

## Chamber News

### Castroville Area Chamber of Commerce

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By Ashlee Tondre Bates

It's election time here at the Chamber and we are going to be filling three empty Board of Director positions. Nomination letters were sent out last month and we were very excited to find out that seven individuals accepted the nomination to be put on the ballot for this year's election. The nominees are Justin Haby of J.H. Storey Construction, Justin Johnson of Dickerson Machinery, Jeff Lundquist of Lundquist Automotive, Sarah Naegelin of Alsace Hair Nails and Tan, Brooks Rose of Edward Jones, Hazel Russell of State Farm Insurance and Stephanie Zinsmeyer of Stephanie's on the Plaza Salon and Spa. If you are a voting member of the Chamber please look for the ballot in your email and mail this week. If for some reason you do not receive the letter, please give us a call at 830-538-3142 or stop by our office located in the Steinbach House, across from Sammy's. Ballots must be received by 5pm on Monday, November 23, 2009. The new directors will be announced in December and introduced at the Chamber Banquet which will be held on Thursday, January 21<sup>st</sup> at the Grande Hall at Hofmann Ranch. We look forward to hearing from each Chamber voting member.

The St. Louis Development Council will be hosting a dinner to help support St. Louis Catholic School on Sunday, November 22, 2009. The dinner will begin at 5:30 pm at the Old Alsatian Steakhouse and Ristorante. The Council will also be introducing the new Principal, Larry Dorsey-Spitz, at this event. In addition to the charming atmosphere and delicious meal at the fundraiser, you will hear all about how the Lord and His Most Holy Spirit are at work at St. Louis. Door prizes will be awarded throughout the night. Tickets to this event are \$25 per person and can be purchased by calling Jennifer Hitzfelder at (830) 985-3777 or Kelly Wurzbach at 210-336-5956.

Cataplana, the unique kitchen shop that is located on Hwy 90, is now offering cooking classes. Cecilia Fetty, owner and chef, is excited to be expanding her cooking classes to the store. She is also now accepting orders for pie dough and cookie dough for the holidays. Stop by her store today to sign up for the classes or place your order. Or call her at (830) 538-9911.

On Monday morning we had a couple come in who were visiting from Houston and staying at the Hotel Alsace. The husband had been to Castroville once before on a trip with a Montessori school and his wife said when he returned home all he could talk about was Castroville and how much he enjoyed his visit. She said she just had to see this wonderful place he spoke so highly of. We love to hear wonderful comments like this about our town. Another young lady came in later that day who was staying in San Antonio on business. She heard about Castroville and just had to take a day trip out here. She was really enjoying her time here and couldn't wait to see the rest of the town. Keep up the good work everyone at making visitors feel welcome in our town. It really does pay off.

This weekend brings plenty to do with Friday Night Fever at Lundquist starting out the events. Saturday is full of things to do beginning with Market Trail Days which begins at 9am on Houston Square. Then head out to the Shooting Star Museum for their annual Military Uniform Show which runs from 1pm to 5pm on Saturday and Sunday. Also on Saturday is the Wild Game Dinner in God's Country which starts at 5pm at the Medina County Fair Grounds in Hondo. Enjoy a delicious BBQ meal, live auction, music, cash bar and much more. Have a great weekend everyone and enjoy this wonderful weather!