

Chamber members to be honored at Quarterly Lunch

By Tanya Spiegel

The Corona Chamber of Commerce is pleased to recognize the following businesses with the Award of Excellence to be presented on Tuesday, Oct. 7, at the Quarterly Membership Meeting at Crossroads Church. Judge Richard Fields will be our keynote speaker.

Manufacturing Flanigan Farms

The winner of the Award of Excellence for manufacturing is Flanigan Farms. Owner Patsy Flanigan's heartwarming story was featured in the 2008 Women in Business issue. Owning your own business can sometimes feel like you are working against the odds, particularly if you are a woman and the business is farming. But Patsy's tenacity paid off. She worked long hours to build her business and is now at a point where she can take a deep breath and enjoy "the fruits of her labor" a bit more.

Unique to our Chamber, Flanigan Farms is a multi-city enterprise. Flanigan Farms Natural Foods was started in 1970 by Owen and Patsy Flanigan to address the need for natural unsalted nuts and delicious trail mixes in the grocery stores. Thirty-eight years and millions of packages later, the Flanigan Farms Family still provides the highest quality nuts and best tasting trail mixes available.

"Our secret? Simple. We buy the best nuts from around the world, care for them gently, and quickly bring them to market so they are always fresh," says Patsy who lives in Corona. She has been active within our Chamber, attending events especially Government and Transportation luncheons and the Business Expo. She is always willing to help when called upon.

Her farm is in Fallbrook, and her processing plant is in Culver City. Patsy supports Chambers of Commerce in

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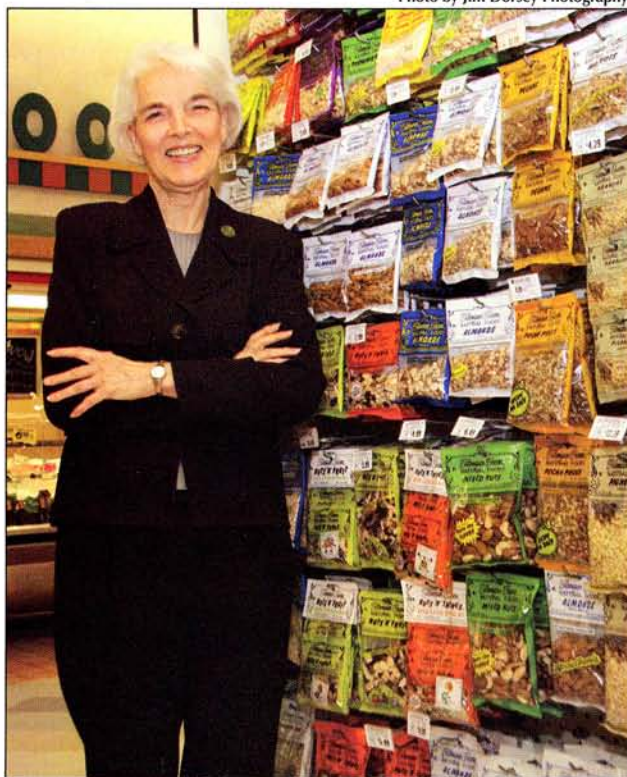


Candice Salcido, center, and April Anderson, right, with their staff at RA Sushi, winner of the Retail Award of Excellence.

each of the communities mentioned and feels the Corona Chamber provides important benefits: an outlet for businesses

to gain knowledge and its support of pro-business legislation.

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Patsy Flanigan, owner of Flanigan Farms, winner of the Award of Excellence in Manufacturing.

Retail RA Sushi

Nestled in the Shops at Dos Lagos is our winner of the Retail Award of Excellence for the quarter, RA Sushi. RA Sushi is managed by April Anderson and Candice Salcido, who are quick to extend their quality of service to all the team associates. RA Sushi caters to patrons of all ages. As their saying goes, "There's never a dull moment in the RA."

In a rich and vibrant setting, RA Sushi combines freshly prepared sushi and Japanese fusion dishes with an upbeat, energetic atmosphere. The result is a place that is humble and fashionable at the same time. At RA, the music is pumping, the mood is upbeat and the atmosphere is as stimulating as a big bite of wasabi. The interior of the restaurant is decorated in deep reds with natural rock accents. Water features and rich lighting create a fusion of contemporary and Japanese design elements and enhance the mood.

RA's menu is based on freshness and quality, and is revitalized often with new and stimulating dishes. While the fare is very important to RA's customers, this is