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St. Louis Day Celebrates 127 Years

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Special points of interest:

- Chamber Luncheon— August 4 2009, 12 noon at Sammy's Restaurant.
- Congratulations to those celebrating recent anniversaries:
Galm Real Estate - 30 yrs
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The Leader News - 15 yrs
Commerce Title - 15 yrs
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Get out the sunscreen and get out those hats because it's time for the Granddaddy of all festivals and you don't want to miss it!

For the 127th year, St. Louis Day will hold its annual celebration on Sunday, August 23rd at Koenig Park in Castroville, Texas.

One hundred twenty-seven years ago, a gathering of a handful of St. Louis parishioners and their friends met in Biediger's river bottom to celebrate the feast day of their patron saint, St. Louis IX of France, and the now famous and century-and-a-quarter old St. Louis Day Celebration was born.

That first picnic cost the parishioners just \$25 and the entire tab was paid for by the St. Louis Men's Society of the parish. This 134 year-old organization still plays a vital role in the St. Louis Day success story each year. As you can imagine, both the cost of putting on the festival and its attendance has grown tremendously since its birth.

Recent attendance to this free yearly event is told to be well over 10,000 people. Visitors attending come from all over Texas as well as from numerous foreign countries and U.S. States. The picnic has become so famous that it has been

dubbed the "Homecoming for the State of Texas" by the Texas Tourist Agency.

Put on by the St. Louis Catholic Church, the event will begin with a 9:00 am Mass in the church celebrated by San Antonio Auxiliary Bishop Oscar Cantu.

The picnic begins at 11 a.m. with a fun-filled day of eating, playing and entertainment.

The highlight of St. Louis Day is the barbeque lunch of Alsatian sausage and beef with all the trimmings which will be served from 11am-2pm. Over 2 1/2 tons of meat are cooked each year. To-go plates are also available. The cost of the meal is \$6.50 per plate.

If you aren't able to make it to the lunch, there will be plenty of food booths with everything from Alsatian sausage, barbecue sandwiches, nachos, homemade cake, ice cream and sno-cones. And quench your thirst with cold beer, iced tea, soft drinks and chilled wine.

Entertainment throughout the day is free of charge to all visitors and includes band and musical groups on the outdoor stage and the popular San Antonio Community Band will be back to entertain with a Big

Band Era Concert.

Plenty of activities will go on throughout the day including the silent auction inside Koenig Park Hall, Bingo, arts and craft booths, trash n' treasures, doll booths, and much more.

Children will have a grand old time in the Kids Korner which features boardwalk type rides and games and even face painting.

This year will boast the 33rd Annual St. Louis Day Horseshoe Pitching Tournament where men's and ladies' past champions will take on new challengers.

Something new this year will be the Teen Dance at Braden Keller Community Center from 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

The day will end with the annual picnic drawings. This year there are two beautiful hand-stitched quilts valued at \$1200 to \$1500 courtesy of the St. Ann's Altar Society.

The main "Pot of Gold" drawing, consisting of a slate of over 30 fabulous gift certificates and merchandise prizes, highlighted by a \$3,500 VISA check card will bring down the curtain on the day.

Check out the St. Louis Day website at www.saintlouisday.com for more information.

New Teacher Luncheon Scheduled for August 14th



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For the third consecutive year, the Chamber will host a New Teacher Luncheon to welcome teachers at MVISD and St. Louis Catholic School.

This year's luncheon will be held on Friday, August 14, 2009 at 11:30 a.m. at the Medina Valley Middle School Cafeteria. A buffet-style lunch will be catered by the Alsatian Restaurant.

The Chamber hosts this event to introduce the new teachers to not only the Chamber but the city of Castroville. Chamber President Sallie Harborth will explain what the Chamber can do for them as well as give them some helpful

information about the city. Each new teacher will be given a complimentary membership to the chamber for the remainder of 2009.

The lunch is partly sponsored by businesses in the area and you too can help us out. We are still in need of sponsors and the cost is just \$30 per teacher. This cost includes the teacher's lunch and a polo shirt with their school logo embroidered on it. The shirts will be purchased from Shirts N' Stuff at the Old Country Store.

We will also provide each teacher with a goodie bag filled with freebies from local businesses, a New Residents Guide courtesy of the

Chamber, a Membership Directory and a few other helpful items. If you'd like to donate to the bags, this is a great way to have those new teachers see your business name! Just drop them by the Chamber office by August 7th.

If you or your business is interested in sponsoring one or more teachers, please contact us at the chamber office at (830) 538-3142. If you'd like to come to the lunch we would love to have you! The cost for an extra lunch is just \$10 per person.

Help us welcome these new teachers to Castroville and wish them good luck on a successful year.

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Chamber of Commerce Gets a Facebook Page!

We've just added one more way for you to stay connected to what is happening here at the Chamber of Commerce.

We would like to introduce our new Facebook business page. Check here to see pictures of Castroville, find out about upcoming events or to leave your own message for others to view.

If you already have a Facebook page, simply search for Castroville Chamber and become a fan.

If you have no idea what Facebook is then let us fill you in. Facebook is a part of

the newest Social Media craze that is happening. Friends, family, colleagues and businesses now have an easy way to stay connected.

Just sign up for free at www.facebook.com and create your page. You can post pictures, events, information about yourself and much more. Then search for your friends and family and add them as your "friend."

You will receive email updates when someone sends you a message, comments on your wall or sends a request. Check your home page daily

to see what your friends are up to and see the new photos they have posted.

This is the easiest way to keep in contact with those that are near and far. See up to date pictures of your grandkids, talk to friends you haven't seen in years or just keep up with the latest happenings around town.

So get online today and become a fan of the Castroville Chamber and don't be left behind. It's just one more way we are keeping you informed on the latest happenings in Castroville.

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New Member since July 1, 2009

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August Calendar of Events



Here's what's happening in Castroville in August. All details can be found on the calendar of events at www.castroville.com. If you have an event to add, please email all the information to the web mistress at ashlee@castroville.com.

- Every Thursday:** Live Music at Cora's by Greg Walden, 6 - 9pm
Every Monday: Free Computer class at the Castroville Public Library, 10am-12 & 1-2pm
Every 2nd & 4th Wed: Rotary Club of Medina Valley, 11:45am, Old Alsatian Steakhouse
Every Saturday, Farmer's Market, Alsace Tan & Salon, 9:00 a.m.
- 04: Chamber Luncheon, 12 noon, Sammy's Restaurant. All Members invited!**
- 07: Fiorella Friday, 6 Year Anniversary half price sale, live music, artisans, wine tasting and much more, 6-9pm**
- 07: Grand Opening of Jail Haus Boutique, 7pm, 413 Lafayette, (830) 538-9353**
- 07: Music on the Plaza, Stephanie's on the Plaza Salon & Dan's Meat Market, 7pm, (830) 931-2400**
- 08: Market Trail Days, Houston Square, 9am-4pm, (830) 538-2316 or (830) 426-9196**
- 09: Movies at Shooting Star Museum, 6pm. FREE!! (830) 931-3837**
- 12: WOW Social, MV Methodist Church, 12 noon to 3pm, cards, games and fellowship**
- 14: Friday Night Fever, Lundquist Automotive, 6-10pm, evening of cars, trucks, bikes, food, music and shopping, (830) 931-2479**
- 14: American Legion Scholarship Dinner, 5-7pm, American Legion Hall, (830) 538-9182**
- 15: Hillside Back to School Bash, 1-6pm, Hillside Chapel, (210) 913-1656**
- 23: 127th Annual St. Louis Day Celebration, 11am, Koenig Park, (830) 931-2826**
- 24: FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR MEDINA VALLEY!!**
- 25: Chamber Director's Meeting, Hotel Alsace - Alsatian Restaurant, 12 noon**
- 26: WOW Social, MV Methodist Church, 12 noon to 3pm, cards, games and fellowship**
- 28: Cruisin' in God's Country, 5:30 p.m., Hondo TX along 18th St., (830) 426-3037**

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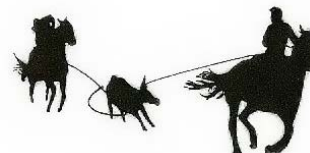
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Chamber Membership Fee to Increase Slightly

Well it had to happen some time and that time is now. It has been over 10 years since the Chamber has increased their membership cost, but with the cost of things rising and a new building under way, we felt it was time to make the increase.

Beginning the last quarter of 2009, the Chamber membership fee will increase for all new businesses joining and the increase will take effect for current members in 2010. The new fees will be as follows:

- Business** - \$100
- Individual** - \$40
- Couple** - \$50
- Non-Profit/Church** - \$40
- Over 65** - \$25

As you can see, we increased the business fee by just \$25, the individual and non-profit fee by \$5 and the under 65 fee stayed the same.

We also added a new membership category. Now a couple can join together for a discounted rate. You will be listed as one member, but both will have voting rights.

Churches will also now be

responsible for paying the non-profit fee to be a member.

In researching other area chambers we felt these were very fair fees. Where else can you get advertising and referrals for under \$9 a month?

Please be sure to check the Chamber Benefits on our website to make sure you are taking full advantage of your membership.

Invoices for 2010 will be sent in the mail in December.

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Business of the Month: SA Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery Assoc.

Although they joined the Chamber of Commerce in February of this year, the new satellite location of the San Antonio Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Associates is now open and ready for business right here in Castroville.

Located at 1014 Paris, Suite C, directly behind Taqueria San Juan, the San Antonio office has been open since 1968 and "have been providing world class care for their patients in a safe and comfortable environment."

SA Oral & Maxillofacial offers extensive services in dental implants, extractions, pathology, grafting, wisdom teeth, corrective jaw surgery, and most other surgeries of the face and jaw. Most of these services can be done in the Castroville office.

Dr. James B. Mazock and Dr. R. Mikel Westwood will be

working from the new Castroville location on Mondays and Thursdays from 9am to 3pm with these hours possibly expanding in the future.

These doctors not only work in the clinic in Castroville but are also on staff at Medina Regional Hospital as well as most San Antonio hospitals.

Dr. Mazock is a native San Antonian who recently joined the SA Associates team. He did his undergrad studies in Clinical Laboratory Sciences at the University of Texas and graduated *Cum Laude* from the University of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio-Dental School.

He then joined the U.S. Navy where he served with the 2nd Marine Expeditionary Forces at Camp Lejeune, NC. He later served as a Flight Surgeon for the NASA Space Shuttle

recovery program.

He began his Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery training at Baylor University Medical Center and Baylor College of Dentistry in Dallas Texas. He continues to stay involved with research and co-authored many **s u r g i c a l** articles on bone grafting and trauma.

Dr. Westwood is also a San Antonio native a graduate of the University of Texas and the University of Texas Dental Branch at Houston in 1967 with a Doctor of Dental Surgery degree.

He served two years of active duty in the U.S. Navy and held his own private practice for a year before entering the University of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio to study Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery. He graduated in 1973 and entered the practice of Oral

& Maxillofacial Surgery with Dr. James Duncan, the founder of the company. They have practiced together for 35 years.

Both doctors are certified by the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons and have had extensive practice in the many services they offer.

So next time you are in need of a dental, face or jaw surgery, there is not need to look any further than this new business located in your own backyard. The company has worked to maintain a dedicated staff which is committed to the success of their patients. For more information on all the services they offer, please contact their office.

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