

Inland Empire Insider



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President's Message

Welcome to the New Year

Dear Members,

As we embark upon this new year, I am filled with excitement and optimism for all that is ahead for our Inland Empire CWC Chapter. It is with great pleasure that I extend warm greetings to each of you and express my heartfelt appreciation for your continued commitment and contributions to our community.

Amid our joy and optimism, we cannot overlook the current devastation caused by the fires in the City of Los Angeles. Our hearts go out to all the victims, first responders, families, and volunteers who are affected by this tragedy. You are all in our thoughts and prayers. Our chapter is actively reviewing organizations to which we can make donations. At our recent board meeting, we discussed the long-term needs of the affected areas, recognizing that support will be needed for months, if not years, to come. We plan to announce our donation initiatives in the coming weeks, and we hope to rally our community to support this crucial cause.

In this IE Insider we cover some recent events that our members absolutely loved, and I'm sure they're looking forward to seeing them return this year. Thank you for participating in these events – you've truly set a wonderful example for our entire community.

Also, we appreciate everyone who participated in these events, including those who aren't members. Your presence added something extra special to our gatherings, and we'd be delighted if you decided to join us as members. After all, who wouldn't want to be part of such an amazing group? Joining us means more fun, more chances to make a difference, and yes, maybe a bit more volunteering too!

Call for Award Nominations

One of the most meaningful ways we can honor the hard work and dedication of our peers is through recognition. We are currently accepting nominations for our annual awards, and I urge each of you to consider submitting nominations to celebrate the achievements of our fellow members. Recognition not only acknowledges individual accomplishments but also inspires others to strive for excellence.

To make this celebration possible, we need your nominations. Please submit your entries to the board now through February 19, 2025. This leads us to an exciting opportunity—the awardee banquet. This event is a highlight of our year, where we come together to honor our exceptional members and celebrate their successes. However, we cannot hold this banquet without your nominations. Let's ensure that we have a wealth of nominees to celebrate and make this event truly special.

Recent Events

Recently, our members gathered at the Ronald McDonald House to cook and bake a delightful lunch for the residents. The menu, thoughtfully prepared by Peter Gallerini, included chicken alfredo, ham sliders, tossed salad, and an assortment of baked cookies for dessert. This event has become a cherished tradition, and it was another wonderful day of camaraderie and service. The joy and gratitude expressed by the residents made the experience all the more rewarding. I want to extend a heart-felt thank you to everyone who participated—you helped make a difference in the lives of those we served.

Spotlight on Project Cheer

Below, you will find an article I wrote about Project Cheer, a charity that holds a special place in our hearts. Project

Cheer works tirelessly to collect and distribute toys during the holiday season to families in need. Their efforts bring joy and hope to countless children and make the holidays a little brighter for those who might otherwise go without. I encourage you to read the article and learn more about how you can support this wonderful cause.

Annual CWC Conference

I am thrilled to announce that the annual CWC Education and Awards Conference will be held in Ontario this year on May 2, 2025. This event promises to be a highlight of our calendar, featuring inspiring speakers and a celebration of this year's awardees. Early registration opportunities will be available soon, so please keep an eye out for updates and save the date. We are eager to see a strong representation from the Inland Empire CWC Chapter, and your nominations for the awards will help make this possible.

Get Involved

In closing, I invite anyone who is not yet a member to consider joining our vibrant community. The CWC offers a unique platform to build your professional skills, network with diverse individuals, and have fun in the process. If you would like to learn more about getting involved with our Chapter, please do not hesitate to reach out to me or any member of the board.

Thank you for your continued support and dedication. I look forward to a fantastic year ahead and to all that we will accomplish together.

Warm regards,
John Szeibert
President, IE CWC Chapter



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Send that information to CWC to provide you with the retiree rate for CWC [CONTACT US](#)

Did you just get a promotion to management? LET CWC KNOW!
Send your information to CWC to provide you with the manager rate for CWC [CONTACT US](#)

Did you just recruit a new member to CWC from the almost 4,000 new hires in Unemployment Insurance? LET CWC KNOW!
Get that membership application mailed in and help your new friend get their Members Only Login on the CWC website [CONTACT US](#)

CALIFORNIA WORKFORCE CONNECTION

2025 STATE & CHAPTER

AWARD NOMINATIONS

The Power of Validation

Never underestimate the impact of validation. Recognizing achievements and excellence is not just a gesture; it's a crucial element in fostering an outstanding workplace. An award nomination is a wonderful way to recognize a coworker, team, manager, or administrator for their contributions in the field of workforce development.

AWARD NOMINATIONS MUST BE
SUBMITTED TO YOUR LOCAL CHAPTER

BY **FEBRUARY 19, 2025**

NOMINATE NOW

OFFICE AWARD CATEGORIES

- ✓ Outstanding Customer Service
- ✓ Outstanding Team Player
- ✓ Outstanding Leadership
- ✓ Outstanding Overall Performance - Staff
- ✓ Outstanding Leadership - Management

STATE AWARD CATEGORIES

- ✓ Award of Distinction
- ✓ Meritorious Award
- ✓ Services to Veterans Award
- ✓ Customer Service Award
- ✓ Retiree (Individual)
- ✓ Fostering Partnership Award
- ✓ EDD Employee Performance Award

Please send your nominations or inquires to:

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www.californiaworkforceconnection.org

Project Cheer Toy Giveaway

By Atif Khan

In our previous newsletter, we highlighted Project Cheer, a wonderful initiative that conducts a toy giveaway each December. We, the IE CWC, requested toys from offices and other entities in our region during their toy drive that began in November.

On December 18, 2024, Project Cheer distributed the collected toys at the Relationship Community Church. Several members of your board were present to drop off last-minute donations, enjoying the festive atmosphere and music.

Upon arrival, I observed Secret Winbush, the project's creator, diligently overseeing the setup to ensure everything was in place. The toy handout was organized efficiently: cars entered the parking lot from one direction and proceeded to a check-in booth where pickups were confirmed. A few feet further, the toys, pre-sorted by age group and bundled in holiday bags, were distributed.

This event was a success thanks to numerous cheerful and dedicated volunteers, all enjoying music by Live Love Dance, with DJ Ron Escarcega, retired EDD UIB manager. Additionally, there were booths offering community information and donated food items, further enriching the event. The weather was also perfect, adding to the day's charm.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Project Cheer for their incredible work and look forward to participating in the next toy drive. Our sincerest thanks to all who donated and helped make the event a memorable one.



Project Cheer 2024



Denise Leonard - First Lady of Relationship Community Church, Sherill Weathers - UIB, Secret Winbush - UIB, Debbie & Ron Escarcega - UIB retired, John Szeibert - DIB, and Atif Khan



RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE



Julian & AJ Palomino, Miguel & Crystal Moreno, Anthony & Nicole Palomino, Peter & Joanie Gallerani, John Szeibert, Anna Owen (not pictured)

IE CWC Chapter Volunteers Bring Warmth and Cheer to the Ronald McDonald House



In a touching tradition of giving back to the community, members of the Inland Empire Chapter of the California Workforce Connection (CWC), joined by friends, recently volunteered at the Ronald McDonald House in Loma Linda to cook and bake a delightful lunch for the residents. The menu, thoughtfully prepared by Peter Gallerini, included chicken alfredo, ham sliders, tossed salad, and an assortment of baked cookies for dessert. This event has become a cherished tradition, and it was another wonderful day of camaraderie and service. This cherished tradition continues to exemplify the mission of the California Workforce Connection: fostering meaningful connections and supporting those in need. A heartfelt thank you goes out to everyone who participated in making this day of service a resounding success.



Peter and Joanie Gallerani, and AJ Palomino showing off their cooking skills

Membership Application

New
 Update
 Renewal
 Cancellation

Date:

Mail application and payments to: **CWC Membership Coordinator**, P.O. Box 7858, Oxnard, CA 93031
 or email application to cwcworkforceconnection@gmail.com (mail payment, if applicable)

*Full Name:	First MI	Last	
*Local Chapter:		Telephone:	
*Personal email:			
*Address:			
*Employer:		*Location:	
*Job Title:		ARU#	*Bargaining Unit #:

*Type of Member	Annual Dues	*Payment Option
<input type="radio"/> Employment Development Department (EDD) Employee (Bargaining Unit 1 or 4)**	\$48.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Automatic Deduction (\$4.00) <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input type="checkbox"/> Check *SSN:
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EDD Supervisor/Exempt Employee**+	\$0.00	*SSN:
<input checked="" type="radio"/> Other State Employee (Non-EDD)** <small>Refer to your Bargaining Unit Contract for possible reimbursement</small>	\$98.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Automatic Deduction (\$8.17) <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input type="checkbox"/> Check *SSN:
<input type="checkbox"/> Partner (Non-EDD)	\$98.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input type="checkbox"/> Check
<input type="radio"/> EDD Student/Youth Assistant**	\$36.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Automatic Deduction (\$3.00) <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input type="checkbox"/> Check *SSN:
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Retiree	\$36.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input type="checkbox"/> Check

I recognize that the processing of this form/payment may take 1-3 months. If I have selected the **Automatic Deduction** option, I hereby authorize the State Controller's Office (SCO) to automatically deduct from my salary each month the amount listed above and transmit, as designated, an amount for membership dues to the CWC; I understand that processing may take 2-3 pay periods. If I have selected the **cash or check** option, I hereby agree to be sent annual dues renewal invoices (**make check payable to: CWC**). I agree to provide my full social security number, which will be kept confidential. I certify that I am now a member of the CWC and allow the organization to establish, change, and/or cancel my deduction, as applicable. I understand that this authorization will remain in effect until I submit a written request to the CWC Membership Coordinator to terminate my membership and cancel any deduction, as appropriate. I also understand that the CWC organization does not issue refunds for unused dues or the months taken for processing.

***Signature:** _____ ***Date:** _____
Name of Recruiter (if applicable): _____

* Required
 ** If you do not wish to provide your Social Security Number (SSN), then you must pay the full membership dues for that type of member by cash or check.
 + For this membership type, if you do not wish to supply the SSN, then the amount due is \$98.00.