HELLO FALL

BY: DILMOHAN CHADHA, Brisbane Chamber Chairperson and President, Integrated Resources Group dilmohan@marblecompany.com

As Fall comes to Brisbane, our city comes alive with events and celebrations. I have always enjoyed this time of year with its feeling of energy, productivity and new possibilities. Just looking around at our fair city we have a new American style restaurant in town, L&D Bistro and Catering, 110 Old County Rd (in the Brisbane Village Shopping Center) that provides the perfect venue for business lunches, family dinners and events. We are fortunate that we have many restaurants and two hotels to choose from to enjoy a relaxing meal with friends, co-workers for lunch, unforgettable dinners, a late night drink and even live music. Our city is truly alive. I encourage you to set out on foot, stroll our streets, and really discover our neighborhoods, our businesses, our parks and all the possibilities that await you.

Happy birthday City of Brisbane on your 55th Anniversary that is being celebrated on Saturday, October 1st, 6:30-10:30 p.m. at Mission Blue Center, 475 Mission Blue Drive, Brisbane CA 94005. Brisbane businesses, employees and residents are invited. RSVPs welcome, e-mail rsvp@ci.briscane.ca.us or call (415) 508-2109.

Congratulations to MadHouse Coffee who celebrated their 15th Anniversary at call (415) 508-2109.

A long-held dream became a reality with the opening of L&D Bistro and Catering (named “L” for Leo & “D” Daniel). Brisbane’s newest restaurant is a family affair. Owned and operated by Daniel, his wife Ortencia and brother Leonel Sanchez. Leo and Daniel both spoke about how location and how the quality of food matters.

Leo and Daniel said they discovered Brisbane when going to the San Francisco Produce Market and speaking with vendors about the opportunity of opening a family catering and dining restaurant close to San Francisco with easy access to the Peninsula. They visited Brisbane and found their ideal spot for a restaurant at the Brisbane Village Shopping Center. Leo said, “We had to open here, the people here are so friendly and welcoming. And look around you, the beautiful setting, plenty of parking, and a spacious dining room that is not too big nor small.”

L&D Bistro offers an exceptional dining experience that includes formal dining, unforgettable dinners, a late night drink and even live music. Our city is truly alive.

FAR LEGENDS

BY: ALISON WILSON, Brisbane Chamber Editor/Marketing Director alison@brisbanechamber.org

The doors of Carmel Kabash Coatings, a woman-owned painting and water-proofing company, opened in 2010 with the goal of creating attractive and welcoming business, recreation and residential spaces. Carmel Kabash is a third generation Brisbane-ite raised in Brisbane with guidance of her grandparents, Rich and Arlene Kabash. I asked Carmel to speak about how she began her career as a professional painter. She replied, “I have had a life-long love affair with the construction trades starting when my grandfather taught me how to hammer a nail at age three. During my childhood and adolescence, I helped my grandfather repair and finish the remodeling work of contractors who botched jobs they were paid for in the late 1970s.” She continued, “I learned how to do plumbing, electrical and carpentry work and I became adept at painting and decorating.”

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L&D Bistro welcoming dinner room.

Nancy Kline, ZumbaSF.net enjoying the House Pear Salad with watermelon radish, caramelized walnuts, Gouda cheese, mixed greens and Balsamic-Pear vinaigrette.

THINK BRISBANE — KEEP OUR ECONOMY STRONG!
Carmel Kabash Coatings specializes in exterior painting & waterproofing, interior painting, business painting and decorating, power washing, repaints, water damage repair, urethane coatings, epoxy coatings, spray applications, wall paper removal, water reducible coatings, tinting, color consultations, elastomeric coatings, terpolymer coatings, galvanized metal painting, corrosion resistant coatings, restorative finishing, dry rot repair, mildew treatment, mildew removal, decorative faux finishing, graining, gold gilding, lacquer finishing, and metal finishing. The company’s clients include residential homes, businesses, the cities of Brisbane and San Francisco, the Mrs. Doubtfire house, the Painted Ladies, prominent churches, Mission Blue Recreation Center, BeautyFix, and more.

Carmel stated: “I offer painting and decorating services. I specify best use products for every type of substrate for maximum durability and beauty. I provide expert preparation on all substrates. I work on Victorian restorations. I do wood refinishing, staining and coating, pressure washing, decks and fences. I use high quality spray finishes, wood re-staining, wood refinishing, staining and clear finishes, drywall repair, skim coating and texture matches, wall paper removal and color consultation and design.” Continuing, she explained, “I prepare by scraping, or use other means to prepare the surface, and then apply any of the following: paints, papers, textures, fabrics, coatings, pigments, oils, turpentine, Japan, driers, thinners, varnishes, shellacs, stains, fillers, waxes, adhesives, water and any other vehicles, mediums and materials which adhere by evaporation and may be mixed, used and applied to the surfaces of structures and the appurtenances thereto for purposes of decorating, protecting, fireproofing and waterproofing.”

We spoke about Brisbane and how being located here affects her business. She said, “It’s important that my tools and materials are near my worksites. Brisbane, because of its central location to the freeways, gives me the freedom of providing professional residential and commercial interiors and exteriors to the San Francisco bay area. And, being a Brisbane native has allowed me to attract a lot of business within the city since I have numerous positive long term relationships.”

In closing, I asked Carmel to speak about some of her challenges and opportunities are in running her successful business. She replied, “I became licensed in the height of the recession. I learned to build a reserve so that I could self-finance larger jobs. My vision at that time was to survive and become established. Now I want to develop a more sophisticated company that leverages multiple skills and abilities. My vision is living my company – showing up every day and doing right by my clients, having high energy, high standards and the ability to motivate others. My goal is to be strategic and efficient with details and always up-to-date on painting knowledge and new products and application techniques.”

Carmel is a green contractor working with no and low VOC paints. She is not only RRP and EPA certified to do lead containment, but also qualified to train people to handle lead containment projects. She is trained on proper disposal of lead contaminated materials, other hazardous waste and is current with paint recycling programs.

Carmel Kabash Coatings has 5 star reviews on Yelp. One customer said, “Working with Carmel was excellent - prompt, straightforward, and possessed a strong attentiveness to detail. I was particularly impressed at how she helped us navigate color schemes to get something that now looks just wonderful. I was 100% satisfied and will try to get her for any further painting work if at all possible. A true class act.”

Carmel ended the interview saying, “I welcome inquiries.” She can be reached at c_kabash@carmelkabashcoatings.com and (415) 368-8963 or on the web at www.carmelkabashcoatings.com.
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the annual Brisbane Chamber NETwork@Nite Fall mixer. This party was sponsored by Ron Davis, Broker and Madhouse Coffee. Attendees congratulated Ron Davis, enjoyed a cup of coffee with good conversation and fun. Attending a Chamber event provides businesses with a window to understand customers and create, rekindle and solidify valuable contacts. It is critical to build relationships not just with your customers, but also with your vendors, employees and your competitors.

I, along with your Chamber, appreciate each and everyone member. I am grateful and thank our CEO/President Mitch Bull and Board of Directors for their leadership with vision in meeting the many challenges businesses face in today’s marketplace.

Call on your chamber. We are here for you. Are you on our mailing list? Would you like to be? E-mail Alison Wilson at alison@brisbanechamber.org to be placed on the Chamber Alert E-mail list. If you are an executive or a business owner and are looking for a way to get involved, join us in the Brisbane Chamber of Commerce, or give us a call to learn more about how being a member of the Chamber contributes to the economic vitality of your business. If you need a referral for a service or a product, give us a call at (415) 467-7283 or e-mail mitch@brisbanechamber.org. Economic vitality for Brisbane matters.

Have a prosperous September and October! I look forward to seeing you at our October 26th mixer sponsored by Alta Motors.

specialty is pasta and seafood.” Daniel replied, “yes, I really enjoy preparing fruit, vegetable and vegan dishes. I like working with natural, high quality, fresh and sweet vegetables, fruit and greens. Freshness and simplicity matters. He continued, “blending fresh fruit and fresh vegetables, have you tried our Pear Salad?” I said, “yes, it is delicious.” Leo continued, “Our beef, seafood and chicken are fresh. We don’t believe in buying large quantities of food and storing them in the freezer. The food has to be fresh, not frozen. Which is why we do not buy in large quantity.”

L&D Bistro offers a complete, turn-key private event planning experience both on- and off-site. Daniel and Leo will work with you and vendors to ensure every detail exceeds your expectations. They offer reliable drop-off and full-service catering with scrumptious food presented beautifully and tastefully. We spoke about events they have catered which include business events, parties and weddings. I learned the myriad of events that they have coordinated that include meetings, conventions, fund-raisers, wedding and special events. Leo spoke about a drink bar they set up at a church with bread shaped as teddy bears and ended speaking of wedding events at L&D Bistro here in Brisbane.

Leo and Daniel both emphasized that this is a long-time family dream to open a family restaurant that offers people what they want, comfort food in a welcoming area. They are open Monday through Friday 11am to 9pm; Saturday 9am to 9pm; and Sunday 9am to 3pm. Check out their specials and breakfast brunch. Check out L&D Bistro on Facebook, Yelp and the web www.ldcatering.net. Call (415) 494-5529 for L&D Catering. To order food from L&D Bistro for take-out or delivery and/or to make a reservation call (415) 859-5741. Stop by L&D Bistro & Catering at 110 Old County Road, Brisbane CA 94005 and say hi.

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Try a meal, a special and you’ll be glad you did!
PLEASE NOTE:
As of Oct. 14th, City Hall will no longer be a PG&E Payment Center due to changes in the requirements made by PG&E’s bill processing company, CheckFree Pay. For questions regarding the change, please feel free to call the Finance Dept. at (415) 508-2140.

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## CALENDAR

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RIBBON CUTTING TO CELEBRATE NEW LIPMAN MIDDLE SCHOOL LIBRARY

BY: KAREN LENTZ, Brisbane Elementary School District Trustee

On September 7th, we celebrated the opening of our new Lipman library with a ribbon-cutting celebration! Jennifer Bousquet, Lipman librarian, shares the wonderful news:

“The Lipman library has been transformed this year, and it’s really exciting! The physical space has been refreshed, and we have added mobile furniture. Small couches, privacy screens, tables and chairs can be easily moved to form small and large groups depending on the teacher and students’ needs. The Library has 16 desktop computers. Teachers are taking advantage of the new layout to bring their classes for special lessons, along with their Chromebooks.

“A Silent Reading Area has been reserved for the students, and it’s a popular destination at lunch and recess. The students are excited to use the new space. In the first week of school, over 150 books were checked out!

“We have added databases such as the World Book Online encyclopedia, as well as Web Path Express, an educator-approved search engine. Both of these tools will help students with research projects. New to our library: the collection now includes a wide variety of non-fiction and fiction ebooks, as well as a small educational DVD collection.

“We will be promoting to the students some of the enhancements to our Destiny Quest portal. It’s a hub they can use from home or at school. There they can read and post book reviews, search the library catalog, and check out ebooks. They can also see in real time as new materials are added to the library’s collection. The students can use Destiny to create lists of resources too. This will be useful as they prepare for the upcoming Science Fair.

“We are working on creating fun programming for the students. The Brisbane Public Library is sponsoring an author appearance in October. Additionally, many of the students are forming their own “clubs” that will meet in the new library space. Beatrice, a 6th grader, just launched an anime/portrait drawing group.

“Generous support from BEST PTO and our Lipman Student Council made this project possible. We are particularly grateful to the students who shared their vision for the new library and the volunteers who painted, constructed and shelved.”

This amazing transformation is an example of our community coming together in thought, design, funding and the achievement of a dream. Thank you to everyone who attends our PTO fundraisers, generously gave time over the summer, and encourages our students to take on a vital role in keeping our District moving forward!
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