

Creating Access for All

More Than Goodwill, It's Good Business

Americans with Disability Act & Your Business:

Inquiring Minds Need to Know!

Please Join us for this very special workshop

Featuring:

Welcome by Mayor Phillips (8:15)

The Customer's Perspective (8:20)

Downtown Resident Eric Holm,
Guide Dogs for the Blind

ADA & 5 Simple Things to Do to Create Access Today (8:30)

Jan Garrett, Pacific ADA Center

Common Barriers to Access in the Built Environment (8:45)

Arfaraz Khambatta, Sally Swanson
& Associates

Legal Details: Managing Risk (9:00)

Mark Rice, McNeil, Silveira, Rice & Wiley



Wednesday, August 13

8 am - Continental Breakfast

8:15 - 9:30 Program & Q&A

Location: SR Corporate Center
Talmapais Room,
750 Lindaro

Plus:

Discounted ADA Evaluation of Your Business Offered to All Attendees

More Information: 415-459-6245, ext 14.

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DOWNTOWN SAN RAFAEL
BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

San Rafael Chamber

Access For All Speaker Biographies

Jan Garrett, Pacific ADA Center

Ms. Garrett is employed by the Public Health Institute (PHI), Oakland, California. She currently serves as the Program Manager of the Pacific ADA Center. The Pacific ADA Center is part of the ADA National Network, a group of 10 regional centers across the U.S. that provide information, training and materials to businesses, state and local governments, and disability communities about their rights and responsibilities under the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Ms. Garrett also serves on a number of regional and California state committees on which she provides expertise in service and volunteering, transportation accessibility, and emergency preparedness for people with disabilities. She also serves on the Board of Directors of the Oakland-based AXIS Dance Company, which features dancers with and without disabilities. Ms. Garrett holds Juris Doctorate from the University of Oklahoma, and a B.A. in international relations from Scripps College in Claremont, CA.

Eric Holm, Guide Dogs for the Blind; City of San Rafael, ADA & Accessibility Advisory Committee

After serving as a volunteer, speaker, and independent consultant with Guide Dogs for the Blind, Inc., Mr. Holm was appointed by Governor Jerry Brown to the State Board of Guide Dogs for the Blind, on June 7, 2012 and re-elected as Board President on May 14, 2012. Eric graduated from Saint Mary's College (BA), San Francisco Law School (JD), and the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center. Holm served as a Federal Adjudications Officer for the US. Department of Justice and the U.S Department of Homeland Security. Eric actively engages as a member of the National Federation of the Blind and the Bay Area Association of Disabled Sailors. Presently, Holm also serves on the City of San Rafael Park & Recreation Commission and the City's ADA & Accessibility Advisory Committee, educating and advancing the rights and

responsibilities of persons with disabilities. Ford, Holm's beautiful Yellow Labrador, nurtured and trained at Guide Dogs for the Blind, assists him in living life to the fullest.

Arfaraz "Arfi" Khambatta, CASp, ICC, Sally Swanson & Associates

Mr. Khambatta is, an ICC-Certified Inspector and a Certified Access Specialist is the Director of Access Consulting for Sally Swanson & Associates, an architectural firm specializing in ADA design.

As an expert in assessments of facilities for compliance with ADA/ADAAG, CCR Title 24 and other relevant access requirements, he collaborates with state agencies, counties and other public entities to develop their Self-Evaluations and Transition Plans. In addition, he conducts access compliance plan reviews and back checks of drawings and specifications for the Division of the State Architect (DSA).

Under his leadership, SSA has completed sidewalk inventories documenting ADA barriers using sidewalk-profiling technology that captures field data integrated into GIS. He has presented to the U.S. Access Board on developing Accessible Guidelines for Outdoor Developed Areas.

Mark J. Rice, McNeil, Silveira, Rice & Wiley

Mr. Rice's legal practice focuses on business litigation corporate transactions, real estate and construction, law, human resource law and dispute resolution. In practice since 1986, Mr. Rice's dispute resolution work includes representation of owners, contractors and design professionals in real estate and construction matters, public works claims, crane and heavy equipment accidents, as well as labor matters. Mr. Rice is a graduate of University of California Berkeley and received his law degree from University of Pacific, McGeorge School of Law.

SAN RAFAEL, CA – Strengthening the relationship between local businesses and disabled customers, upcoming community workshop Access for All will update San Rafael business owners on the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and its implications for their businesses. The workshop is on Wednesday, August 13, 2014 from 8-9:30am in the Tamalpais Room of the San Rafael Corporate Center.

Organized by the Marin Center for Independent Living, the San Rafael Chamber of Commerce, the Downtown San Rafael Business Improvement District, and the City of San Rafael, Access for All is a collaborative effort to introduce practical steps business and property owners can implement to create access for individuals with disabilities, and meet legal standards for compliance with ADA law.

"Accessibility is more than a set of architectural regulations and laws; it is a customer service strategy," said Eli Gelardin, executive director of the Marin Center for Independent Living. "Whether it's a parent pushing their toddler in a stroller or an older adult with vision loss, making a business more accessible doesn't just benefit customers with disabilities; it benefits all." Carol Thompson, Director of the Downtown Business Improvement District, agrees. "While ensuring a business is accessible is important risk management, our goal is to raise business consciousness to the reality that many members of our community will experience limited mobility or disability at some point in their lives, and there are simple things a business can do to remain consistently accessible to their customers. Attendees will come away with a checklist of improvements that are financially feasible and customer friendly."

Speakers include San Rafael Mayor Gary Phillips, local members of the disability community, certified access specialists, and legal experts. The workshop segments are as follows: Welcome by Mayor Phillips, The Customer's Perspective, ADA & 5 Simple Things to Do to Create Access Today, Common Barriers to Access in the Built Environment, and Legal Details: Managing Risk. A question and answer segment will conclude the program. A complimentary continental breakfast will be served. For more information or to RSVP, please contact Eli Gelardin at 415-459-6245.