

Business Spotlight

Best hummus, period

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In 1951, Mohammad Ziad's grandfather, Afeef Awad, traveled to the city of Yafa which is located on the east coast of the Mediterranean Sea. While he was in Yafa, he learned how to make hummus and made his first batch that started the restaurant's devotion for hummus.

A few years later, he moved to Amman, Jordan, and opened his own restaurant to give people the taste of his delicious, handcrafted hummus. Throughout the years as a restaurant owner and hummus

enthusiast, he perfected his recipe to produce world class hummus, which made its way all the way to California.

"The fact that we still use the same spices our grandpa used to use, which we import twice a year from Amman, Jordan is what sets us apart," said Ziad, who opened his first Yafa Hummus location in Tracy, and has since opened restaurants in Dublin and Livermore. "The recipes originate from our grandpa's restaurant that opened in 1951 in Amman and closed down when my grandpa retired in 2003," said Ziad.

After graduating from San Jose State University, Ziad went to live with his brother and cousin in hopes of starting a business together. "One thing we knew for sure was that we couldn't find any good hummus around, no matter where we looked," said Ziad. That is when they decided to open a small concept restaurant, where they planned to produce and distribute hummus. "Our goal with the restaurant was a small menu, a lot of hummus, and a few months down the road we could start packaging and distributing hummus."

Plans don't always work out how you envision and sure enough, the



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restaurant got busy, and the hummus production was put on hold for a while. Fast forward three years, Ziad and family have three Yafa Hummus locations, amazing reviews across the board, and still serving hummus a great volume.

Yafa Hummus serves authentic flavors in bowls and wraps, with three proteins to choose from: Chicken Shawarma, Beef Gyro, & Falafel (vegan option). They have 15 different sides, some of the most popular being: Hummus (Classic flavor, Spicy, or Pesto), Greek Salad, Mediterranean Salad, Tabouleh, Kale-slaw and Baba Ghanoush.

Visit Yafa Hummus at 7012 Amador Plaza Road in Dublin, or at www.yafahummus.com. Email for all of your catering needs at yafahummus@gmail.com or follow them on Facebook and Instagram @Yafahummus.

75 Years

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the participants meet monthly nine times for day-long sessions on topics of history, government, education, recreation, business, public safety, health and infrastructure.

In 1997, the chamber formed its Community Foundation to generate funding otherwise unavailable for programs benefiting the chamber, its members and the community. The Foundation's mission is to support and advance small business development, business technology development, service projects and educational programs of the Pleasanton community.

"The thing that has been most impactful to my chamber experience was the courage that it took to form a PAC so that business had a more formal seat in community discussions," said John Sensiba, 2007 chamber board chair, on the 2004 formation of the Business And Community Political Action Committee, BACPAC. "It really allowed business to put their money where their mouth was. It was never intended to dominate the discussion, just to include the voice of business and I think it has done that well. Taxes on business help maintain our quality of life in Pleasanton and I think the chamber does a great job of advocating for a business-friendly environment."

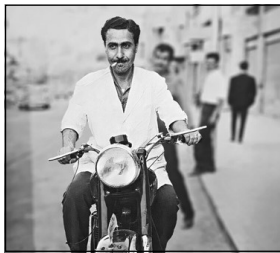
The chamber, through its

Community Vision Program launched in 2008, has been a catalyst for identifying and advocating fulfillment of community-developed objectives for a better Pleasanton in areas of housing, education, public safety, parks, recreation, infrastructure, health, and the local economy.

In 2013, the chamber launched the Pleasanton Young Professionals, the premier networking group for emerging and established young professionals age 21-40.

"The chamber provides many with the opportunity to lead from the front, to actively serve our community and to leave Pleasanton a little bit better than when we found it," said Laura Brooks, 2009 chamber board chair. "While the chamber is an amazing business organization, it is also a community organization filled with people who are passionate about our city and our residents."

As the chamber looks back on its rich history over the last 75 years, the business climate is a key driver of the community's success. "Of all the Chamber's most memorable accomplishments, most significant to me these many years is its enduring success with people," said Scott Raty, who served as the chamber's CEO for a total of 16 years. "Pleasanton is blessed with a richly diverse business community that contributes enormously to the economic success and quality of life we enjoy."



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Taking Advantage of Proposition 19 To Transfer To A New Property Within California

In November 2020, the state of California approved Proposition 19, which will make important changes to the property tax transfer rules for those aged 55 and over as well as parent-child property transfers of primary residences and parent-child transfers of other real property. Beginning in 2021, the new guidelines will replace the existing rules of Proposition 13.

Prop 19 allows a homeowner who is 55 years of age or older, severely disabled or whose home has been substantially damaged by wildfire or natural disaster to transfer the taxable value of their primary residence to:

- a) a replacement primary residence anywhere in the state
- b) regardless of the value of the replacement primary residence (but with adjustments if replacement has a greater value),
- c) within two years of the sale and
- d) up to three times (or as often as needed for those whose houses were destroyed by fire).

Curious to learn more about Prop 19 & how it will affect you personally? Give us a call at 925-400-7533, or visit BayAreaHomeFinder.com/Proposition19 to join our information list & receive updates.

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