

Chamber News

Castroville Area Chamber of Commerce

By Ruth B. Pollard

Those of you who didn't attend the Chamber of Commerce's "Taste of the Vine" last Friday evening at the lovely Hotel Alsace missed a great fun-filled evening plus a chance to see member Terry Dickerson auction President Tot Albro's dress! The price just kept going up and the winning bid was \$1,000. I couldn't believe it! No, she didn't have to give up her dress on the spot, but early Monday morning Terry Dickerson showed up at the Steinbach House along with Chris Schuchart, and Ward and Tot Albro, and Terry was wearing Tot's dress! His beat up cowboy boots provided the final touch, but I told him that he needed to ditch the navy blue and white striped t-shirt he had on under the dress. Sula Combs of the Castroville Anvil was in tow to photograph the event, so check out the Anvil this week for the full story. Was it just a coincidence that Chief McVay's police car pulled up just as Sula was snapping the photo? Next year's wine tasting has already been scheduled for Friday, April 17, 2009 at the Hotel Alsace, so put it on your calendars now; you'll want to be there!

If you like to travel, you will be interested in the speaker at the monthly chamber luncheon on Tuesday, May 6th at noon at Sammy's. Chamber member Janie Cadena, owner of her own travel business, Your Travel Guide, will be talking about travel safety tips. Even though Janie now lives in Von Ormy, her family is from Castroville. Travel these days can be so confusing and it seems the rules about what you can and cannot take on board are always changing, and since she travels extensively she will be able to give us the complete low down.

Hopefully you're not so exhausted from all the April festivities that you still have some energy to spare for everything going on the first weekend in May. Friday the 2nd it's time for Fiorella Friday once again, and a ribbon cutting and open house is scheduled on Saturday, May 3 at 11:00 for one of the newest businesses in town, Unique Treasures, Martha Rivera owner. She is located at 901 Hwy 90 W. next to Valley Marts and across the street from Masters Greenhouse. Martha does upholstery and interior decorating and specializes in very cute little girls' furniture, which she paints herself. She also has a second location in the Mary Gray Event Center and has combined forces with Chandler's Flowers and Gifts.

Castroville's first ever Cinco De Mayo will be held on Saturday the 3rd at the Mary Gray Event Center from 2:00 – 8:00. Mariachis will be playing to provide a festive air. The event is sponsored by members Robin's Nest Boutique, Chateau Lafayette, Dan's Meat Market, and Vital Signs & Assorted Affair. For band or vendor information call 210-414-5661.

We've ordered a beautiful day on Saturday for the Castroville Annual Veterans (CAV 100) bicycle race starting at 8:00 a.m. at Castroville Regional Park. This race was started for the memorial fund for LCpl Rhonald (Dain) Rairdan, a MVISD graduate who was killed in Iraq in January, 2005. Each year a male and a female Medina Valley AFJROTC senior are selected to receive a scholarship in LCpl Rairdan's memory.

Be sure to save some time to drive up to Medina River West and check out their big yard sale starting at 8:30 on Saturday the 3rd. If you want to sign up just call 931-0133 and they can give you all the details. I'll talk to you next week.