

DATES TO REMEMBER

December 25

Christmas Day

January 1

New Year's Day

January 19

Martin Luther King's Day

January 24

Golf Tournament
by the Madera Chamber
and
the Madera Food Bank

February 14

Valentine's Day

February 16

President's Day

March 12

Senior Farmer Dinner

April 15

Tax Day

MADERA CHAMBER SEEKS NOMINEES FOR 2015 SENIOR FARMER OF THE YEAR



2014—Ray Pool

Since 1981 the Madera Chamber of Commerce has annually honored outstanding individuals for their leadership, service, and contributions to Madera County Agriculture. The Senior Farmer of the Year Award recognizes, with great appreciation, the lifetime of an exceptional individual in the field of agriculture.

The Chamber is seeking the nominations for the 2015 Senior Farmer of the Year. Candidates must be 65 years or over and live in Madera County. The scoring of nominations and final determination of the award is conducted by previous Senior Farmer honorees.

Nomination forms are available at the Madera Chamber of Commerce office, located at 120 North E Street in Madera, or online at www.maderachamber.com. Deadline for nominations is January 21, 2015.

The following recipients, through their years of hard work, have brought success and continue to provide a prosperous economic base for Madera County. The Chamber looks forward to celebrating a new Senior Farmer of the Year; the following is the impressive list of past honorees: 1981

- Sherman Thomas, 1982 - Henry Bitter, 1983 - Gino Petrucci, 1984 - Walter Roskopf, 1985 - A.K. Baker, 1986 - Everett Garner, 1987 - Floyd Nelson, 1988 - Lionel Rogers, 1989 - Ben Coulthard, 1990 - J.E. McKinney, 1991 - George Andrew, 1992 - John Sordi, 1993 - Ed Sagoguspe, 1993 Honorary - Franklin Secara, 1994 - Elsie Buchenau, 1995 - Norman Dill, 1996 - Henry Massaro, 1997 - Joe Galleano, 1998 - Robert T. Houlding, Sr., 1999 - Dino Petrucci, 2000 - Elvin Davis, 2001 - Alfred Russell, 2002 - Oliver Espinola, 2003 - Will Gill, Jr., 2004 - Jack Schnoor, 2005 - Richard B. Johnson, 2006 - Charles Faso, 2007 - Vernon Martinazzi, 2008 - **William "Billy" McKinney, 2009** - Albert Cossyns, 2010 - Johnny Deniz, 2011 - Millie Meders, 2012-13 - Sarkis Sahatdjian, 2014 - Ray Pool.

The 2015 Senior Farmer of the year will be honored at the Madera Chamber of Commerce Senior Farmer Dinner on Thursday, March 12, 2015 at the Madera Municipal Golf Course located at 23200 Avenue 17, Madera CA 93637. The Social Hour will begin at 6:00 p.m. with dinner at 7:00 p.m. The presentation of the 2015 Senior Farmer will immediately follow dinner. Cost for this event is \$45.00 per person, and reserved tables of ten (10) are available. Sponsorship Packages and reservations are available; please call the Chamber of Commerce Office at (559) 673-3563 for more information.





Message From: Madera Chamber of Commerce President/CEO - Debi Bray

On behalf of the Madera Chamber of Commerce I would like to wish everyone a joyful season of merriment that we should all experience, and share, during this time of year.

For many people the kick off to Christmas begins the day after Thanksgiving. I feel that for our community it begins with the Candlelight Christmas Parade (Kiwanis Club of Madera and Madera Downtown Association) and Wine Stroll (Kiwanis Club of Madera), Trees for Charity (Madera Sunrise Rotary) and the Madera County Museum Christmas Gala (Madera County Historical Society). Thank you to these organizations who take the time to host these wonderful events that bring the holiday spirit to Madera.

Throughout the year there are many in need of help for various reasons and the need during the holidays become even greater. During this holiday season, (or any time of the year), please keep in mind that your donations of goods and financial support are in great demand here in Madera. We have many charitable organizations, locally based, that could utilize your contributions and distribute your goodwill right here at home to help those facing such difficult times. Doing business in Madera is always encouraged by the Chamber and donating to our community is equally important. For a list of charitable organizations to support please contact our office at 673-3563.

In addition, the churches of Madera communicate and foster the true meaning of the Christmas season. Our faith based community welcomes you to join them in their services and programs during this special time of year and again, throughout the year. The Chamber would be happy to provide you with a listing of churches here in Madera, their doors are always open.

2014 has been a very good year for the Chamber. It is with an immense amount of appreciation that I thank all those who have supported us throughout the year. As a private non-profit organization we must be financially self-sustaining. With the continued support of our members, sponsors, program and event participants, we were able to successfully accomplish our purpose and work within our mission to serve our stakeholders and the community. My wish for each and everyone is to find great success and prosperity in the new opportunities that 2015 will bring. Looking forward...

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A Year in Review...

Senior Farmer of the Year Dinner – March 6, 2014

The 2014 Senior Farmer honoree was Ray Pool. Congratulations to Ray Pool on a lifetime of great accomplishments and being honored as the 2013-14. Senior Farmer of the Year by the Madera Chamber of Commerce. Your family, friends, and community applaud you and thank you for all that you have done.

Madera Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament – May 16, 2014

The Madera Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament took place at the Madera Municipal Golf Course this year. Many chamber members and friends participated as golfers or by donating raffle prizes and goodie bag items.

Mayor's Prayer Breakfast & Senior Celebration – May 1, 2014

The Madera Chamber of Commerce and the Madera Ministerial Association proudly present these events in celebration of the National Day of Prayer. **The keynote speaker for this year's Mayor's Prayer Breakfast was Alan Autry. Celebration Speaker for the days Senior Celebration was Ross Thornton.** Special Guest at both events was Mayor Robert Poythress.

Retired Teachers Luncheon – May 7, 2014

The Retired Teachers Luncheon is an annual event held to celebrate our retired teachers in their past and current service to the youth of our community. **This year's luncheon was held at the Madera County Office of Education. Our retired teachers put many hours of service in the form of tutoring, mentoring and other volunteerism to serve our community.**



Salute to Education – May 8, 2014

Friends and family came to celebrate the 2014 honorees for Distinguished Teachers of the Year, Business Supporters of the Year and M.U.T.A. Friends of Education. This event honors not only our teachers, but local supporting businesses and their role in education. This event is held annually at the Madera Community College.

Business Expo – June 19, 2014

The Business Expo & Trade Show was held at the Madera District Fairgrounds Hatfield Hall & Patio. The Expo provides over 75 businesses with an opportunity to display their products and services to our community including a Food Court and Beverage Bar. Music was performed by The Yard Dogs and over 100 Prizes raffled off to those who attended. **A wonderful addition to this year's event was a car show put on by Madera Classic Cars.**

Lifetime Achievement Awards Dinner – August 20, 2014

The 10th Annual Lifetime Achievement Awards and Board of Directors Installation Dinner was held at the Madera District Fairgrounds Hatfield Hall. Honorees recognized were John and Shirley Sudduth, Jon Basila, Marge Medellin, Stell Manfredi, and David Minier. **Memorial Honoree was Denny "Denslow" Green. These outstanding individuals have distinguished themselves through their dedication to the welfare and betterment of Madera for a minimum of 25 years, both personally and professionally and have been active members of the Madera Chamber of Commerce and have lived in Madera County for at least 25 years.**

Pomegranate Festival – November 1, 2014

The Madera Chamber of Commerce and the Tourism Alliance Committee celebrate our county's growing reputation as the "Heart of Pomegranate Country" with the annual Pomegranate Festival. Another successful year with lots of Maderans in attendance at the Madera Municipal Airport. The festival featured the Marie Wilson Band, cooking demos, food and beverage samples, Kid Zone and much more.

Candlelight Christmas Wine Stroll – December 4, 2014

The Madera Chamber of Commerce participated in this year's Wine Stroll by hosting an open house and visiting with community members as they stopped by to enjoy appetizers and a glass of wine or hot cider. This was the 21st Annual Downtown Madera Candlelight Christmas Parade and Wine Stroll.

Tree's for Charity – December 6, 2014

The Madera District Chamber of Commerce presented a tree for auction at this year's 'Trees for Charity' event. **This year's tree had a San Francisco Giants theme.** The beautiful ornaments and elegant décor along with World Series Winners is a wonderful addition to the home or business of any super-fan! Thank you to Anita and Dan Martin for being the winning bidders and making a home for our tree.



Photo Courtesy of Wendy Alexander

A Year to the Future...

Chamber Golf Tournament – January 24, 2015

Senior Farmer Dinner – March 12, 2015

Mayor's Prayer Breakfast & Senior Celebration – May 7, 2015

Good Morning Madera—Throughout the Year

Retired Teachers Luncheon – May 2015

Salute to Education – May 2015

Noontime Networking—Throughout the Year

Business Expo – June 18, 2015

Lifetime Achievement Awards Dinner – August 2015

Pomegranate Festival – November 7, 2015

Candlelight Christmas Wine Stroll – December 2015

Tree's for Charity – December 2015



Photo left: Ambassadors of the Year Christina Herrera, Shanda Smith, and Gloria Molina (not pictured) being recognized at the 2014 Lifetime Achievements Awards Dinner for their outstanding contributions to the Madera Chamber by Chamber CEO Debi Bray.

Tax Season is Just Around the Corner, Contact the following Chamber Members for your Tax Needs

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Pre-Game Super Bowl Golf Tournament



Hosted by Madera Chamber of Commerce and Madera County Food Bank

SATURDAY—JANUARY 24, 2015

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