

Chamber News

Castroville Area Chamber of Commerce

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For those of you that haven't looked at a calendar, Mother's Day is coming up this Sunday and what better way to spend it than by a relaxing weekend in Castroville. Start by booking a room at the Hotel Alsace or one of the many beautiful Bed and Breakfasts we have in town so mom can get away from the house and have some down time. Next, be sure to stop by one of the many gift and collectible shops in town and pick her up something nice for her special day. Want to go even further with your gift? Why not get her a gift certificate to enjoy a day at the spa or a massage. There are several to choose from right here in Castroville, so no need to head to town. And then to top it off, be sure to make a reservation at your favorite Castroville restaurant. Many of them are offering special menus and pricing for this special occasion. Doesn't mom deserve the best? Why fight all the crowds in San Antonio when you can stay right here in Castroville and enjoy a relaxing time together. She will be pleasantly surprised!

It's Fiorella Friday time!! This Friday, May 7th, come on out to Fiorella Street and beyond for a night of fun and free wine! Many of the shops and businesses are open late into the evening and offer free samples or wine, cheeses and more. Plus there is live music throughout the night. Enjoy dinner at one of the many restaurants open for the festivities including Castroville Café, Medina Valley Café and the Old Alsatian Steakhouse. Be sure to stop by the Old Standby Saloon for a Trunk Show which will feature the unique vintage jewelry of Julie Fohn Brown and the eclectic art of Rhonda J. Designs. Plus, enjoy a tour of the 1857 Saloon.

Also featured this Fiorella Friday will be the artwork of the incomparable Bertie Smith at Castroville Pottery. Her whimsical characters, totems and teapots are a delight and an inspiration. They will have a potluck reception and live band to commemorate not only her work but her 95th birthday!! For more information, contact Castroville Pottery at (830) 538-9705. So head on out to Fiorella Friday and enjoy a wonderful evening.

Be sure to watch out for all the bicyclists that will be in town this weekend for the Castroville Bicycle Tour which will take place on Saturday. They anticipate over 100 cyclists for the race which starts at 8am at the Castroville Regional Park. The cyclists will take a scenic tour of the historic Medina County rural countryside. All proceeds raised during the race will benefit the Lion's Sport's Complex which will be going under extensive renovation and expansion. If there are any interested cyclists out there who have not signed up already, you still have a chance. Contact Donna Jaklich or Kelly Hoog for more details. Call (830) 444-1057 or email donnajaklich@sbcglobal.net. Registration will be open from 7am to 8am on the day of the event.

We want to wish the Rotary Club of Medina Valley-Castroville a Happy Anniversary. This week marks the 1st anniversary for the newly formed club and boy have they been busy this past year. They have already held several service projects including two school supply drives, Thanksgiving basket and Christmas basket projects, a Golf Tournament, Bingo at Medina Valley Health and Rehab and their most recent project, a Food Giveaway that was held this past Friday. The group worked in conjunction with Dr. Steve Newton with Hands of Mercy Extended Food Pantry and the San Antonio Food Bank to provide food to over 500 people in the Castroville-Medina Valley community! What a great service to this area! And they are already working on scheduling another food give-away. If you are interested in joining this service club which works to give back to Castroville and beyond, please contact Sergeant at Arms Bette Hamby at (830) 931-1200. Or stop by a meeting to find out what it's all about. The club meets every Wednesday at 11:45 at the Old Alsatian Steakhouse.

The Farmer's Market is back! Saturday morning beginning at 9am you can purchase fresh, locally grown fruits and vegetables in front of Alsace Hair, Nails and Tanning Salon. But come early or you'll miss out! Have a great weekend everyone!