

Chamber News

Castroville Area Chamber of Commerce

By Ruth B. Pollard

The chamber continues to grow by leaps and bounds with eleven new members in April and we just had a call from a new member who is putting his check in the mail today! Members who joined in April are Bruce Anderson Construction from Lytle; Maples Martial Arts, owner Buck Maples; Southern Championship Wrestler, Sandra Hearn and Donald Holding, owners; The Magnolia Blossom, Georganne Hitzfeld and Anna King, owners; Banners Plus, Buddy Loessberg, owner; Merrell General Contracting, Charles Coker, owner; Pearl's Hair-n-Nails, Pearl Coker owner; Shumaker Photography, Teresa Shumaker and Rebecca Fierros, owners; Bluebonnet Children's Center in Hondo, Lisa Ballesteros, manager; Medina Valley Spine and Joint, LLC, Dr. Conrad Kothmann, DC and Kipp Clayton, OTR owners; and Air Force Villages, Inc., Deb Leathers, marketing and membership. A big hats off to our newest members!

Speaking of our members, our 2008 Membership Directory is hot off the press, and those of you who attended the May luncheon should have received yours by the time you see this. Many directories will be hand delivered, some will be mailed, or if you have the time, stop by the chamber office and pick up your copy. The cover this year is bright green, so it won't get lost amid the shuffle on your desk or kitchen counter.

A fax came into the chamber office on Monday letting us know that the Community Council of South Central Texas, Inc. is conducting a Food Fair for Medina County residents on Tuesday, May 20th and food and food products will be distributed to qualified families. All interested applicants must register with CCSCT no later than Wednesday, May 14th in order to qualify, and registration began on Monday, May 5th. For more information, please call 830-363-3119.

Castroville got a big plug on the cover of the Texas Events Calendar for summer 2008 with a colorful picture of the Alsatian Dancers performing at St. Louis Day a few years ago. Our own Dr. Bill Burges and a "mystery woman" are the featured dancers, and it sure makes me wish that the dancers would reorganize again. There are many people in the area who never had the opportunity to see them perform. The city wide garage sale on June 7th, Friday Night Fever, Market Trail Days, the 4th of July Parade and St. Louis Day are some of the publicized events. You may drop by the chamber office to pick up a copy or if you would prefer to view this publication electronically, please e-mail trv-tec@dot.state.tx.us.

Happenings this week end are the Bluebonnet Children's Center Gala on Saturday at the Medina County Fair Hall from 6:00 – 12:30. Tickets are \$100 per couple which includes a steak dinner, dancing, and some nice door prizes. All proceeds benefit the children's center. Also on Saturday are Market Trail Days and the first farmers market at the Mary Gray Center starting at 9:00 a.m. Call David at 210-244-3680 for more information. And don't forget Friday Night Fever on the 9th at Houston Square! I'll talk to you next week.