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SJSV Chamber to celebrate 125th anniversary and recognize four of the valley's oldest businesses

Establishes new Business Hall of Fame for the Silicon Valley

In celebration of the San Jose Silicon Valley Chamber's 125th anniversary, the chamber has established a Business Hall of Fame to recognize the valley's oldest businesses and long-term members.

Four companies in all—O.C. McDonald Company, Inc., O'Connor Hospital, Normandin Chrysler Jeep Dodge and Wells Fargo Bank—will be honored during the chamber's anniversary celebration, 6-9 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 8, at Club Auto Sport, 521 Charcot Ave., San Jose.

"The chamber was founded in 1886 and is now among the oldest and largest chambers in California," said Matthew Mahood, president & CEO. "Our new Business Hall of Fame recognizes firms that have been in business for at least 50 years and have placed a high value on business excellence and community service. In particular, we want to recognize long-standing chamber members—the businesses that make our organization possible—who have been partners with us to improve our region's commercial and community progress. Some of our members have belonged to the chamber for more than a century. Their commitment to the chamber is a testament to their vision of community service and to the chamber's ongoing value in the Silicon Valley."

- Owned by the same family since its founding in 1875, Normandin Chrysler Jeep Dodge is the oldest Chrysler dealership in the U.S. The company began by making horse-and-carriage buggies.
- Opened in 1889, O'Connor Hospital was the first hospital in Santa Clara County. The original O'Connor Sanitarium, as it was called, was built by Judge Myles P. O'Connor and his wife, Amanda, on 15 acres of country property at the corners of Race and West San Carlos streets.
- O.C. McDonald Company has been one of the Bay Area's leading plumbing, process piping and HVAC contractors and service providers for over a century, making it the oldest such company in the valley. Founded in 1906 in San Jose by Oren Charles O.C. McDonald Company, Inc., the company is currently owned and run by Jim McDonald, the founder's great grandson. It has been a chamber member since 1929.
- Financial giant Wells Fargo Bank, founded in 1852 in San Francisco, is one of the chamber's oldest continuing members. Available chamber records show the bank as a member since 1901.

More inductions into the Business Hall of Fame will be made in February during the chamber's new Annual Membership Luncheon (formerly the Power Report).

All community members are welcome to attend the 125th Anniversary Celebration that will feature food by Cosmopolitan Catering and music by Sage. Tickets are \$25 for members and \$30 for nonmembers via online registration at sjchamber.com.

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