



# THE VALLEY CONNECTION

“FIRST FRIDAY” AN AMAZING SUCCESS

## HSJ Chamber of Commerce event draws more and more businesses

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This past Friday, October 4, the Hemet-San Jacinto Chamber of Commerce kicked off the month with their “First Friday celebration. Attendees were pleasantly surprised by the robust crowd.

“What a great time and event to kick off the month of October and do so with a full house at DVAC (Diamond Valley Arts Center),” said Hemet-San Jacinto Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Cyndi Lemke.

“This is a great event for us to announce our annual “NAMI Walk” for NAMI, the National Alliance for Mental Illness,” said Brenda Scott, Executive Director of NAMI-San Jacinto, adding, “The walk begins at the Diamond Valley Lake Marina at 8am on October 26. We are also announcing the tentative date for the Soroptimist’s “Bingle Mingle” fundraiser

which is set for December 5th at the Diamond Valley Lake Visitor Center.”

Award-winning realtor Kevin Saunders (Brubaker-Culton Realty) was on hand to help with festivities. “What a great event for business people and entrepreneurs to network with some of the most inflectional citizens within the valley. I recommend that everyone attend the First Friday event every month,” said Saunders.

Onlookers cheered as Soroptimist inductee Sandy Dee was given her pin. “I love working with our veterans and I’m very proud of the work I’ve done with the Cloverlane Foundation,” said Dee.

Readers are urged to mark their calendars for the Chamber’s next “First Friday” event scheduled for Friday, November 1 at 8am.

For more information contact the Hemet-San Jacinto Chamber of Commerce at 951-658-3211



**FIRST FRIDAY FACES:** “R to L: Cyndi Lemke, HSJ Chamber of Commerce Executive Director. Ignacio Valdivia-Chamber Member, Brenda Scott-Soroptimist and Executive Director of NAMI (National Alliance of Mental Illness), Soroptimists Tracie Sanchez and Nina Gunn, Soroptimist Myrna Rohr, Soroptimist and candidate for State Assembly for District 42, Deni Mazingo, Soroptimist Jodi Truc, CoC member Dan Goodrich and Soroptimist Michele Rynca.” | Photo by Mark Lentine