

Chamber News

Castroville Area Chamber of Commerce

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At this week's member's luncheon Anna Chavez, the CEO of Girl Scouts of Southwest Texas, spoke to the group on the importance of the organization and what it means for a young girl. Chavez is an award winning community leader and motivational speaker. She was named the CEO in May of 2009 and has been busy engaging the community as an advocate for the organization and the girls it represents. The group dedicates itself to helping girls build character and skills for success in the real world. It helps them to understand the importance of community service through the many projects they do. Today the Girl Scouts of Southwest Texas serves more than 26,500 girl and adult members in a 21-county area. They are headquartered in San Antonio and employ 60 full and part-time staff. They own several facilities including the newly constructed leadership center, two camp properties in the Texas Hill Country, the Avenida Guadalupe Girl Scout Center near downtown San Antonio and six satellite centers in outlying areas. If anyone in the Castroville or surrounding southwest area is interested in their daughter joining the Girl Scouts, please contact Charlotte Fekete at (210) 264-6722.

The 2010 Edition of the Texas State Travel Guide has arrived! This is a wonderful guide to Texas put out by the Texas Department of Transportation. Castroville has a nice little feature on page 89 in the Hill Country section. There is also photo of the Alsatian Dancers from a St. Louis Day festival. Anyone interested in picking up one of these guides as well as a new map or accommodations guide, please stop by the Chamber office today.

This Saturday, March 6th, the Chamber has several Ribbon Cutting events taking place. Beginning at 9am, Stephanie's Salon and Spa will be hosting a Grand Opening for their new location at 1101 Fiorella Street. They will have refreshments and door prizes throughout the day and a ribbon cutting with the Red Vest committee at 10am. Come a view their new location and check out some of the wonderful beauty deals they have going on, including a massage room! After you have check out Stephanie's, head on over to the newest eatery in town, Eatza Pizza, location on Hwy 90 next to True Value. The Red Vest committee will be on hand for their ribbon cutting at 3pm. Eatza Pizza has a great lunch and dinner buffet at different times during the week and they also offer a full service salad bar with all the fixings. The pizza and salad buffet is just \$6.99. Or try out one of their many specialty pizzas including my favorite, the Chicken, Bacon, Ranch. Next week, on Tuesday March 9th, there will also be a ribbon cutting at Station Creek Windows and Doors located at 1201 Fiorella at 10am.

Also happening this weekend is the first official Fiorella Friday! Come and enjoy some great food and shop during the extended hours at the local shops including Albros Casa y Garden, Bippert's Bottle Shop, Chateau Lafayette and Castroville Pottery. Both Castroville Café and Medina Valley Café will be open for dinner. There will also be plenty of wine tastings and live music. On Saturday, there is so much to do starting with a Super Saturday Clean-up at the Regional Park beginning at 8am. Bring your limb loppers and gloves and sign up at the pool office. For those of you golf enthusiasts, head on out to the Alsatian Golf Club for the Second Annual Hondo-D'Hanis & Medina Valley Rotary Golf Tournament. Registration is at 7:30am with a shotgun start at 8am. Those interested in signing up to golf can contact Joe Painter at (210) 387-1914. And if you are interested in checking out the latest John Deere Tractors and Lawn and Garden Products, head on over to Tractor City from 10am to 12pm. They will have a free sausage wraps and drinks. With so much to do in town this Friday and Saturday, we will all surely need Sunday as our day of rest. Have a great one everybody!