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HUENEME CHAMBER NAMES 2016 CITIZEN & BUSINESS PERSON OF THE YEAR: LARRY & ROBERTA DOWNING; JESSICA LAMB OF ANACAPPUCCINO

Celebrates 77th Anniversary with Community Awards Dinner at Historic Bard Mansion

PORT HUENEME, Calif-- The Hueneme Chamber of Commerce will celebrate its 77th anniversary hosting its annual Community Awards Dinner at the Historic Bard Mansion on Friday, March 17, 2017. Top honors will be awarded to the 2017 Citizen of the Year, Business Person of the Year and Chairman's Award recipients.

Citizen of the Year honors will be presented to Mr. & Mrs. Larry & Roberta Downing of Port Hueneme. Larry & Roberta have taken volunteering to a new level with their dedication to reviving the Port Hueneme Historical Society Museum on Market Street. From restoring exhibits to starting the "Distinguished Speakers Series", Larry & Roberta epitomize selfless service to their community and our "Friendly City by the Sea".

Ms. Jessica Lamb, owner of Anacappuccino, will be honored as the Business Person of the Year. Ms. Lamb started her business in 2004 after retiring as a travel agent in Peru, and joined the Chamber in 2012. Anacappuccino is where business gets done in Port Hueneme. On any given day, you will find our locals making decisions, both minute and monumental, over a cup of coffee.

The 2016 Chairman's Award will be given to Tamah Figg, City of Port Hueneme Code Compliance Manager. Mrs. Figg, a 40 year resident of Port Hueneme, started working for the City of Port Hueneme in 1977 and will end her coinciding 40-year career at the end of February. Her tenure with the City is matched only by her civic involvement, which includes the Port Hueneme Kiwanis Club, Oxnard Trade Club, Hueneme Elementary School District PTA, and Team Mom for North Oxnard AYSO and Port Hueneme CBC Jr. Baseball.

The Chamber will also recognize several public servants from the community as well as military service members from Naval Base Ventura County: Police Officer of the Year - Officer Mathew Harbin; Military Persons of the Year from NBVC - CM1 Brett Renaker and CA1 Donovan T. Nuusolia; NBVC Firefighter of the Year - Engineer Derek Harper; Ventura County Firefighter of the Year - Captain Alex Garcia; Educator of the Year - Mrs. Carrie Burton of Sunkist Elementary School; and City of Port Hueneme Employee of the Year - Mr. Fred Camarillo.

Tickets are on sale now online at www.huenemechamber.com. For more information, email chamberinfo@huenemechamber.com or call 805-488-2023.

About the Hueneme Chamber of Commerce

Incorporation of the Port Hueneme Chamber of Commerce took place in 1940, and its original Board of Directors was the driving force behind the incorporation of the City of Port Hueneme in 1948. The mission of the Hueneme Chamber of Commerce is to be a dynamic business

organization striving to promote growth, prosperity and a quality of life for our members and surrounding community. For more information, please visit www.huenemechamber.com.

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