

Publisher's Note

This week I had two reminders of the crucial role of government in providing for



known needs. The first being the reductions in funding our state parks means that the environment is not only endangered, but a \$14M deficit gap must now be filled with volunteer hours. Lack of funding for public school sports means an elementary school must raise more than \$120 per participating student or the program will not exist. In the coming months we will be touching more on the role of government in providing for the wider community. Please think of community needs as you read this issue of PrideNews and listen to PrideLive this Saturday on Talk 650 KSTE. Let us know your opinion on this topic by sending us an email at: news@pridemedia.net.



Kevin M. Manz

Jazz Up Your Holidays

by Matt Burlingame & Melissa Martinez

The holidays are here and what better way to kick it off than hearing some of your favorite holiday music performed by the Sacramento Gay Men's Chorus (SGMC). This year they will be performing with the Harley White Jr. Orchestra for a

series of concerts entitled "Cool Yule," Dec. 6 – 10 at the First United Methodist Church at 21st & J streets.

"Cool Yule is the most jazz inspired show that we have ever presented," says Mike Tentis, president of SGMC. "The big-band era vibe of the 10-man Harley

White Jr. Orchestra will be a wonderful compliment to our 75 voices."

Artistic Director Steven Johnson adds, "Harley's orchestra gives the show a cool vibe that is very appealing."

The two-hour event will feature traditional holiday music, choreography and vignettes SGMC has become known for, but don't think this is just another generic Christmas carol concert.

"I see the holiday show as an opportunity for SGMC to inspire its audiences through musical diversity, while engaging other musicians within the community in a fun and collaborative spirit," Johnson says. "We sing each other's songs in such a way that it's unmistakable to see, hear and know the magic of a diverse and creative world."

The Sacramento Gay Men's Chorus was founded in 1984 to foster a sense of community, and has grown dramatically over the past year with stepped-up expectations for musical excellence, stage movement, theatrical lighting and guest artists.

For tickets or more information about SGMC or the Cool Yule concert series, visit sacgaymenschorus.org



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Pride Media Hosts Rainbow Chamber Mixer

by **Jovi Radtke**

On Nov. 19, Pride Media hosted the monthly Rainbow Chamber of Commerce (RCC) member mixer, along with new Rainbow Chamber member Sacramento News & Review.

With an estimated 70 people in attendance, the event included high profile guests, such as Assemblymember Roger Dickinson, previous Rainbow Chamber Board President Dr. Darrick Lawson and Rainbow Chamber Executive Director Nikki Whitfield.

The lively atmosphere included a live mariachi band, music from Infinite Entertainment's DJ Jeremy Fristoe, catering by Skybox, and Hoppy Brewing Company's holiday brew. Rainbow Chamber Board President Michael Sestak announced Pride Media as the Rainbow Chamber's first-ever Platinum Partner.

The Rainbow Chamber's monthly mixers happen every third Tuesday of the month and are designed to offer an opportunity to socialize, network and become more involved in the local LGBTQ community.

For information on how to become a member, go to rainbowchamber.com.



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