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Pioneer Days 2009 deemed successful

Due to outstanding community involvement and increased sponsorships, the Twentynine Palms Chamber of Commerce saw about \$13,000 in positive cash flow for the Pioneer Days 2009 celebration.

“The 73rd annual Pioneer Days was a huge success this year,” said Chamber Executive Director Rob Fleck. “There was a great crowd out for the parade, and attendance at the carnival increased from last year, which led to more money raised through the carnival.”

Chamber President Gary Daigneault was delighted with the Pioneer Days events, saying, “It was so nice to see the attendance way up for the traditional Pioneer Events, there was so much positive support from the community and our local non-profits. The local groups that put on ancillary events all reported more participation and more money raised for our local charities this year. I saw lots of happy faces, more visitors from out of the City, and was very proud of how we were able to highlight the assets of our unique City.”

Pioneer Days kicked off with a mixer on Thursday, October 8, 2009, and the sold-out Grand Marshal luncheon on Tuesday, October 13, both held at Bistro Twenty Nine. The mixer was the best-attended mixer in more than a year, with approximately 80 attendees. “We urge the community and our local businesses to continue attending these events to pull our community closer together,” Fleck said.

This year’s Pioneer Days included live entertainment on the main stage from Deep 6, The Rebel Express, karaoke with Kristina Quigley, and Forever Came Calling. Annual Pioneer Days events that were well-represented included the chili dinner at the 29 Palms Art Gallery, the Soroptimist’s Pioneers in Print Champagne Social, Theatre 29’s “Sixth Year of Fear” Haunted House, the Bucky Bucklin Memorial Arm Wrestling Tournament, skateboarding demonstration, bingo, hot wing contest, Pet Parade and the Rotary Club of Twentynine Palms’ poker run. The “Celebrate 29!” juried art exhibit, sponsored by the City of Twentynine Palms Public Arts Advisory Committee, was a new and very successful event this year.

The Twentynine Palms Chamber of Commerce would like to thank its Pioneer Days sponsors: The Rotary Club of Twentynine Palms, Bar-Sto Precision Machine, Beltz Portable Toilets, Hi-Desert Physical Rehabilitation Group, US Bank, Hi-Desert Medical Center, Z107.7 FM, KX-96, Ray & Eva Kinsman, Rob Fleck from The Strike Zone, Wonder Garden Café, Break-n-Run, McClay’s Distributing, and NAPA Auto Parts.