

## Chamber News

### Castroville Area Chamber of Commerce

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Alsatian Flags are here! The Chamber is now selling Alsatian flags for businesses and locals to proudly display around Castroville. We just received our first shipment this past week so if you are interested in purchasing one, stop by the office today. The flags are just \$10 each and we would love to see one hanging outside every business in Castroville. Our goal is to be able to guide visitors and tourists to the businesses that are open by telling them to look for the Alsatian flag hanging outside. This will especially make it easier for those businesses that are open late during special events such as Fiorella Friday and Friday Night Fever. And if you have Alsatian roots, this flag is the perfect addition to your home. If you do fly the flag outside your business, be sure you hang it the right way. The white crest should be on the left and the yellow on the right, basically forming an "A." Can't wait to see all those flags flying high!

The Chamber wants to send a huge thank you to Chamber member Ed Garcia of Ed Garcia Services. He came out last week and fixed the Chamber and Steinbach signs which had been damaged by the strong winds we had a couple of weeks ago. He not only replaced the hardware and re-hung the signs, he also cleaned them up. And he did all of this free of charge to the Chamber. So next time you are looking for someone to do a little maintenance, lawn care, welding, shredding or fence work, call Ed Garcia and he will be right over! Check the Chamber Business Directory online or call the chamber for his information.

The 2010 Edition of the Medina County History book is currently being worked on and they have extended their deadline for submissions to April 30<sup>th</sup>. Anyone interested in submitting family histories or articles of historical significance is encouraged to send them to Angela McFadin at [historybook@castrocolonies.org](mailto:historybook@castrocolonies.org). They have already received over 300 stories and articles regarding the founding families and historical events and organizations within the county. Don't let your family information or story be left out. Contact them today!

The Hondo-D'Hanis and Medina Valley Rotary Clubs will be hosting their second annual Golf Tournament on Saturday, March 6<sup>th</sup> and they are currently looking for golfers and hole sponsors. The event will take place at the Alsatian Golf Club with registration beginning at 7:30am, a shotgun start at 8am and lunch following at 12 noon. Those interested in golfing can sign up a 4-person team or a single person, \$75 per player which includes green fees, ½ cart and a BBQ lunch. Prizes will be given for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place teams. If your business is interested in being a hole sponsor, it's just \$100 per hole or \$150 for a hole and cart sponsor. For more details and to download the golf and sponsorship forms go to the chamber calendar of events online at [www.castroville.com](http://www.castroville.com).

This weekend there is plenty to do starting Thursday night with live music at Cora's 471 Grill. Don't forget about their great new salad bar. Friday night head on over to the American Legion Hall for their Scholarship Dinner where they will be serving pork roast and dressing for \$6 a plate from 5-7pm. Saturday is a great day to head over to the Landmark Inn and view the beautiful hand-made quilts on display. Admission is \$4 per person which includes entrance to the Landmark grounds. Sunday start your morning off with a Bird Walk at the Regional Park beginning at 8am. Georgina Schwartz will be on hand to guide the walk. And with Sunday being Valentine's Day, be sure to take your sweetie to one of the many restaurants in Castroville which will be open for the special day. Make your reservations today so you are guaranteed a place to sit! Have a Happy Valentine's Day everyone!