GREEN POWER

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Generators Unlimited, for 21 years, has been renting generator power and specialty equipment for all events such as corporate, weddings, camping, emergency and disaster relief, sporting, live concerts, broadcast and celebrations in Northern California. Randall Venerable, CEO/president said “We take pride in powering and lighting the venue to make events live. For the past 10 years we have offered green power solutions for events large and small. We are always looking for cutting edge technology that is green. I believe strongly that the environment sets the stage for events to happen successfully. Power is essential.” I asked Randall to talk more about being a green power solution. He replied, “We are proud to provide modern, clean, and silent generators.

PIZZA AND ITALIAN FARE

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Chef Rogerioa DaSilva taking fresh hot pizza slices for customer out of oven. Owner Randall Venerable speaking about generator power and events where Generators Unlimited have provided power such as Star City Festival, Pier 39, celebrations and disaster relief.

Chef Marcos and Chef Rogerio and his wife Livia and of course, the children Marcos Patrick and Ronas Christopher.

Chef DaSilva opened the interview by speaking about their hand-made and hand-tossed pizza dough that melts on your tongue. He stated “hand-tossing our dough provides a non-uniform crumb, this means each and every pizza crust provides a fresh and new experience for our customer. The crust is tender in some spots and crisp in others. We make the pizza dough from scratch, it's a secret family recipe.” He continued, “We purchase our vegetables daily at the farmers market. We take pride in creating fresh and tasty food with friendly service and a smile to our customers.”
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that will run on biodiesel fuel, a blend of bio and regular diesel. It’s a cleaner burning alternative fuel for the environment. And, we offer the quiet, bright and newest zero emission light generators.

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We spoke about why he has chosen to locate his business in Brisbane on Industrial Way. He replied this, “Brisbane has easy access to the South Bay, East Bay and San Francisco. My staff and I can easily provide the right solution to our clients in a timely manner. And, Brisbane is a beautiful and relaxing place to locate a business. My employees and I enjoy sunny weather, plenty of parking for our employees and clients, plus the city is business oriented.”

While touring their warehouse and seeing generators, climate control units and light towers that Generators Unlimited offers clients and event planners, I asked Randall if Generators Unlimited helps event planners, both professional and individuals to select the right equipment for the event. Randall said “Yes, we offer personalized 24/7 365 customer service and providing clients with knowledge and support. Our team is passionate that your dream event, whether you are camping or planning that all-important birthday or wedding celebration, is lit and epic. We are available to support your event even after business hours. We want your event to be magical and welcoming. That’s why we have been selected to provide power for television broadcasting for the Golden State Warriors Basketball, San Francisco Giants Baseball, San Francisco 49ers Football, Oakland Raiders Football, San Jose Sharks Hockey and San Jose Soccer Team. We know the value of ensuring that power is consistent, which makes the event the best it can be.”

I asked him to speak about lighting up Brisbane and San Francisco. He replied, “Well, here in Brisbane you saw us at the Star City Festival, Community Festival, and of course the Festival of Lights. In San Francisco, we have lit San Francisco City Hall, the Christmas Tree at Pier 39 and Union Square, provided power for KTVU Channel 2 and KTSF Channel 26 broadcast for the Southwest Airlines Chinese New Year Parade celebration; various events and floats at the Gay Pride Parade; and on July 4th for American ‘Brexit’ in 1776.” Continuing, we spoke about Generators Unlimited providing equipment for political gatherings, corporate announcements, and concert performances that include both Shoreline and Concord Amphitheaters, Fillmore, Warfield, American Concert Hall and AT&T Park as well as at amateur and recreational sporting, drama, and speaking events for high schools, colleges and universities.” He added, “we provide optimal equipment so that venues are enjoyable to be in while creating the space for speakers and singers to be heard and understood at conventions, museums, centers, arenas, music clubs and performance venues throughout Northern California.”

He, then asked me a question. “Do you enjoy a good bottle of wine?” I said “yes!” He went on, “well, we have provided clean, quiet power for intimate garden parties, weddings, live music and theatre events wine & food pairings, winemaker dinners, blending seminars, wine education activities, just to name a few.” Randall said “When you hire us, you know you won’t lose power.” Speaking of losing power we then spoke of the unexpected loss of power and emergency disasters. He said, “when electrical power is needed at your business or home, Generators Unlimited will be there with the right size generator to get the lights back on for homes, small business and corporate. Lifesaving emergency power is available 24/7/365 when necessary. We are proud to be the premier provider of power in the Bay Area and here in Brisbane. It’s what we do. It’s Magical to Have the Lights On.”

Stay in touch by visiting Generators Unlimited on the web www.generatorsunlimited.com, on Facebook and/or calling (415) 468-2868. Their office is located at 285 Industrial Way, Brisbane, California, 94005. Stop and say hi.

WHEN TO BORROW...
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Have you ever wondered when you should borrow money? The short answer is to only do it when you need it. But how have you tried to borrow money when you need it? There are a ton of questions that are asked; Why do you need it? What are you going to use it for? Why is there such a rush? None of these questions help solve the immediate need of having some cash. Next, I don’t know if you remember an article I wrote back in May, 2016. I did some research and found some records of the financial reporting. Under governmental accounting guidelines, the course is reported by itself as an enterprise fund. That reflects the fact that it generates revenue unlike many other services provided by the government. I asserted that by itself, the golf course was more than paying for itself and actually contributing to the overall cost for the City. It was only when the expenses from other governmental activities were allocated against it, the golf course was more than paying for itself, the golf course was more than paying for itself, the golf course was more than paying for itself. As owners, we don’t take too much money out of the company. We will build up some equity and some assets. Once this happens, this is the best time to speak with a bank or other creditor. The lender wants to know that in the event we don’t pay them back, they can use our collateral to be made whole. They also like to see that we are planning for the future. By setting up credit before we actually need it, it is then available when we do need it. We don’t have to scramble and explain our current situation and cause panic.

So imagine the down hill derby is coming up. We know we are going to sell a lot of lemonade so we buy a lot of cups, lemons, and sugar. We have credit with the cup company, but they like to be paid in 15 days. Imagine that it rains on derby day and business is slow for a couple of weeks. The time comes to pay the cup company but we didn’t sell enough product to cover our costs. In a situation like this, a line of credit would be perfect. We have the cups as collateral for our line of credit so we can pay our vendor. Without this line of credit, we would have to either return the cups or maybe even close the company.

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We spoke about the menu choices offered at the pizzeria. Chef Marcos said, “Our signature pizzas include pepperoni, sausage, vegetarian, Hawaiian and more. Our family motto is service with a smile, which is remembered.” Continuing he pointed to the menu and said, “we offer more than Pizza. In addition to the traditional red sauce pie, we offer tried and true favorites that include burgers, sub sandwiches, salads, wings, seafood, pastas and of course calzones, toasted ravioli and calamari.”

Mama Mia Pizza is centrally located in downtown Brisbane. It offers a casual dining area in the front and a spacious patio in the rear protected from the wind with lots of shade and sunshine depending on the customer’s mood. The outdoor patio area is a welcoming venue for community groups to meet, Chamber mixers, holiday parties, birthday parties and team gatherings. He emphasized, “Our motto is to provide top-notch customer service along with a quality meal. Our patio offers privacy for people to conduct meetings and celebrate. It is the community patio a great place for fun, conversation and relaxing. People like to eat and meet here because of the food, the service, and smiles.”

We spoke about Brisbane being a jewel located on the peninsula next to San Francisco, Daly City, Colma and South San Francisco. Chef Marcos said, “Being located in Brisbane is an asset because of the weather, the people, the mountain and transportation hub. This is good for us because our delivery radius is approximately four miles.” He continued, “Our customers like our casual fast eatery because when they want a tasty pizza at the office or at home they have a choice of sit down, take out and/or delivery. Our pizza and menu items are created and served fresh and delicious.”

We then switched topics and spoke about dreams and business plans. I asked him to speak about what has changed in the five years since the pizza restaurant first opened. Chef Marcos, replied, “When we purchased Mama Mia Pizza it was a dream come true. We are so grateful for our new and returning customers who come in for a taste, return and encourage us, saying how much they like our high quality, good value food. A year ago, after a family meeting, we decided we wanted to open a second Mama Mia Pizza on Mission Street in San Francisco. Our menu choices are the same, with the main difference we have a large comfy dining area for our customers to sit and enjoy a home cooked meal, with of course a delivery option.”

Customers have several options to order food. You can check out Mama Mia Pizza menu selections at www.mamamiazipz.com or on-site. When placing an order, you have the option of calling directly at (415) 468-1032 or placing your order on their website or using one of the online ordering hosts. Ending, he said, “We at Mama Mia Pizza are pleased to be part of such a wonderful community and look forward to building our business as well as building relations with community members and businesses.”

Please stop by, say hi, pick up a menu and chat for a bit.

and saw the wildflowers blooming and butterflies enjoying their beautiful habitat. I hope you have a chance to venture out this summer onto our precious mountain and appreciate the nature that surrounds our wonderful town.

Last month, my daughter attended Mission Blue Camp, a wonderful community-based and city-supported summer camp based right here in Brisbane. As part of the camp, leaders from San Bruno Mountain Watch led students on hikes on San Bruno Mountain, and taught campers about local flora and fauna. Each day, my daughter came back from camp, excited to tell me about her new adventures and show me the trails she hiked on the mountain. After being a Brisbane resident myself for over 13 years, I was elated to discover new trails, thanks to my daughter and the knowledge she gained from camp. I am so grateful to Mission Blue Camp for teaching our children about the importance of being ecological stewards of San Bruno Mountain.

Recently, I had the opportunity meet with Ariel Cherbowsky Corkidi, Programs Director at San Bruno Mountain Watch, to tour the newly planted Guadalupe Valley Native Plant Garden. Thanks to a $10,000 grant from the City of Brisbane in support of the Guadalupe Valley Stewards program, San Bruno Mountain Watch has been able to work on this important project supporting the goal of restoring urban environments and transforming overlooked areas into engaging and dynamic public places. The Guadalupe Valley Stewards Program aims to create vibrant and educational native landscapes along the public trail in Brisbane’s Crocker Industrial Park in order to connect our local community with the cultural and natural history of San Bruno Mountain and Guadalupe Valley.

Throughout a year of devoted community-based efforts, a harsh and highly compacted plot of land within Guadalupe Valley was transformed from an unsightly and desolate patch of gravel and weeds into a dynamic, colorful, ecologically-rich and locally-significant garden. The ingredients involved were all locally sourced, and included 52 native species propagated from seeds grown on San Bruno Mountain and grown at the Mission Blue Nursery, only one-third of a mile away from the garden site. One of the most wonderful aspects of the project is that it was created by volunteer stewards as well as students from Lipman Middle School, and will hopefully encourage students and others to be more environmentally engaged.

On my visit to the site, which is located east of Cypress Lane in Crocker Industrial Park, I was struck by how well the garden site interacted with the Crocker Park Recreational Trail, and how easily it could be appreciated by dog walkers, joggers and others accessing the trail. We also visited the adjacent “Chorus Frog Creek,” which was cleaned of invasive plants as part of the project.

I am extremely grateful to San Bruno Mountain Watch and Ariel Cherbowsky Corkidi for partnering with the City on this project, which showcases a model of sustainable landscaping that is place-based, conserves natural resources, proceeds with a light carbon-footprint, and provides multiple benefits at all stages of the project to people, plants and wildlife. I look forward to seeing this model scaled up and being applied to other local sites throughout Brisbane.

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**SECURITY AND EFFICIENCY**

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We all have been a part of bank fraud. From simple to severe, it’s a pain. You wake up one morning to emails and text from your bank asking you to call them to verify certain charges. You quickly find out that your credit card has been compromised as your bank closes down your card and sends you another one. Then you realize that you need to call your cable, phone and insurance providers to update a new card for auto pay before your next payment. That’s the simple version and hopefully your identity wasn’t stolen.

Do you turn your Bluetooth or Wireless off when you are not using your computer or cell phone? Have you set up a 2 step verification process? Have you requested your credit report to be blocked until you give authorization? There are ways to help isolate these occurrences and give you more control over the situation. Everyone should have a plan and have discussed this with their banker to insure you are protected. Sometimes setting up the simplest layer of security can help you prevent hackers from stealing your info. Please take the appropriate steps now as fraud is a growing industry and you don’t want to be the victim.

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NEW GARDEN PROJECTS AT OUR SCHOOLS
BY KAREN LENZ, Brisbane Elementary School District Board President, klenz@brisbanesd.org

Two exciting new projects at Lipman Middle School and Brisbane Elementary will bring hands-on learning to students by enriching our curriculum with real-life experiences in food production and waste reduction, the importance of healthy eating, water conservation, botany and food history.

WORKING GARDEN
At Brisbane Elementary, a team of parents are working with principal Andrea Katotakis to develop a working garden for our elementary students. Fruit trees have been planted, garden infrastructure begun. In the new school year, community outreach projects will raise funds for garden tools and seeds, and organize volunteers to help create and maintain the garden.

GREEN LAB
Green Lab, a project led by Lipman teachers Stephanie Murphy, Holly Rios and Joe Condon, is partnering with Healthy Planet, a non-profit with the mission of encouraging kids to become conscious eaters. Green Lab will be an integral component of the curriculum at Lipman, with connection to all of the core subjects as well as the subject of new electives in our after-school program.

Green Lab will expand our current garden infrastructure of 3 raised beds to 15 total beds, as well as add benches and compost containers. Every Lipman teacher will have his/her own garden plot to use in areas of study such as nutrition, food history, math and science. A proposed Garden Buddy program will partner Lipman students with our special needs students to collaborate on project-based garden lessons.

The Green Lab strategic plan includes coordinating with Club Lipman’s after-school cooking program to create new gardening electives, such as a Garden Entrepreneur class where students learn about business skills associated with gardening, such as growing and selling vegetables at the Brisbane Farmer’s Market.

The garden projects at BES and Lipman will also be important lessons in community-building for our students. Interested Lipman student groups will organize fundraisers and interact with volunteers to achieve financial support and gather community help for Dig Day in October. A Go Fund Me campaign has been created to jump-start the project.

If you are interested in becoming involved in the greening of our schools, please contact me. We will share photos of our progress during the school year!

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