

A Message From Our Board Chair

Dear Members and Friends,

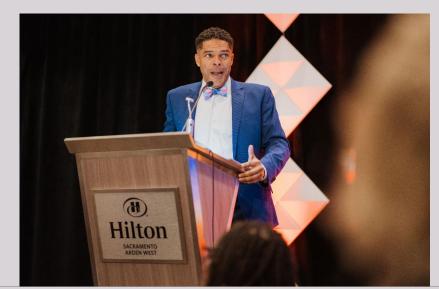
The Sacramento Rainbow Chamber's leadership is reflective of the diverse and intersectional community it serves and recognizes that our organization is made stronger by each member's unique perspectives, ideas, and experiences.

Every February, we honor Black History Month, a month that recognizes the experiences and accomplishments of the Black community. We are grateful to Rainbow Chamber Board Members for sharing their insights into what Black History Month means to them and how your business can support Sacramento Black businesses year-round. Follow us on social media for Q&As!

As part of our Chamber's observance of Black History Month, we hope you'll join us and the NGLCC Communities of Color Initiative (CoCi) for **Celebrating LGBTQ+ African Americans, Entrepreneurship, and the Arts**. Members of the LGBTQ+ and allied business community are invited to attend this free virtual event on Tuesday, February 7th, 2023 from 11AM– 12 PM PST. Attendees will hear from Black LGBTQ+ business owners, thought leaders, and members of the NGLCC team on salient topics related to Black History Month. You can **register here**.

As always, thank you for being a part of the Rainbow Chamber and supporting our organization in its efforts to combine business development, leadership, and social action to expand economic opportunities for the LGBTQ+ community and those that support equality for all.

- Samuel N. Jones, Chair





As we reflect on Black History Month, we create an opportunity to highlight the work and contributions of Black LGBTQ+ people, which are too often forgotten and erased from history.

Black people have always been at the center of the LGBTQ+ liberation movement, from Marsha P. Johnson and Stormé DeLarverie, who were major figures in the Stonewall uprisings of 1969, to modern day leaders like Janet Mock and Laverne Cox.

The Sacramento Rainbow Chamber of Commerce aims to empower and uplift the incredible contributions that Black LGBTQ+ people and Black LGBTQ-led organizations are making throughout our community, as well as honoring the impact of queer Black activism.

We are stronger as a community when we uplift, honor, and embrace our immense cultural diversity. Happy Black History Month from all of us here at the Sacramento Rainbow Chamber of

Commerce!

Welcome to our new Members!

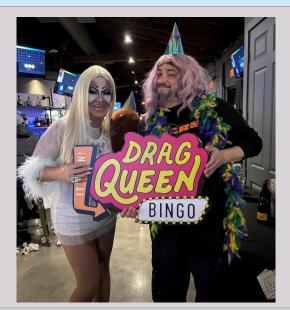
We'd like to extend a warm welcome to the members who joined the Chamber last month:

- Everyday Impact Consulting
- Brand Image Care Inc.
- Mojo's Lounge & Kitchen428 Restaurant
- Sparkle Professional Cleaning
- SERVING AGAIN INC
- Proven Private Investigators
- Amy Medina Photography, LLC
- The Entrepreneur's Source

View our online Directory to see all of our currently members!

Click here to see our directory!

Last Month's Event Recap



Sacramento's Original Drag Queen Bingo

January's beneficiary and proud member, the Sacramento Gay Men's Chorus, helped us ring in the new year and raised \$1,280 for their organization.

You can learn more about the **Sacramento Gay Men's Chorus** and how to catch a show by visiting their website

https://www.sacgaymenschorus.com/

Pictured to the left: Our Hostess of the night, Miss Do Me Moore, and one of our lucky bingo winners!

January Networking Mixer

We had a blast kicking off our first mixer of the year hosted by the incredible team at Roscoe's Bar and Burgers.

We can't wait to see you all at our mixer this month. Keep reading for more details!

Pictured to the right: RCC Board Chair, Samuel N. Jones, having fun with one of our newest chamber members, the Wilson Design Studio team!



Upcoming Chamber Events

February Networking Mixer

This month's networking mixer will be held by a proud member of the Sacramento Rainbow Chamber of Commerce, Mansion Apartments, and will be on February 20th from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Registration is required for this event.

Register for this event by clicking the flyer to the right or by clicking <u>here.</u>

Rainbow Chamber Networking Mixer

HOSTED BY:



6:00 - 7:30 PM 1517 H Street, 95814

February 20, 2024

Sacramento



Free For Members \$10 For Non-Members

REGISTRATION REQUIRED www.rainbowchamber.com

Big Day of Giving Bingo

Join us for Big Day of Giving - Drag Queen Bingo on Thursday, May 2nd, 2024

This VIP Bingo Experience will directly support our Sacramento Rainbow Chamber Foundation and scholarship programs.

Use the button below to reserve your tickets today!



Rainbow Chamber of Commerce's Annual Business and Community Excellence Awards and Expo

Our Annual Business and Community Excellence Awards and Expo is right around the corner!

Join us in honoring our exceptional community leaders, businesses, and organizations going above and beyond to serve our LGBTQ+ Community.

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Want to nominate an invaluable leader, business, or organization? Nominations are open and will close on February 15th, 2024.

3 Awards Criteria:

Business in Excellence Award Awarded to an LGBTQ+ business leader, ally, or advocate who is an active member of the Chamber. Nominees should demonstrate leadership in promoting a professional and positive impact in advancing equality and diversity within the Greater Sacramento Valley community. Nominees must have 3 years of participation with the Chamber.

Community Leader of the Year Award

Chamber Members and Non-Members are eligible for nomination of this award. Nominees should demonstrate a proven track record of a deep and extended commitment to advancing equality and quality of life for LGBTQ+ people in the Greater Sacramento Valley. Desirable qualities for this nominee include engagement with the community – serving with nonprofits, committees, active leadership role, chair, organizer, etc.

Corporate Advocate Award

Corporation or business entity Member and Non-Members are eligible for nomination of this award. Nominees should implement outstanding practices, programs, and policies that advance LGBTQ+ leadership and equality within their workforce. Nominees should demonstrate a wide-ranging impact and involvement with the LGBTQ+ community in the Greater Sacramento Valley.

Additional information on awards criteria and selection procedures can be found on our website.



Expo will be from 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. and will be free to attend as a participant. Booths can be reserved by purchasing a sponsorship package that includes a booth with sponsorship OR by purchasing a booth for \$500 to participate. Please submit the form below to let us know you're interested in obtaining a booth!

Request more information here:



Request more information on obtaining a booth at the Expo!

Upcoming Community Events!

Great news for museum lovers

Nearly 25 Sacramento area museums are collaborating to present a Free Museum Weekend on March 2-3, 2024!

This event is free but requires advance registration and capacity will be limited for each museum.



Pre-Release Tickets with code: SAM2024

 Free Admission (with advance registration)
20+ Local Museums!
Limited Tickets Available
Free Rides with SacRT

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Sacmuseums.org/freemuseum

Ticket availability may fluctuate by museum and/or by day, and advance registration is required to participate.

In an effort to improve registration access to our valuable partners and key communities, the Rainbow Chamber of Commerce is receiving a special access code for the opportunity to secure advance registrations before they are open to the general public.

To secure your spot at a favorite participating museum, please visit <u>www.SacMuseums.org/freemuseu</u> <u>m</u> and use access code SAM2024 that will be active as of February 2, 2024. Hurry, space is limited and we hope to welcome you to a local Sacramento Area Museum for Free Museum Weekend.



8th Annual Senior PRIDE LGBTQ+ Fair

Thursday, April 25th 2024, 10:00am - 1:00pm at the Hart Senior Center, 915 27th Street.

This year's theme ' Creating Community Connections for LGBTQ+ Seniors '

We wish you all a wonderful month!

