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San Jose Silicon Valley Chamber announces new Annual Membership Luncheon and Distinguished Business Awards

Award recipients and Business Hall of Fame inductees to be celebrated at March 2 event

The San Jose Silicon Valley Chamber has established a new annual event, the Annual Membership Luncheon, now set for Friday, March. 2, to recognize individuals and businesses for their entrepreneurial success and civic commitment. The annual Membership Luncheon replaces the former Power Report event.

Awards will be given for the Spirit of Silicon Valley, Businesswoman and Businessman of the Year, Business Advocate of the Year and Small Business of the Year. As well as celebrating the Distinguished Business Award recipients, the event will honor inductees into the chamber's new Business Hall of Fame.

"Our new event is focused on our members and the valuable contributions they make to the business community and region," said Matthew Mahood, president & CEO. "We'll also get a snapshot of the future from 2012 Board Chair Brian Baer of Deloitte, whose leadership will be instrumental as the chamber moves to expand its member services and relevance on important issues across the Silicon Valley region."

The Membership Luncheon will be a springboard for the chamber's year long activities and programs—providing insight into the 2012 Business Plan on how the chamber will place a new emphasis on advocacy, jobs and the community.

Registration and networking start at 11:30 a.m. at the Hyatt Regency Santa Clara, 5101 Great America Parkway. The lunch and program will be held noon to 1:30 p.m. Tickets are \$75; executive table sponsorships are \$1,500 and other sponsorship opportunities are available. Register online at sjchamber.com.

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