

Chamber News

Castroville Area Chamber of Commerce

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It is official! Castroville has become the newest location for a Weight Watchers meeting. Starting this Wednesday, July 15th at 7 p.m., Weight Watchers will hold their weekly meetings at Stephanie's on the Plaza Salon and Spa. The first meeting will be an orientation and sign up for those interested in joining. The Weight Watchers consultant will explain the program and be collecting the initial fee which is about \$20. The meeting is open to anyone interested in joining the weight loss program. If you can't make the first meeting, it's not a problem. Simply come to one of the other regularly scheduled meetings and sign up. Many of you have been asking about getting a Weight Watchers program in Castroville for quite some time and now here's your chance to join. We want to send a big thank you to Stephanie Zinsmeyer for doing all the hard work to get the company to set up a meeting right here in Castroville.

We've just been informed that there is a new party room available in town for rent. 1201 Fiorella has been recently restored by the Griggs Family and is now open for your next special event. Whether it be a wedding reception, baby shower, bridal shower or birthday party, the new location has everything you will need, including a caterer's kitchen. Also available is up to 4,356 square feet for lease for possible office or retail space. The building is also home of Chateau Lafayette which features Alsatian pottery, cheese, chocolates and gifts. For more information, please contact Christi Griggs at 210-912-4324. Right now they have a special discount of 10% to anyone who books an event between now and September 1, 2009. The event can be for any date so call now!

Broadway Bank in Castroville is having a STUFF THE BUS School Supply Drive the week of July 20th Thru July 24th. They will be serving punch and cookies all week for those who donate supplies to this event. They will have a Big Yellow School Bus parked in front of the Bank next week to remind everyone. All donations will be given to the Medina Valley ISD to benefit our children. If you have any questions, please feel free to give them a call at 830-538-9023 or 210-283-6592.

The last few days at the Chamber have been busy with visitors from all over the place. On Friday we had a couple from Alsace who came to visit some friends who live in San Antonio and have family in Castroville. They were amazed to see the beautiful Steinbach House in Texas. So many of the houses in Alsace are built just like the Steinbach House. Also on Friday, 12 ladies from a seniors group at Northwest Vista College came in for a visit. They had heard about Castroville and just had to stop in to take a peek at the house. Monday morning, a group of youngsters enrolled in a summer program at the Castroville Library came in to tour the house. They were accompanied by Dr. Queen, Sula Combs and several parents. The children really enjoyed the tour given by Les and Patsy Tschirhart who went all out and wore their Alsatian outfits for the kids. It is always great to see our younger generation learning about the history and culture of Castroville and Alsace, where many of our ancestors are from. We also had a man visiting from Rome, Italy come in on Monday morning. He just loved the house and our quaint little town. He couldn't wait to let everyone back home know what he saw while visiting Texas.

This Friday there are two events going on in Castroville that are sure to be fun for all. Music on the Plaza is back again this month and the music begins at 7 p.m. in front of Stephanie's on the Plaza Salon and Spa. Two bands will be featured this month, the L&Ms and Two for the Road. Vendors are invited to participate at no cost! Just call Stephanie at 830-931-2400 to sign up. The Hotel Alsace and Spa will also have live music featuring the MuddCatts, the world's leading tribute entertainers of The Beatles and Elvis Presley. The show starts at 8 p.m. and tickets, which can be purchased at the door or by calling 830-538-3200, are \$20. Have a fun weekend everyone!