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Welcome Back

After a two-year absence, tonight we pay homage to our readers, our leaders and those that we know we have endured one of the hardest periods in modern American history.

To begin with, it is undoubtedly a difficult endeavor to describe the "best of" anything. Let's be clear.

Yet, each year, we ask our readers to help us out. Thankfully, our readers respond each year, and we appreciate it very much.

Since our last "Best of ENE" gathering in 2019, much has happened. For better or for worse, our world is much different in 2021.

In many ways, our country, our world, and our communities have been tempered by the pandemic and likely will never be the same.

I will always remember our headline on March 18, 2020, when everything came to a "Standstill." Suddenly, and without warning, all of us were all locked into our houses and warned that the COVID menace was deadly.

And unless we were sufficiently cautious, we were told the airborne COVID virus could perhaps somehow find its way into our lives, our lungs and then who knew.

Perhaps it is easy now to say it wasn't such a trying time but if we're honest, we will admit those were dark and uncertain times that none of us hope to revisit any-

time soon.

Two years later, we thankfully are finally able to reconvene as a community to celebrate the people, at all levels of society, that have rendered services across the spectrum to our communities.

Despite the crisis, we are proud to say that the Event News Enterprise did not miss a single week of publication. In fact, our staff jumped into action, creating a free page for all businesses to let our readers know how they could be reached, and perhaps, if they were still open for business.

As the pandemic endured, we were all given lessons that offered new insights on the value of everyone in society, as the high earners were suddenly subject to the previously mundane service providers, delivery drivers, grocery workers and those with similarly unglamorous professions.

Those were hard lessons that, I believe, are at the core of the disruption that still percolates throughout our economy. In fact, the waves of change still nip away at the very fabric of who we are as a people.

What has become painfully obvious is that we, as a people, must somehow relearn how to be Americans first, listen to each other and find common ground. In small ways, that has happened in our communities, and we celebrate that here tonight.

We all witnessed extraordinary courage by average Americans who risked their

lives to keep the rest of us fed, housed and safe (among other things). The pandemic exposed elements of our system that, while it is perhaps too strong a statement to say that we took for granted, maybe at the very least, we can admit we had not attached the full measure of value that was due to some contributions to society being made.

Our local governments continued to function, even as employees worked from home, and new processes had to be improvised. Everyday functions of local government, heretofore considered routine, could suddenly be performed virtually.

Businesses struggled, and still do, yet they hung on in their efforts to survive thanks to hard work, government assistance and loyal customers. Some businesses flourished and some did not, which is expected as a result of a crisis so massive as the one created by the pandemic.

This message is not to debate any of the medical issues of the pandemic, but celebrates the incredible feats performed by thousands of people as we collectively found a way to break through to the other side.

The "Best of Event News Enterprise" celebrates survival of a massive public emergency, and we are proud to recognize those selected as best among us in 2021.

Things have changed again as our communities continue to reopen, and so it should. The value here is not in the engaged debate but in the lessons learned as a community. We have differences. That's healthy. We don't always agree. Even healthier.

Though the emergency had the power to devastate us, we as a community found



the ways and means to create the bonds to only make ourselves stronger.

For the people celebrated here tonight, and for all who were mentioned by the public in our survey, we say thanks to each and every one of you here tonight for your service to our communities. Without people serving each other, what indeed would life really be?

Hopefully, we can all remember that moment, during that brief fragment in time, we were united as one big family, collectively working for the survival of public interest, and that, when necessary, we can still act as one.

Thank you for coming tonight.

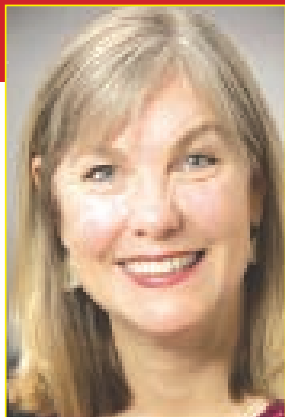
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Los Al Chamber names 'Heroes' of 2021

Here are the "best of public service" officials

In addition to the "Best of ENE" named at this event, we also want to recognize the "best of public service" officials named by the The Los Alamitos Chamber of Commerce packed the Rush Park Community Center in Rossmore Thursday to salute area heroes who have distinguished themselves by serving the public.

"Today is about acknowledging heroes," said Chamber Chairwoman Nesi Stewart, who thanked everyone involved who help get the Chamber "Heroes Appreciation Luncheon" back on track after skipping 2020 because of the pandemic.

"We surpassed expectations," she said, thanking event Chairwoman Judy Klobach, the Chamber Board of Directors, the major sponsors, RCSD General Manager Joe Mendoza and Chamber employee Toni Hauger.

Stewart took a personal moment to thank those whom she said had been heroes to her and her family. "As many of you know, I recently lost my husband Carl and I want to say thank you to all of you who have been heroes to me over the past couple of weeks," said Stewart.

The event brought political firepower to Rossmore for the luncheon, as State Sen. Tom Umberg, 2nd District Supervisor Katrina Foley both attended, representatives of Congressman Alan Lowenthal along with several area mayors and elected officials attended to honor the public service heroes.

Chamber Board Member Manny Gouveia served as Master of Ceremonies for the luncheon, saying "we greatly appreciate these heroes who serve our community so unselfishly on a daily basis."

Representatives of several public service agencies, including the Orange County Fire Authority, the California

Highway Patrol, the Los Alamitos Police Department, the Orange County Sheriff's Department and Joint Forces Training Bases each nominated a recipient to be awarded for their heroic actions.

For the first time, the event also included medical frontline workers, as two representatives of the Los Alamitos Medical Center were recognized for their bravery and skill performed under duress during the pandemic.

The Heroes Appreciation Luncheon honorees for 2021 include the following:

Los Alamitos Medical Center Facilities Director Greg Watt.

Los Alamitos Medical Center Nursing Director Jon Blomberg.

California Highway Patrol Officer Matthew Musselmann.

Lieutenant Colonel Leroy Cisneros of the 40th Infantry Division at Joint Forces Training Base Los Alamitos.

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Los Alamitos Police Chief Eric Nuñez.

Orange County Fire Authority Firefighter-Paramedic Justin Myers.

Orange County Sheriff's Department Deputy Gabriel Barreras.

The renown Los Alamitos Show Choir, under the direction of Director David Mollencamp, serenaded the group with a medley of patriotic and show tunes as SPC Raivyn Hearne from Joint Forces Training Base Sang the national anthem.



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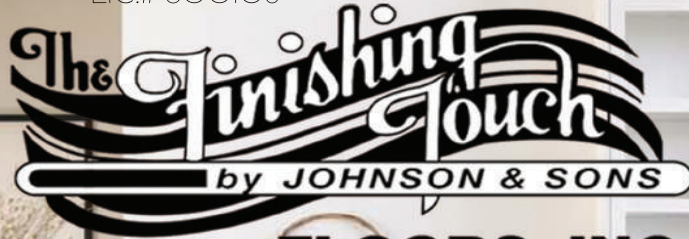
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2. The Reopen – As the crisis continues to subside, ENE has provided comprehensive coverage of various aspects of the assisted, carefully calculated reopening that is still going on today.

3. Measure Y - Los Alamitos 1.5 percent sales tax approval – With the City of Los Alamitos reeling from years of dwindling revenues prompted by the a variety of factors, ENE provided extensive coverage of the process, and subsequent approval of Measure Y that has now paved the way to fiscal sustainability for this innovative municipality.

4. Measure P – The ENE opposed a proposal placed on the ballot by the Cypress City Council entitled Measure P in 2020 which ultimately made major changes to the city’s charter of government. In the opinion of our editorial staff, ENE opposed the measure, believing that any measure that decreases government transparency is ultimately not in the interest of taxpayers.

5. Cypress School District – ENE provided in depth coverage as the Cypress school district ultimately sold the property on which its main administrative office had been located for 50 years and purchased a vacant office building that will serve as a foundation for the elementary school district’s administrative future.

6. Los Alamitos Unified School District – ENE has covered the rapid transformation of the district that began after students protested years of silence over bullying, often along racial lines, that only escalated after the death of George Floyd. The ENE continues to cover the evolving issues as the protests have now escalated to a potential school board recall.

7. The success of our communities – The past two years have seen some challenges but also many amazing feats which have been covered by ENE. While the list is perhaps too long to be totally inclusive, the Los Al Recreation Department, Casa Youth Shelter and many Los Al High School groups have all brought honor to our communities.

8. The evolution of Rossmoor – The election of Dr. Jeffrey Barke to the Rossmoor Community Services District,

as subsequently his election by the directors to the position of President, has sparked controversy but also a movement of reform, all covered by the ENE. The enclave remains a special place as the RCSD struggles to find a way to navigate the growing needs of an unincorporated area.

9. The talent of our community – The ENE circulation area is blessed by some of the best entertainers in all of SoCal and we have provided our readers with coverage of their sweet songs. From the Los Al Show Choir to Mr. Padilla’s

Orchestra and Jazz program, to Los Al Dance and theater performances in an amazing array of venues all within a 30-minute drive, the pages of ENE showcase our homegrown talent.

10. The people of West Orange County – Our papers have featured some of the most amazing people in the all the world, including veterans, teachers, seniors, students, inventors, chefs and so many more who do important work or have accomplished laudable feats worthy of coverage in the ENE.

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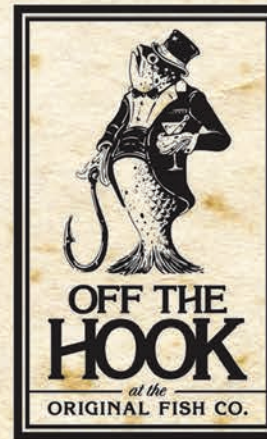


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After a breakthrough year, the Long Beach retro pop band Bierman Brothers will entertain guests for the “Best of Event News Enterprise” on Nov. 12 at the American Legion Post 716 in Los Alamitos.

Not only have these identical twins enjoyed a tremendous year, ENE readers selected the local entertainers as the top local band in our recent survey. “We are very excited to present the Bierman Brothers on stage at the Best of ENE,” said Group Publisher Steven Remery.

The Bierman Brothers will appear along with Latin recording artist Gustavo Alarco as they play their mix of hits along with a taste of their own original songs.

Also in 2021, the Bierman Brothers recently performed on the Wrigley Stage in Catalina Island, playing their original song “One Way Ticket to Mars,” in honor of Alyssa Carson, the country’s youngest astronaut-in-training for a mission to Mars.

The identical twins, 18, have already been on the local music scene for nearly a decade, drawing praise from seasoned critics who have marveled at their precision and craftsmanship.

“There is talent in abundance,” says Dirk Lance of Incubus. “These guys are something else,” says Norm Harris, the rock-respected owner of Norm’s Famous Guitars.

Sean Bierman and Chad Bierman are the Bierman Brothers. They have learned music together since 4th grade; they frequently trade instruments as either can play bass or guitar on any given song.

They collaborate on songwriting and have performed together for so long, “we know what each other is thinking,” said Chad Bierman.

According to his brother Sean, they wrote “One Way ticket to Mars” during the pandemic, long before they were introduced to Carson.

“I was talking with my dad and older brother in the kitchen,” said Sean, and it was at a time when SpaceX was preparing to launch

another rocket. “In excitement, we were talking about Mars, and the terrifying, but grand prospect of having a one-way ticket to Mars,” said Bierman. (Relatedly, Carson has acknowledged that if she is selected for the Mars mission planned for some time around 2033, there is a good chance it will be a one-way journey).

Going to Mars, said Bierman, “is like how the Pilgrims traveled to the new world from England. I was so hooked by that idea that I went straight to my room and spent the next six hours writing and recording about 80 percent of the finished song.”

“This is a song about expanding one’s personal horizons by taking a leap of faith into the unknown world of possibilities,” said Sean. “It takes risk,” he said, “but leads to new worlds of potential.”

Moving forward, the brothers understand their long-term goal is to bring joy into the world with their music. “We’re enjoying performing but we do want to make a difference,” he added.

Chad Bierman says their growing songwriting catalog tells everyday stories about life that inspire good in the world. Right now, he

said, they are focusing on personal growth. “People get comfortable with the familiar, but you can only grow as a person if you take risks,” said Chad Bierman.

Both of the twins have enrolled in Cypress College music program, where they say they are learning new things every day.

Accompanying the Biermans on the ENE stage will be Bryce Weston, on drums, a college-aged drummer whom some have called the next Jon Bonham, and Kyla Foster, who is studying music technology at San Diego State, will join them on keys and trumpet.

“The Best of Event News Enterprise is going rock like it’s never rocked before,” said Chad Bierman. “It’s going to be super fun, lively and we will ask everyone to sing before the evening is over,” added his brother Sean Bierman.

During the event, the brothers plan to play the “Veteran’s Song,” an original song that pays tribute all who have served in the military. “We’re super excited about it,” the brothers said, especially being able to play it at the American Legion Post that is a place of honor for all who have served.

ENE WELCOMES LATIN RECORDING ARTIST **Gustavo Alarco**

The Event News Enterprise is proud to welcome Latin recording artist Gustavo Alarco and we thank him for making a special guest appearance during the Best of Event News Enterprise Event.

"It is a great honor for me to appear with the Bierman Brothers at this ENE event," Alarco said this week. "I am excited and very much looking forward to performing in Los Alamitos," said Alarco.

Alarco was born in Buenos Aires, Argentina. At the age of two, he moved to the USA with his family, and grew up in Orange County.

Performing throughout his elementary and high school years in the theatrical arts & choir, Alarco said he decided when he was very young to pursue a musical career.

"It was what I enjoyed, and I knew

it was what I wanted to do," he said.

Alarco got his first big break in the 1990's when he signed a recording deal with BMG/RCA records. By 1992, he released his debut album to much commercial and financial success.

"We were very fortunate that our first record did very well," said Alarco, a bilingual artist who performs in both English and Spanish.

"Entre Sueños," Alarco's first album, produced two Top 40 hits on the Billboard Latin charts. "Fue La Noche" and "Asi Eres Tu", remained on the charts for 26 weeks.

Alarco has also been active in the music business itself. He served on the first-ever Blue Ribbon committee for the Latin Grammy Awards in

2000 and continues to be an active member of the Recording Academy for both the Grammy & Latin Grammy Awards.

Alarco says he has had the opportunity to tour extensively, sharing his music with multitudes of fans throughout the world. He comes to Los Alamitos having just returned from a US tour that included dates in the northeast and Puerto Rico.

Lately, Alarco has been in the studio with Drexel Lexington, a new band he calls a "superband," consisting of himself, Carlos Cavazo and super smooth rocker Paul Shortino. The new music, said Alarco, will "knock you to your knees and have you beggin' please."

Alarco would not say publicly the songs he will perform with the Bierman Brothers but expect at



least one of them to be sung in Spanish.

"The rest," he said, "is good ol' afterburner rock and roll."

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