

## Chamber News

### Castroville Area Chamber of Commerce

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Fiorella Friday “A Nite in Old Castroville” is back for October and will be held this Friday, October 7, 2011. The group is looking forward to being back after taking some time off during the hot summer. This free event is open to the public and should be a fun night for everyone! There will be plenty to do including live music, vendors, food, wine tastings and so much more. Shops will be open late as well as restaurants. So plan to stay in town this Friday night and invite all your friends along for some Castroville fun!

October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month and the Medina Healthcare System and The Pink Boutique would like you to join them in Celebrating Survivors. They will host a luncheon on Tuesday, October 11, 2011 from 11:30am to 1pm at Medina Regional Hospital. The event will feature a light lunch, door prizes and great speakers. Special guest speakers will include breast cancer survivor Karen Martinez of FOX29 News and Dr. Oscar Ochoa from PRMA of South Texas. Dr. Ochoa will discuss reconstruction options after a mastectomy. This is a free event and open to the public but limited seating is available so please RSVP to (830) 426-7886.

Many children right here in Medina County are being removed from abusive situations every day. Local non-profit organization H.A.N.K. is there to help these children when no other agency is available to them. This Saturday, October 8, from 8am to 2:30pm, Frenchellen Gilliam, Miss San Antonio USA 2005 and Miss San Antonio Texas 2009, will host a Fall Plant Sale to raise money for this beneficial non-profit organization. Frenchie appreciates all the support provided to her by her home town area and has been searching for a way to give back to her community. The sale will take place in the parking lot of the Royce Groff Oil Company and will feature falls plants, perennials and xeriscape. Volunteers from local Girl and Boy Scout troops have been invited to assist with the fundraiser. Come stock up on your fall plants for a good cause!

Seats are still available for this Friday’s Meet and Greet with Congressman “Quico” Canseco. Starting at 12 noon at Sammy’s Restaurant you will have a chance to meet with your congressman and get a legislative update on what’s going on in Washington and how it affects our community. Those interested in lunch will be served Sammy’s special of the day for approximately \$10. If you’ve never met your Congressman, or just want to know what’s going on, we invite you to attend this informative meeting. Please RSVP to the Chamber at (830) 538-3142.

It’s Heritage Day this Sunday, October 9, and the Moye Center is gearing up for the 13<sup>th</sup> annual event. Each year the Sisters of Divine Providence hold the fundraiser to help offset the costs of running the facility and keep their ministry available to as many people as possible. The Sisters work hard every year making beautiful handmade arts and crafts of all kinds. It’s a great place to find that special gift that you can’t find just anywhere. They also work hard preparing desserts to go along with that delicious BBQ chicken and Alsatian Sausage meal which is prepared by the wonderful cooks of the St. Louis Men’s Society. Children’s events, a silent auction and quilt raffle round out the day. Be sure to head to the Moye Retreat Center from 11am to 3pm for this one of a kind event.

Other events this weekend include the American Legion Post 460 Scholarship Dinner which is open to the public on Friday from 5pm to 8pm. This week’s menu includes pork loin, sweet potatoes, green beans dessert and tea. Saturday, head on over to Houston Square for Market Trail Days from 9am to 4pm. The Bethlehem Lutheran Church of Quihi will hold their annual Sausage Supper this Saturday from 5-8pm at the church. A delicious sausage supper will be served and drive thru service is available. They will have a live auction, raffle and games for the kids. Free movies are back this month at the Shooting Star Museum. Stop by at 6pm for a free movie, popcorn and fun. Be sure to check out all the amazing antiques they have on display. Have a great weekend everyone. It’s sure starting to feel like Fall most mornings. Come on chilly weather, we are ready for you!