

Chamber News

Castroville Area Chamber of Commerce

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This past week we received a call from a woman who is 70 years old and has been coming to St. Louis Day since she was 14. She wanted to make sure she had not missed this year's event and was very relieved to find out she hadn't. How amazing to know that someone has been traveling to Castroville for this special event for over 50 years! We hope you all are planning on attending the 127th Annual St. Louis Day which will be held this Sunday, August 23rd. The day begins with a Mass at St. Louis at 9 a.m. celebrated by Bishop Oscar Cantu. The Famous Liederkrantz Men's Choir will be back again to provide the singing. The fun begins at 11 a.m. at Koenig Park and as always the event and parking are free! Get in line for some scrumptious Alsatian Sausage and BBQ beef with all the trimmings which will be served until 2 p.m. Plates are just \$6.50 each. Live entertainment will begin at 12 noon on the outside stage and will feature the Flemish Folk Dancers, The Fire on the Mountain Cloggers, the San Antonio Community 50-piece band, local favorites the Jumping Monks and regional favorite Watusi. Throughout the day there is plenty to do for all ages including Bingo, kids rides and games, a doll booth, arts and crafts, plants, trash n treasures, horseshoe and washer pitching tournaments and the silent auction which begins at 1 p.m. The day will end with the annual picnic drawings featuring beautiful hand-made quilts, prizes and gift certificates. Don't miss the "Granddaddy" of Church festivals this weekend!!

It was a huge success for the 3rd Annual New Teacher Luncheon hosted by the Chamber of Commerce this past Friday. Seventy-five people were in attendance including 34 new teachers and administrators. It was a great crowd and everyone enjoyed the buffet-style luncheon catered by the Alsatian Restaurant. President Sallie Harborth welcomed everyone and let them know that they can always call the Chamber for any questions that have about Castroville. Each teacher was given a polo shirt with their school logo embroidered on it and a goody bag filled with items from local businesses. They will also receive a free member to the Chamber for the rest of the year so we can let them know of happenings around town. Thank you to the ladies in the Chamber office for making this event a success, to all the businesses and individuals who sponsored a teacher or administrator and to those that provided items for the goody bags. These include:

3 Cedars Ranch B&B, A/C Technical Services, Albros Casa y Garden, Association of Professional Texas Educators, Harold and Connie Balmos, Bourquin Automotive, Broadway National Bank, Calvary Chapel, Castroville State Bank, Castroville Quick Lube, Rachel Christilles, Community National Bank, Helen & Emery Delavan, Camile Dubose, Edward Jones – Brooks Rose, Farmers Insurance – Sallie Harborth, H & R Block, - Peggy Schriener, Hardt Realty, Gary & Becky Holzhaus, La Coste National Bank, Larry's C&L Food Service, Medical Clinic of Castroville, Medina Regional Hospital, Medina Valley Café, Medina Valley Health & Rehab., Moye Retreat Center, Old Alsatian Steakhouse, Royce Groff Oil Company, Shirts N' Stuff, State Farm Insurance – Estella Kierce, State Farm Insurance – Hazel Russell, Stein Insurance, Charles B. Suehs, Virginia Suehs, Super S Pharmacy, Valley Marts, Inc. and Zion Lutheran Church.

The Rotary Club of Medina Valley-Castroville is now holding their Second Annual School Supplies Drive. They are accepting all types of supplies which will be given to local students. Drop off your supplies at any one of these locations: The Chamber Office, City Hall, Community National Bank, Jason Hunt's Dental Office, Mary Gray Event Center, Police Department, The Old Alsatian Steakhouse and Zion Lutheran Church Office. Hope to see you all at St. Louis Day this weekend!