

# Chamber News

## Castroville Area Chamber of Commerce

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By Ashlee Tondre Bates

Here at the Chamber we are sad to say that we have to say goodbye to one of our long-time Board Directors. Sallie Harborth and her family are making a move to Louisiana so she recently resigned from the Board. Although she will truly miss Castroville and the Chamber, she is very excited for her family's new adventure. This week will be her last week in Castroville because school already starts next week for her kids. The Chamber will miss Sallie and all the hard work she did for the Chamber during her 6 year term. She served as Vice President for 2008, President for 2009 and served on various committees including the Education, Membership, Tourism and Building Committees. She was responsible for starting the Chamber Sponsored New Teacher Luncheon which introduces new teachers to the Chamber and Castroville. We all wish the best of luck to Sallie and her family in their future endeavors.

According to the Chamber bylaws, the current Board can nominate someone to take Sallie's place. Nominations and voting will take place at this week's Board meeting and we will let you know who the new Chamber Director will be as soon as we know. The new director will finish Sallie's term which is up at the end of 2012.

The August monthly afterhours mixer co-sponsored by the Castroville Chamber of Commerce and the Medina Healthcare System will be held next Wednesday, August 11, 2010 at the Medical Clinic of Castroville located at 1028 Country Lane. Beginning at 5:30pm, they will have plenty of refreshments for all to enjoy including snow cones, fruit cups, tropical drinks and ice cold beverages. It will be the coolest place to be after work! Stop by, meet their staff, and enter to win a door prize. All Chamber members are invited to this FREE mixer. We hope to see all of you there! It is sure to be a great time!

If you, or someone you know, are caring for a loved one who has Alzheimer's Disease, or any other type of dementia, you probably know that this is a very long road and that you cannot do it all by yourself. It doesn't matter if you are a full time, part time or long distance caregiver, getting help and support is essential in order to keep your own health intact so you can continue to give care and support to your loved one. A dementia caregiver's support group is being started in Castroville and is sponsored by the Alzheimer's Association Star Chapter in San Antonio. It will meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month at the Castroville Library from 10:30 until noon. This group will allow each participant to discuss their individual concerns and helpful information from the Alzheimer's Association about this disease will also be available. Please call Ruth Pollard at 830-931-9039 for more information or just show up at the Castroville library at 10:30 on any third Saturday of the month.

The Old Alsatian Steakhouse and Ristorante is proud to announce that their wine tasting is back this month! On Thursday, August 12<sup>th</sup> they will host a wine tasting starting at 6pm. Reservations are required, so be sure to contact them soon if you'd like a table. You will have a chance to sample their select imported wines paired with delicious food combinations. The theme for this event is Euro-Mexican and some of the dishes being served will be Shrimp Cocktail, Seafood Enchiladas, Florentine Enchilada, Poblano Peppers in Walnut Sauce, Chicken Mole' and more. Be sure to call today to make your reservation, (830) 931-9191.

There is plenty to do this weekend here in Castroville. This Friday is Fiorella Friday and don't forget about Albros 7<sup>th</sup> Anniversary sale which starts Thursday evening. Also Friday night is the American Legion Scholarship Dinner at 5pm. Saturday starts with an early bird Work Session at 7:30am at the Regional Park. Bring your limb loppers and gloves and be prepared to work. Afterwards, head on over to the Farmer's Market for your fresh fruits and veggies. On Saturday evening, the Castroville Library will host a Bunco night for anyone interested. Cost is just \$15 and everyone playing will receive a free book. The fun begins at 6:30pm. End your weekend with a free movie at the Shooting Star Museum. Hope you all have a wonderful weekend!