

Chamber News

Castroville Area Chamber of Commerce

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Did you know that one in three people will be diagnosed with cancer in their lifetime? When I heard that number, I was shocked. Knowing some of my own friends and family who have suffered through cancer, I believe that cancer research is very important and so does the American Cancer Society. That is one of the reasons they sponsor Relay for Life all over the country. Their philosophy is to “represent the hope that those lost to cancer will never be forgotten, that those who face cancer will be supported, and that one day cancer will be eliminated.” You can help by participating in the Medina County Relay for Life which takes place this Friday, May 1, which begins at 7pm and runs until 7am on Saturday the 2nd at the Warhorse Stadium in Devine. This is the 11th year Medina County has held their relay and this year’s theme is “The 80s.” They will have plenty of entertainment on the music stage, games and activities for the teenagers and youngsters, various silent auctions, a washer tournament and bingo is back by popular demand. All cancer survivors, caregivers and families are invited to participate in the all night celebration to remember those we have lost and to raise money for ongoing cancer research. Currently they have 67 teams and 190 survivors signed up and have risen over \$35,000 thanks to sponsorships and fundraisers. Registration of teams and site set-up is from 3pm to 6pm on Friday. Registration of survivors starts at 4pm with a survivor reception and meal under the bleachers from 5pm-6:30pm. Opening ceremonies will begin at 7pm. The Luminaria Ceremony will begin at 9pm. For more information or if you are interested in participating or volunteering, please contact Tony VanDeBur at (830) 426-2400.

We just received word that the NIX Senior Gold Group is heading to Castroville on Thursday May 14 to tour our beautiful town. They will tour two historic homes as well as other historic structures including the Steinbach House, the St. Catholic Louis Churches, Haby’s Alsatian Bakery, and the Moye Center. They will also be visiting the local antique and collectible shops and stopping for a bite to eat at the Alsatian Restaurant located in the Hotel Alsace. We are so excited to have them visiting Castroville and we hope they will return again!

We see many groups stop by the Steinbach House who are here to tour Castroville. This past week we actually had two different groups come into town. On Thursday, we had a group of seniors citizens from New Braunfels come by who were also visiting other historic structures in town. Then on Friday we had a group of students from the French Honors Society of King High School in Corpus Christi stop by. Their teacher wanted them to learn about Castroville since our descendants came from France. It is so interesting meeting different people and finding out how they heard about Castroville. If you know of any group that would be interested in taking a tour of Castroville, the Garden Club is always happy to accommodate you with a step-on tour. For more information, please contact the Chamber at (830) 538-3142.

This weekend, don’t miss Fiorella Friday beginning at 6pm along Fiorella Street. There is always plenty of wine to sample and live entertainment. Don’t forget to stop by the Castroville Café for dinner. On Saturday the 2nd, head over to the Medina Valley Moose Lodge 2196 for a fish fry! Advance tickets are just \$6 each which includes fresh fried fish, handmade beer-battered onion rings, coleslaw and hush puppies. Plates will be available for pick up between 4:30 and 6:30pm. For tickets or more information call Lou Ann at 931-5702. Have a great weekend everyone!