We are starting a new column to "Meet the Hotel GM’s in the area……getting to know our hospitality industry leaders. Our first for the 2016 year is one that is well known to most of you, WELCOME JOHN SOUTHWELL – GENERAL MANAGER – SJ MARRIOTT

John Southwell, the General Manager of the San Jose Marriott has brought more than 20 years of hospitality experience to the San Jose Marriott. For many of us in the hospitality industry we were unaware that John had move from Hilton San Jose to the San Jose Marriott. We caught up with him in the newly refurbished lobby at the Marriott to have a moment to catch up on his new residence.

Prior to joining the San Jose Marriott, John served in the joint capacity of General Manager of the Hilton San Jose and Vice President of Hotel Operations for the hotel’s ownership group, DiNapoli Capital Partners.

He has successfully worked both sides of the fence, representing both hotel management and ownership at the same time. If you were to ask him he would tell you that his number one priority is always guest satisfaction; “Happy employees make for happy guests and happy guests lead to a profitable hotel.”

For nearly two decades, John has played a vital role in promoting San Jose as a destination. He is a founding member of Team San Jose, which operates and markets the San Jose McEnery Convention Centre and many of the city’s cultural facilities. As past Chairman of the Board for Team San Jose, he helped make its recent $130 million renovation and expansion a reality. He also serves on the Board of Directors for the San Jose Convention and Visitors Bureau.

John is dedicated to improving the community for residents and tourists alike. An active member of the Mayor of San Jose’s Role Model Mentor program, San Jose State University’s Hospitality Management Advisory Board, the San Jose Office of Economic Development’s Work2Future program, and Cornell University’s Hospitality Management Advisory Board, he views educational and job skill development a key to the well-being of the community.

He is a board member of Think Together of the Bay Area; the San Jose Sport’s Authority, San Jose Silicon Valley Chamber of Commerce and is a coach for Sharks Youth Hockey League.

John holds a Master of Hotel Management from Cornell University, and a Bachelor of Applied Arts, Hospitality and Tourism from Ryerson Polytechnic Institute in Toronto, Canada.

A native of Victoria, Canada, John lives in San Jose with his wife, Alice and their 3 children (plus 2 large golden retrievers who are part of the family). He enjoys spending time with his family, golf, hockey and watching any British mystery shows.
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Dining with Bella

Tee Nee Thai

Voted the best Thai Restaurant in the Metro “Best of Silicon Valley” this little restaurant has gone through an extensive remodel.

While it’s still warm enough, get a table on the back patio. It’s beautifully appointed with lots of plants and there is live music. For colder days/night they have heaters available. We always try to get the patio when we can.

They have a huge beer and wine selection, and on this occasion my friend and I tried the beer flight. It comes in a great presentation and each offering is labeled, but I don’t want to give it away here, you’ll have to order to see it. The wait staff will explain a little about each selection. They were each interesting and delicious in their own way. They change often; in fact, I’ve never had the same selection twice.

We started with some Roti with curry dipping sauce. You. Have. To. Try. This! We ordered a second helping.

For our meal, we chose the green curry with chicken, pineapple rice, papaya salad and the Pad Thai.

Presentation was great. Wait staff was pleasant but not the fastest we’ve seen.

Plan for about 2 hours from start to finish.

A word about heat. I’m not a fan of extremely spicy food. If you aren’t either, order everything mild and you’ll be good to go.

CHIAO BELLA!
JANUARY 2016 CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS:
Here are just a few of the events going on this month, selected by Discover Silicon Valley magazine. For a complete calendar, visit www.dineshopplay.com/events_main

BEER AND THE BARD…Whether you’re a theatre lover, you enjoy a refreshing pint, or both, the ShakesBEERience (Jan 11) will surely hit the spot. Sit back and take in “The Winter’s Tale” in an intimate and casual setting, where professional actors bring Shakespeare’s theatrical masterpiece to life in a playful, unique and accessible way while you eat, drink and even take part in the action. 6:30pm. (Downtown San Jose: Café Stritch, 374 S. First St.; 408/280-6161)

SENDING OUT AN SOS… Held in Princeton-By-The-Sea, the SOS Seafood Festival (Jan 30) honors the area’s major fishing industry. Food trucks serve up sustainable seafood and tents feature a world-class variety of local wines, small-batch craft beers and specialty cocktails. The SOS Concert Stage offers a lineup of headliner entertainment; the Chef's Pavilion includes celebrity chefs' demos, and special talks; and the Cool Coastal Marketplace sells ocean-inspired arts and crafts. 10am-5pm. (Half Moon Bay: Half Moon Bay Brewing Company, 390 Capistrano Rd.; 650/726-3491)

A SYMPHONIC CINEMATIC EXPERIENCE… Part of Symphony Silicon Valley’s special Classic Movies in Concert series (Jan 15-17), relive the magic of Raiders of the Lost Ark with John Williams’ epic score performed live to picture by a full symphony orchestra. Fri-Sat, 7pm; Sun, 2pm. (San Jose: Center for the Performing Arts, 255 Almaden Ave.; 408/286-2600)

BROADWAY LIKE YOU'VE NEVER SEEN IT… Broadway’s high-flying, death-defying, Tony Award-winning musical, Pippin (Jan 5-10) is full of extraordinary acrobatics, wondrous magical feats and soaring songs from the composer of Wicked. Presented by Broadway San Jose, this unforgettable production is unlike anything Broadway has ever seen. Tues-Thu, 7:30pm; Fri, 8pm; Sat, 2 & 8pm; Sun, 1 & 6:30pm. (San Jose: Center for the Performing Arts, 255 Almaden Ave.; 408/408/792-4580)

IRVING BERLIN BROUGHT TO LIFE… A new musical play, Hershey Felder as Irving Berlin (Jan 13-Feb 14) is the inspiring story of “America’s Composer.” Taking center stage in this tour-de-force performance is piano virtuoso Hershey Felder, internationally acclaimed for bringing to life such composers as Beethoven, Chopin and Bernstein. From “Blue Skies” to “White Christmas,” this remarkable evening presented by TheatreWorks is an unforgettable musical journey. Tue-Wed, 7:30pm; Thurs-Fri, 8pm; Sat, 2 and/or 8pm; Sun, 2 and/or 7pm. (Mountain View: Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St.; 650/903-6000)

AN EXHIBIT THAT SCORES A TOUCHDOWN… Football fans of all ages will surely get a kick out of the Triton Museum of Art’s upcoming exhibit Gridiron Glory: The Best of the Pro Football Hall of Fame. The 5,000 sq. ft. exhibit, which is free to the public from Jan 18-Feb 14, features football mementos, award-winning photography, one-of-a-kind documents, interactive exhibits, footage from NFL films and the Vince Lombardi Trophy. Tues-Sun, 11-5; Thurs, ‘til 9pm. (Santa Clara: Triton Museum of Art, 1505 Warburton Ave.; 408/247-3754)

DRIBBILING FUN… Celebrating their 90th anniversary, the Harlem Globetrotters take center court on Jan 15, 22 and 24 with some of the greatest athletes and entertainers around. Every appearance showcases their incredible ball handling wizardry, rim-rattling dunks, trick shots, hilarious comedy routines and unequaled fan interaction. Fri, 7:30pm; Sun, 12pm. (San Jose: SAP Center, 525 W. Santa Clara St.; 408/287-9200)
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A Story of Murder, Vengeance & Hope

Based on the historical, true-crime book by Harry Farrell, this world premiere play by Tom McEnery focuses on the 1933 kidnap and murder of San Jose native Brooke Hart, heir to the Hart family fortune, and the subsequent mob rule hanging of suspected murderers in St. James’ Park.

Through SWIFT JUSTICE, explore what happened that fateful November.

Third Thursday: SJMADE Presents Soundscaping SJMA

Thursday, January 21, 2016
5:30 – 9 PM
Admission is $5 after 5 PM (free to members)

SJMADE and the Knight Foundation bring music makers to SJMA to re-imagine the museum as a sonic environment as they create immersive sounds throughout the galleries. Enjoy this contemplative atmosphere as a stage for your heightened senses and appreciation of art. Take part in a screenprint and color workshop and make art featuring the evening’s musicians and created by San Jose artist, Your Homeboy Harv.

SEE WHAT YOU THINK.

Museum hours
Tuesday – Sunday
11AM – 5PM

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11AM – 5PM (Closed Monday, and all Monday holidays)

Admission
Adults $10
Seniors $8
College student with ID $6
Youth 7–17 $5
Free admission for SJMA members and children six and under

Location
110 South Market Street
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Wine Stroll benefiting The Silicon Valley Education Foundation

January 21, 6-8p.m.
Join us for the Santana Row Wine Stroll benefiting The Silicon Valley Education Foundation. Tickets include a wine stroll throughout The Row from 6-8 p.m. live music, and a reception at Roots & Rye until 9 p.m., all for $40. Tickets are on sale now at SantanaRow.com or inside of the Santana Row Concierge. Registration will begin at 5:45 p.m. at BoConcept next to The Container Store.

Complimentary Shuttles from the Fairmont & Hilton

February 5th & 6th
Santana Row is offering complimentary round-trip shuttle service from The Fairmont San Jose and Hilton San Jose hotels to and from Santana Row on Friday, February 5, 2016 and Saturday, February 6, 2016. The shuttle service will begin at 11 a.m. each day in front of each hotel. The shuttles will run continuously all day to and from Santana Row, with the last shuttle departing each hotel at approximately 8:45 p.m. The shuttle will drop guests off at Santana Row, the premier shopping and dining destination less than 5 miles away. The shuttle will depart from the same location as you were dropped off at. The shuttle will pick-up at each hotel and Santana Row approximately every 45 minutes.

Roundtrip Shuttle to Levi’s Stadium:

Super Bowl Sunday, February 7th; Departing Santana Row at 1p.m.
Enjoy a round-trip shuttle from Santana Row to Levi’s Stadium! Your $40 ticket includes round-trip transportation, designated parking at Santana Row and exclusive shopping & dining incentives. Tickets can be purchased at www.SantaRow.com. For more information, contact Concierge at 408.551.4611.

Super Bowl Sunday at Santana Row

Left Bank Brasserie- Enjoy an exclusive Happy Hour beginning at 3 p.m. with wings, sliders & more for $6. Plus select beer & wine by the glass for $5.

Rosie McCann’s Irish Pub & Restaurant- Don’t miss the ultimate viewing party at Rosie’s for the big game, with a projector in the back room, sound system throughout the restaurant and pre-sale of VIP tables with drink and food packages and with weather permitting, tables will also be available on the patio.

Vintage Wine Bar- 3-5p.m.-$60 All You Can Drink* It’s a day that should be a national holiday akin to Thanksgiving or Christmas. While most of you are gearing up for the big game and wondering which dip to pair with your chips, the unwavering and reliable wine merchant remains open for business. For those of you not interested in the big game, we have no television at the Vintage Wine Bar. Grab your non-football frenzied friends and head out on to the South Bay’s premier wine bar for ALL-YOU-CAN-DRINK Champagne featuring Taittinger, Pommery and Delamotte.

The Counter- Happy Hour All Day. Includes 1/2 Off Starters, $2 Mini Burgers, $2 OFF Draft Beer, Wine, Signature Cocktails, and Adult Milkshakes, Wings: 6 for $6.

Vbar @ Hotel Valencia- Watch the game inside Vbar at Hotel Valencia. Enjoy drink specials and exclusive Super Bowl menu items.

Pasta Pomodoro- Receive 15% Off Catering for Super Bowl Game Day! Order by phone at 1-888-8We-CaterOrder. Additional charges apply for delivery. Delivery subject to availability. May be used one time only and applied to one order only. Taxes and gratuity not included. Offer expires February 7, 2016.
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