

Meet the new leader for the Chamber's young professionals

Hi everyone, my name is David Wong and I am the newly appointed Board Chair for the Pleasanton Young Professionals, also known as the PYPs, a Pleasanton Chamber committee. We are a premier networking group in the Tri-Valley for emerging and established young professionals and entrepreneurs. We hold monthly mixers on the first Thursday of each month for networking, bi-monthly mastermind workshops for professional development, and other standalone events such as volunteer and fundraising opportunities for philanthropy and giving back to the community.



David Wong
Board Chair
Pleasanton Young Professionals

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For me, 2023 is about building community, bringing innovation, and gaining more awareness to the group and the Pleasanton Chamber as a whole. With the continued support of the Chamber, and our very talented executive committee team, I have the utmost confidence that we can achieve our goals this year. If you, or someone you know, are a Pleasanton Chamber member, you can enjoy all of the benefits and success of the group as well.



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Scan the QR code to visit the PYPs online, Instagram, Facebook and LinkedIn and check out our upcoming events on the Chamber calendar.



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Go behind the scenes to learn what makes our community work

Leadership

Pleasanton™

A Program to Develop Community Leaders

Leadership Pleasanton, created by the Pleasanton Chamber in 1988, has produced more than 775 graduates in its 30-plus years. In September of each year, roughly 30 individuals from all walks of life begin participating in nine, monthly, day-long sessions on topics of Pleasanton history, government, education, recreation, business, public safety, health and infrastructure. Many graduates go on to volunteer for local community non-profits, service clubs, youth sports, city commissions, and in some cases pursue elected office.

Whether you are new to Pleasanton, or a life-long resident, going behind the scenes once a month to learn what makes this great community tick is time well spent.

"I can honestly say it has changed the trajectory of where I'm at in my life," said Nick Valenziano, an alum from the Leadership class of 2016. "I own a house in Pleasanton, I



The Leadership Pleasanton class of 2023 pictured at Callippe Preserve Golf Course during Local Government day in October of 2022.

have two businesses in Pleasanton, and literally my heart is Pleasanton. It's partly because of the Chamber and what Leadership did for me."

The program's goal is to develop community leaders, and participants meet monthly from September through May on the second Thursday of each month. Each member of the class is expected to attend all sessions in their entirety in order to realize the maximum benefits of the program. Sessions are designed to be interactive, educational and challenging. Each

What Leadership Pleasanton participants are saying

"What a wonderful day! I got so much out of it. Met many great people I had not known before, learned about my town, and enjoyed some laughs along the way."

"One of the most informative sessions of our Leadership experience. In this crazy world we live in, it is wonderful the community is as dedicated to help those in need. That's what makes Pleasanton a great place to grow our families and live."

class will be acquainted with current community assets, needs and issues while at the same time be given a forum to discuss these

challenges with current community leaders.

"If anyone is wondering - should I be a part of Leadership - you need



Pleasanton Chamber Community Foundation board member Randy Brown presenting Nick Valenziano with the Jenny Doeble Award in February.

to do it. It's where you become a player in this community, and you give back to what has given us so much. I will tell you why it's amazing," said Valenziano.

The program is open to everyone in the community and online registration to become part of the Leadership Pleasanton class of 2024 is open now at www.pleasanton.org. For any questions regarding Leadership Pleasanton, email program director Yianna Theodorou at yianna@pleasanton.org.



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