](#).

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