

Chamber News

Castroville Area Chamber of Commerce

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There are still a few spaces left for this year's Annual Chamber Banquet which will be held this Thursday, January 21st at the Grande Hall at the Hofmann Ranch. The general public is invited. We are very excited to be able to hold this ceremony which recognizes individuals in this community who give of themselves whole-heartedly. We will be presenting awards for the Jr. Boy and Girl Citizens of the Year, Citizen of the Year, the new Business of the Year award and several other honorary awards. Local Firefighters and EMS will also be recognized for their hard work and dedication. This banquet has been made possible by the Chamber office staff, directors and our wonderful Banquet Sponsors. These sponsors include Tot & Ward Albro of Albros Casa Y Garden, The Law Office of Anna Whorton & The Rushing Law Firm, Monte & Stacy Bippert from Bippert's Bottle Shop, Robert & Myra Schneider of Bourquin Automotive, Gary Carter of Castroville Café, The Castroville News Bulletin, Castroville State Bank, Dr. Frank and Carmen Danna, Sallie Harborth of Farmers Insurance, Hans and Charlotte Hofmann, Joseph & Jana Winkler of the Hotel Alsace & Spa, Joan Tinar of JT Advertising & Graphics, Justin Haby of J.H. Storey Construction, Medina Regional Hospital, Kenneth & Arlene Smith of Old Alsatian Steakhouse, Hazel Russell of State Farm Insurance, Chad & Nichole Martin of Station Creek Windows & Doors and Glennis Stein of Stein Insurance. We'd also like to thank everyone who donated a raffle item.

A delicious French inspired dinner will be served by the Castroville Café. Dinner will include French baguettes, Haricots verts with shallots & lemon (French green beans), Potatoes Lyonnaise, Coq au Vin (chicken with red wine) and a delicious French dessert. Appetizers and drinks served during the get-acquainted mixer will be provided by The Old Alsatian Steakhouse and Bippert's Bottle Shop. Tickets will be sold at the door, but seating is limited. So stop by the Chamber Office beforehand and pick up your tickets for just \$30 per person. The raffle is back again this year and will include a grand prize worth over \$1000. We hope to see you all there!

St. Louis Catholic School will be hosting a Rummage/Bake Sale and Raffle on Saturday, February 6, 2010. They are currently seeking donations for the sale and raffle. So if you've been thinking about cleaning out those closets and attic, now is the time to donate those unused items and help the school raise some much needed funds. And to all of you expert bakers out there, I am sure the School would love to sell some of your delicious specialties. Anyone interested in donating can please contact the school at (830) 931-3544.

For those of you who know about Victoria Magazine, we just received word that their January/February issue features a section entitled "Celebrating the Cozy Cuisine of Alsace." This article is filled with beautiful pictures, a brief history of the region and some wonderful Alsatian recipes. Too bad they didn't check with the Little Alsace of Texas before they did their article. So if you enjoy learning about Alsace and want to try some delicious recipes, check out the latest issue of Victoria.

If you've ever thought about going back to school to pursue a business degree, but don't have the time to go to school and work, then we have the solution for you. Southwest Texas Junior College is now offering business courses online and you can register now at the Castroville Public Library. Stop by the library today to find out what classes they have to offer and how easy it is to get registered.

Have a wonderful weekend everyone and don't miss the Chamber Banquet this Thursday night!