

Chamber News

Castroville Area Chamber of Commerce

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There's just a week left to purchase your tickets to this year's Fourth Annual Chamber Wine Fest which will be held next Friday April 16 at the Hotel Alsace and Spa Resort. The wine will be plentiful with five delicious ones to choose from. Castroville's own Charlie Suehs and the Wine Fest committee have chosen a wonderful Zinfandel, Sauvignon, a white and red Bordeaux and a Sparkling Wine. And to go along with the wines, the Alsatian Restaurant will cater the event with what Guillermo calls a six-foot appetizer which will feature a large selection of food items to compliment the wines. Each guest will receive a commemorative Wine Fest glass to take home with them that night. The popular live auction will be back again this year with several large items to choose from including a hotel spa package, Castroville Café package, and more. Tickets are just \$40 per person and can be purchased at the Chamber office located in the Steinbach House across from Sammy's Restaurant. Or purchase the special event hotel package which includes a one night stay for two at the Hotel Alsace and two tickets for the event all for just \$182. Be sure to get your tickets today for this one of a kind event!

We are working hard on getting the Chamber Membership Directory completed and to the printer later this month. If you have not paid your membership dues or have been thinking about joining the Chamber, now is the time. Don't be left out of this year's directory. A business membership is just \$100 a year and an individual is \$40. A non-profit can join for just \$40 and a new couple membership is just \$50. Over 65 is still just \$25. You can download an application online at www.castroville.com or stop by the chamber office today.

The deadline to be a donor for the 2010 Chamber Sponsorship has been extended to Monday, April 19. Any business or individual interested in helping young students in our area further their education should take advantage of this program put together by the Chamber of Commerce. The donor can set the criteria or conditions of the scholarships. Businesses who want to encourage students to pursue skills that are needed in their respective trades, and individuals who would like to honor a lost loved one with a memorial scholarship are encouraged to use this program. We are also asking donors to consider identifying scholarships for students already in school. The Chamber Education Committee will provide the screening, matching, and awarding of these scholarships according to the donor's desires. The Chamber feels this is a win-win program for all involved. The donor receives civic recognition, honor for their generosity, and the satisfaction of helping to further the dreams of a deserving young person. The recipients are recognized for their academic and civic achievements and receive material compensation towards their education expenses. If you are interested in participating as a donor, or simply want more information, please call the Chamber Office at 538-3142.

Now that we are all rested from the Easter festivities, we are ready to head back out there and check out what's going on in Castroville this weekend. Thursday night starts with live music at Cora's 471 Grill. Friday, enjoy dinner at the American Legion Hall from 5-7pm for their scholarship dinner. After you've been fed, head on out to Wommack Chevrolet for Friday Night Fever. There will be plenty of cars, trucks and motorcycles for all to view. Also happening Friday night is the Medina Regional Hospital Charity Gala out at the Grande Hall at Hofmann Ranch. They will have dinner, dancing and a live auction. Tickets are \$50 per person or purchase a table. Formal attire is required. Saturday starts out with Market Trail Days on Houston Square from 9am to 4pm. Then head on out to Rio Medina Truck and Automotive for their Grand Opening. They will have fun all day long with live music, a ribbon cutting at 6pm and a buffet dinner at 7pm. To find out more details on all these events, go the calendar of events online at www.castroville.com. Have a fun weekend everyone!