

Chamber News

Castroville Area Chamber of Commerce

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We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas holiday and enjoyed the time with your family and friends. Hopefully you all had a few days off to rest and recoup. It always seems like holidays go by so quickly. With all the shuffling around to different houses and eating everything in sight, we need another day off just to rest from the holiday!

On Friday January 8th, the San Antonio Rodeo Ambassadors will be making their annual trip to Castroville and the Chamber will host them this year at the Hotel Alsace. Starting at 10am we will have refreshments and hear from the group about this year's rodeo. Anyone interested is invited to come and meet the Ambassadors and find out what the San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo has to offer. Thank you to Joseph and Jana Winkler for donating the Hotel Alsace Ballroom for this event.

Tickets are now available 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 evening will begin at 6:00 p.m. with a get acquainted mixer where drinks and appetizers will be served. The awards banquet and dinner will begin at 7:00 p.m. with Castroville Café catering the meal. Both Castroville Café and Hans and Charlotte Hofmann have donated their time and location for the event. As always, the Chamber will recognize local individuals in the community with the Citizen of the Year Award, Jr. Citizens of the Year Awards and the new Business of the Year Award. We will welcome the 2010 Chamber Directors and say goodbye to those who are leaving us.

Much of what you will see the night of the banquet is brought to you by our Banquet Sponsors. Become a Banquet sponsor today for just \$250 and join those already helping out: Albros Casa Y Garden, Anna Whorton/Bobbie Jack Rushing, Bourquin Automotive, Castroville Café, Castroville News Bulletin, Farmer's Insurance-Sallie Harborth, State Farm Insurance-Hazel Russell, Hofmann Ranch, Hotel Alsace & Spa, Medina Regional Hospital, Station Creek Windows and Doors and Stein Insurance. Call us today if you are interested in being a sponsor. We are also accepting donations for the raffle. Anything you'd like to donate, including gift certificates or items, are greatly appreciated. Call us today with your donation!

The banquet is open to the public, however seating is limited so please make your reservations now. You can stop by the Chamber Office at 100 Karm St., across from Sammy's, to pick up your tickets for just \$30 each. We are open Monday - Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. We hope you can all join us for this wonderful occasion. We appreciate all this community does for the Chamber and we look forward to working with you all for many years to come. For more information on the banquet, please call the Chamber Office at (830) 538-3142 or email us at chamber@castroville.com.

Enjoy a delicious four-course meal this New Year's Eve at the Old Alsatian Steakhouse. Along with your meal comes a glass of champagne and music by Claudette and her famous accordion. Reservations are required so call today for yours, (830) 931-9191.

Have a great New Year's Eve everyone! Looking forward to working with you in 2010.