

Chamber News

Castroville Area Chamber of Commerce

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This week is your last chance to buy your tickets to our Third Annual Chamber Sponsored Wine Fest which will be held this **Friday, April 17th** at the Hotel Alsace. With only two fundraisers a year to bring in money, the Chamber needs your help to keep the office running! Tickets are just \$40 per person, which includes a chance at the raffle, plenty of scrumptious hors d'oeuvres catered by the Alsatian Restaurant, 5 different wines to sample, live music and a night of pure fun! Extra raffle tickets will be available for just \$5 each. Back by popular demand is the cigar bar which will feature several types of cigars at a small price. And you won't want to miss the live auction with the ever popular Terry Dickerson as our auctioneer. So have those check books ready! And why let the night end at 10 p.m.? Enjoy a full night of fun by purchasing our special hotel package which includes a one night stay for two and two tickets to the wine fest for just \$150 plus tax. Call the hotel to purchase this special package. As you can see, we are sure to have something for everyone. So stop by the Chamber Office today and purchase your tickets to the Chamber's Third Annual Wine Fest! Hope to see you all there.

Ladies, don't miss out on a special event just for you. On Saturday, April 18th, the Hondo Chamber of Commerce will be sponsoring a Women's World Event at the Hotel Alsace. Beginning at 10am, enjoy a champagne brunch buffet, fashion show, facial demos, tour of the Hotel Alsace Salon and Spa, and speaker Helga Hendricks of the Medina County Counseling Services. Tickets are just \$20 per person. They will also have a silent auction, live auction, vendors and lots of prizes. Women, don't miss out on this special pampering session, just for you. Contact the Hondo Area Chamber of Commerce at (830) 426-3037.

The Chamber is getting closer to having our very own building. As most of you know, last October we had a goal to raise at least \$75,000 to get the new chamber building started. Well with the huge success of the Grande Night to Remember, we were able to meet that goal and then some. Since then, the Building Committee has been working hard with our Architect, John Speegle of Speegle Davis Design, to make sure the new building meets all our needs. We have a floor plan and elevation layout and are just waiting on the final bid package. As soon as we have the bid package, all contractors will be able to stop by the Chamber Office to pick up a packet and make their bid on the project. We would love to have a ground breaking in May, so keep your fingers crossed. At this weekend's Wine Fest we will have photos of the floor plan and elevations for all to see. Thanks to everyone who has helped make this dream finally come true!

Coming up next week on Thursday April 23rd, don't miss the 4th Annual "Fiesta on London Street" Spring Mixer sponsored by Hardt Realty, Chris Schuchart and Alsace Builders. This event is always fun for all and even better, it's free!! This year sample all types of food featuring fried catfish and fries, sausage wraps, chicken and dumplings, a Cajun Boil, chili and much more. Plenty of beer and margaritas will also be on hand and don't miss out on the door prizes. We hope you all can make it out!

If you're tired of all that clutter taking up space in your house, then it is time to gather it all up and head over to Rio Medina on Saturday, April 25th for their Annual Yard Sale. There is no fee to set up, just bring your own tables. The sale will start at 8am. So if you're ready for some spring cleaning, contact Bonnie Jaks at (830) 538-2441 to get signed up. Hope to see everyone at our Wine Fest this weekend!!