

Chamber News

Castroville Area Chamber of Commerce

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It was another successful event for the Castroville Chamber of Commerce. We hosted our fourth annual New Teacher Luncheon this past Friday, August 13 at Medina Valley Middle School. We welcomed 24 new teachers to Medina Valley ISD and 1 new teacher to St. Louis Catholic School. Along with the teachers, sponsors, administrators and chamber staff, there were approximately 50 people in attendance who enjoyed a delicious lunch catered by the Alsatian Restaurant. Superintendent James Stansbury and Assistant Superintendent Chris Martinez welcomed the new teachers to Castroville and to Medina Valley. Education Committee Chairman Myra Schneider also took the chance to welcome the new teachers and introduce the sponsors that were there from some of the local businesses. Following lunch, door prizes were given out by both the Chamber of Commerce and Medina Valley ISD. Each new teacher was given a polo with their school logo embroidered on it as well as two bags filled with goodies from local businesses and the Association of Texas Professional Educators. All teachers will also receive a free membership to the Chamber for the remainder of the year.

It is thanks to all our wonderful sponsors that we were able to host this event again this year. We thank you all for your generosity. This year's sponsors were: Alamo Credit Recovery, Bertha Benedetti & Diana Bush with ATPE, Broadway Bank, Dr. William Burges, Calvary Chapel, Community National Bank, Camile DuBose, Haby's Alsatian Bakery, Larry's C & L Food Service, Medina Healthcare System, Medina Valley Café, Royce Groff Oil Company, Sammy's Restaurant, State Farm Ins. – Hazel Russell, Stein Insurance Company, Stewart Title, J H Storey Construction, The Income Solutions Group, Alex & Marian Tschirhart, Dr. Lloyd VanWinkle, Valley Marts Inc., Valley Mobile Home Properties and Wommack Chevrolet.

We also want to thank everyone who donated items for the goody bags or door prizes including: Albros Casa Y Garden, ATPE-Assoc. of Texas Professional Educators, Ashlee Bates-Avon Rep, Bourquin Automotive, Broadway Bank, Dr. William Burges, Castroville News Bulletin, Castroville State Bank, Community National Bank, Farmers Insurance –Sallie Harborth, Haby's Alsatian Bakery, Hardt Realty, H & R Block, Landmark Inn, Medina County Farm Bureau Ins. - Minna Rothe, McDonalds Restaurant, Medina Regional Hospital, Stephanie Melton, Royce Groff Oil Co., Sammy's Restaurant, Shirts 'N Stuff, State Farm Ins. – Hazel Russell, The UPS Store, Valley Marts, Inc. and Wommack Chevrolet.

This Friday, the Hotel Alsace and the Alsatian Restaurant will host another Texas Microbrewed Beer Event starting at 6:30pm. In honor of the recent World Cup victory, a Spanish tapas appetizer/dinner bar will be served as well as Alamo Gold Ale, Rio Blanco Pale Ale, Spanish wine & sangria for non-beer drinkers. Live entertainment will be by Will Dodson. Stop by the Hotel today to purchase your tickets for just \$20 per person or call them at 830-538-3200. Overnight hotel specials are available.

We mentioned a couple weeks ago that an Alzheimer's Support Group would be starting up and this Saturday will be their first meeting. The group will meet on the 3rd Saturday of every month at the Castroville Library from 10:30am to 12 noon. Anyone caring for a loved one with Alzheimer's or dementia is welcome to come and get the support you need in order to keep your own health intact so you can continue to support your loved one. For more information, please contact Ruth Pollard at (830) 931-9039.

This Sunday marks the 128th Annual St. Louis Day Celebration and boy is there going to be plenty to do out at Koenig Park. A 9am Mass in St. Louis Catholic Church kicks off the event with Bishop John Yanta celebrating the Mass and the famous Liederkrantz's Men's Choir singing. Then head on over to Koenig Park where a giant meal of delicious Alsatian sausage and barbecue beef will be served with all the trimmings. In addition to the meal, there will be plenty of activities, games, booths, and entertainment throughout the day. So come on out and experience the "Granddaddy of Church Festivals." See you all there!