



Sam Artino at the 2023 President's Awards ceremony in August.

Remembering Sam Artino

Sam Artino, who has been cutting hair in Alhambra since 1959, passed away on September 19, 2023, after 81 years of life. A fixture on Main Street, Sam's Barber Shop was the place to be, having served customers for decades (many even came from out of state for an appointment!).

Over the years, Sam raised hundreds of thousands of dollars for charities, including local churches, Girl Scouts (selling cookies), and Foster Children. He

was recognized many times for his annual holiday toy drive. Just this August, Sam was honored at the Alhambra Chamber of Commerce President's Award with the Local Institution of the Year. True to how he operated, Sam paid for 50 of his friends and customers to attend the celebration with him.

Sam was larger than life. His barber-shop wisdom, humor, and generosity are already missed.

NEWS & NOTES



> LA Zoo Animals Receive Tasty Ficus Trimmings c/o The Alhambra

For the second year, The Alhambra and its landscaping team, BrightView Tree Care Services, partnered with the LA Zoo to feed ficus tree trimmings to the animals. Zoo personnel distributed the trimmings to various plant-loving creatures, who appreciated the tasty meal! Every section of the tree was utilized—a great way to keep trimmings out of a landfill and better the community. All photos courtesy of LA Zoo.



> Visit the Dia de los Muertos Community Altar at Alhambra Library

The Alhambra Library invites community members to drop off photos of loved ones (family, friends, pets, etc.) who have passed away for a Community Altar in honor of Día de Los Muertos at the Second Floor Help Desk. Visit the Community Altar until November 5 on the First Floor of the Library and learn about the history of Día de Los Muertos and more about altars and ofrendas.



> Berenecca Johnson Eanes Appointed President of Cal State LA

The California State University (CSU) Board of Trustees has appointed Dr. Berenecca Johnson Eanes as president of California State University, Los Angeles. Eanes will become the university's first woman president. Eanes is an acclaimed scholar widely published in social work and has served as a faculty member or administrator at various institutions. She will assume the university presidency on January 8, 2024.



> Alhambra Resident Honored With Distinguished Professor Award

Howard Xu, a professor of microbiology in the College of Natural and Social Sciences' Department of Biological Sciences at Cal State LA, was recognized for excellence in teaching during University Convocation 2023. Xu was presented with a President's Distinguished Professor Award on August 17 for his superlative teaching, exceptional commitment to students, and professional accomplishments and services.



> Alhambra Fire Department Open House & Pancake Breakfast

The Alhambra Fire Department is hosting an open house on Saturday, October 14, from 9 a.m. to noon. The event will feature station tours, displays, demonstrations, and more. Plus, there will be food in the form of delicious pancakes for breakfast and brunch. The fire station is located at 71 301 N First Street.



> Cokreete 3D Presents Bingo Night Fundraiser

Support a good cause by joining Cokreete 3D for a fun night with games, prizes, food, and drinks on October 7! Cokreete, a 3D printing/3D scanning company, is hosting a Bingo Night Fundraiser on Saturday, October 7, from 5 to 9 p.m. at the American Legion at 24 N Stoneman Ave. Doors open at 4:30. All proceeds will be donated to the Alhambra High School PTA for student scholarships, grants, school events, and more.



> Tech Trek Girls Share STEM Camp Accomplishments at AAUW Ice Cream Social

Eighth-grade girls shared highlights of the Tech Trek camps of Whittier College and UC Santa Barbara and Tech Trek Virtual Camp on September 23. Tech Trek committees of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) Alhambra-San Gabriel hosted an Ice Cream Social to celebrate the girls' week-long, hands-on study of STEM fields. Teachers from Alhambra and other local schools recommended these students because they exhibit interest and talent in STEM subjects.



> Brave Resilient Women Spotlight Women in the Arts

The Brave Resilient Women (BRW) Committee of American Association of University Women (AAUW), Alhambra-San Gabriel Branch will present "Brave Resilient American Women of the Arts" on Saturday, October 28 at 11am. The BRW Committee invites everyone to engage in this free, audio-visual experience. Light snacks will be provided. To reserve a seat and learn the location of the program, call Jackie Fisher at 626-808-3528. For more information, go to alhsangab-ca.aauw.net.



> Major Brands Sign New Leases at Retail Center Adjoining The Alhambra

The Shops at The Alhambra celebrates the addition of Labcorp, Johnny Rockets, and Burnt Belly to their exciting lineup. Labcorp, a global life sciences leader in lab diagnostics, has leased 2,000 square feet for three years. Johnny Rockets Hurricane Grill has leased 2,000 square feet for ten years. Finally, Burnt Belly, a creative BBQ restaurant, has leased 1,640 square feet for five years.