

## Chamber News

### Castroville Area Chamber of Commerce

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By Ashlee Tondre Bates

This week is the last week to purchase your tickets for the 2010 Annual Chamber Banquet which will be held on January 21 at the Grande Hall at the Hofmann Ranch. Tickets are just \$30 each and include a chance at the raffle which will feature a grand prize basket filled with goodies and gift certificates from local merchants totaling around \$1,000. The banquet features a get acquainted mixer from 6pm to 7pm and the dinner and banquet begin at 7pm. Appetizers are being provided by the Old Alsatian Steakhouse and dinner will be provided by the Castroville Café. There will be an awards ceremony where we will recognize the Jr. Citizens of the Year, Citizen of the Year and the Business of the Year. There will also be several honorary awards including the President's Award given by outgoing President Sallie Harborth. The Medina County ESD #1 will present awards to their fire and EMS departments. Chris Schuchart will be our Master of Ceremonies this year and will help present the awards. As always, we will say goodbye to our outgoing directors and President and hello to the incoming directors and officers. The night will end with the ever popular raffle, which we are still accepting donation for! The banquet is open to the public, however seating is limited so please make your reservations now. Call the chamber office today at (830) 538-3142 to reserve your tickets today, or stop by our office at 100 Karm Street, located in the Steinbach House directly across from Sammy's Restaurant.

The Chamber staff is working hard on our website and will be starting a classified page to be launched within the month. This page will be a place for you to list your job postings, properties for rent or sale or commercial properties for lease. We get many requests for these such items and decided it was time to have a central place for all of this information so it would be easy for those interested to find. We encourage you to send information for this page, however decisions on which listings to post will be at the chamber's discretion. Send your listing to us at [ashlee@castroville.com](mailto:ashlee@castroville.com). Look for this new page to be available by the end of January.

We would like to welcome two new Directors to the Chamber Board of Directors, Justin Haby and Justin Johnson. As you know, we had an election in December of 2009 for the three outgoing Director positions. Following those elections, Jeff Lundquist had to resign due to his busy schedule that would be keeping him in Corpus most of the time. To replace him we looked to the 4<sup>th</sup> runner up in the election, which was Justin Haby with J.H. Storey Construction. Justin graciously accepted the position and attended his first board meeting this week. Earlier this month, Board Member Tom Campbell let us know that he would not be able to finish out the remainder of his term due to his busy schedule as well. 2010 was Tom's last year as a director. Serving in his place will be Justin Johnson of Dickerson Machinery who was very glad to know about his appointment to the board. He was the 5<sup>th</sup> runner up in the recent election. So please help us welcome these two new directors to the Chamber family!

This Saturday, the 16<sup>th</sup>, the Kolby Zinsmeyer Benefit Dance will be held at Quihi Dancehall from 8:30am to 12:30pm. The cost to get in is just \$10 per person. Live music will be played by Cactus Country throughout the evening. All proceeds will benefit the Kolby Zinsmeyer Scholarship Fund. Anyone interested in purchasing tickets or making a donation can contact Denise at (210) 884-9724 or Holly at (210) 289-9622. You can also stop by Zinsmeyer Mechanical & Welding, La Coste National Bank or R.J. Mangold Grain Company to purchase your tickets.

Have a safe weekend everyone and we look forward to seeing you all at the Chamber Banquet next week!