

News

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Small Business Recognition Program Honors Owens' Bistro

Each month, Fourth District Supervisor Gary C. Ovitt will accept nominations for small businesses that are successfully working to improve our local economy and are making a difference in the community. For February 2011, Owens' Bistro is being honored.

Owens' Bistro opened its doors in September 2003 at 5120 D Street in Downtown Chino. Owners, Chef James Kelly and his wife Denise, pride themselves on good food, live entertainment, a romantic ambiance, and their personal attention to patrons.

The cuisine at Owens' Bistro is what Chef Kelly prefers to call "progressive American, with a sense of humor". Seamlessly blending classic as well as modern techniques, the menu features almost entirely locally grown produce from the region's numerous farmers markets.

The Kellys live in Chino with their son, Owen, the eatery's namesake. Owens' Bistro has occupied its current location, across from Chino City Hall, for more than 7 years.

Denise Kelly was recognized as 2009 Maitre d' of the Year and Owner and Chef James Kelly was recognized as Chef of the Year in 2008 by the Southern California Restaurant Writers Association.

"Small businesses are vital to the economy of San Bernardino County," said Supervisor Ovitt. "Owners of small businesses should be commended and recognized for their hard work and entrepreneurial spirit. Their success should serve as a 'best practices' model for other small businesses, particularly in these tough economic times."

Supervisor Ovitt added, "Small businesses play a vital role in the economy of San Bernardino County. More than 93 percent of businesses in our county have 25 or fewer employees. They employ more than 60 percent of our work force."

Nominated businesses for the Fourth District Small Business Recognition Award need to be located within the cities of Chino, Chino Hills, Montclair, or Ontario. Small businesses can be nominated by emailing to SupervisorOvitt@sbcounty.gov or by contacting Supervisor Ovitt's

district office at (909) 465-1895. Please include the name of the business, business owner's name, address, and the reason why you are nominating that small business.

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