

Chamber News

Castroville Area Chamber of Commerce

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The rain let up just in time for everyone to enjoy another successful Chamber sponsored event. Friday night was filled with wine, music, laughter and auctioneering as we held our Fourth Annual Wine Fest at the Hotel Alsace. With just over 100 people enjoying the night, the ballroom and patio were overflowing with good friends having a good time! There was plenty of wine and beer for all to taste and the Alsatian Restaurant served a bountiful amount of delicious appetizers to complement the wines. Throughout the evening raffle prizes were given out and the highlight of the night was the live auction hosted by auctioneer Vance Runnels. The live auction brought in just over \$3,000 thanks to all our generous donors and purchasers of the night. We, as the Chamber, really do appreciate all our community does for us to help keep our day to day operations running. Without the support of Castroville, we would not be able to do what we do. We look forward to many more events in the future.

Thank you to all our generous raffle and live auction donors. These include: Albros Casa y Garden, the Alsatian Restaurant, Tim & Teri Barrow, Tommy & Janet Bednarz, Bourquin Automotive, Castroville Café, Sula Combs, Community National Bank, Dr. Frank & Carmen Danna, David & Cheryl Dollase, The Hotel Alsace & Spa Resort, The Old Alsatian Steakhouse, Reagan Rothe, Richard & Hazel Russell, Stephanie's Salon & Spa and Mutzie Suehs.

This month's Chamber after hours mixer will be held this Thursday, April 22nd at Hardt Realty. The Fiesta on London Street is celebrating its 5th anniversary this year and they will have plenty of food and fun for all to enjoy. The mixer, which is sponsored by Hardt Realty, Alsace Builders and Chris Schuchart, starts at 5pm and the "World Headquarters" cooks have been diligently working on a menu for the evening's festivities. The food will be plentiful and includes fried catfish and fries, a Cajun boil, chicken and dumplings, chili, sausage and of course plenty of cold beer and margaritas. So be sure to come on out this Thursday and enjoy a free Fiesta event for all of Castroville!

Be sure to tune into Great Day SA next Wednesday, April 28th. The Grande Hall at Hofmann Ranch will be featured during their Wedding Show. This past week a crew came out and interviewed owners Hans & Charlotte Hofmann who have done great things for Castroville since opening their business in 2008. The show airs on KENS5 at 9am.

This Friday night, Medina County will hold their annual Relay for Life event at the Medina Valley High School Track from 7pm to 7am. The event is held each year to let those in the community be a part of saving lives by raising money for the American Cancer Society. Teams are formed and the goal is for each team to have a member walking the track at all times throughout the 12 hour event. There will be a survivors lap to start of the night and a lighting of the luminaries at dusk. Fun events, games, music and more will be happening throughout the night. If you are interested in donating, forming a team or just want to find out more information, please visit www.relayforlife.org/medinarx or call (830) 444-9590.

Shoppers and vendors are needed for the annual Rio Medina Community Wide Yard Sale this Saturday starting at 8am. Vendors will be set up along 471 N in Rio Medina. Anyone looking for some good bargains should head up there early and beat the crowd! Afterwards, head on over to the Medina Valley United Methodist Church for the Renaissance Fair featuring re-enactors, live music, children's games, a petting zoo, quilt raffle, silent auction, food booths and so much more. There will be fun for people of all ages! Have a wonderful weekend everyone and thanks again to everyone who played a part in the Chamber's 4th Annual Wine Fest!