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Rotary Club of Medina Valley-Castroville Receives Charter

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Special points of interest:

- Chamber Luncheon— September 1, 2009, 12 noon at Sammy's Restaurant.
- Congratulations to Valley Mart who this month celebrates 25 Years of Service in the Castroville Community!
- Want to put something in the Newsletter? Email us and let us know: chamber@castroville.com

It's official! The Rotary Club of Medina Valley-Castroville became an officially chartered rotary club.

On Thursday, August 20th, the club held their Charter and Induction Ceremony at the Mary Gray Event Center on Houston Square.

The ceremony began with a call to order by President Joe Painter, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, Invocation and 4-Way Test.

The group welcomed many guests including the past, present and future Rotary District Governors as well as the Assistant District Governor. Officers and members of the Hondo-D'Hanis Rotary Club were also present. Many of them played a large role in getting the Castroville Rotary Club started.

As a special thank you to the Past and Present District Governor's for all their help getting the club started, President Elect Jonathan Fish presented them each with a beautiful piece of pottery he made himself.

Also receiving much thanks was Assistant District Governor and Hondo-D'Hanis Club member Evelyne Barbutti. As a token of the clubs appreciation, she was presented with an autographed copy of *My Road to Rotary: The Story of a boy, a*

Vermont Community and Rotary by Paul Percy Harris.

The organization of this club began in 2008 when Evelyne Barbutti of the Hondo-D'Hanis Rotary Club and Homer Leer of the San Antonio West Rotary Club invited Cindy Taylor, Bruce Reed, Holly Haby, Derek Sensenig and a couple of other people to have lunch to discuss starting a Rotary Club in Castroville with these two Rotary Clubs being co-sponsors for the new Club.

The first organization meeting was held in March 2008 and Evelyne was present at that meeting and almost every one since. On May 26, 2009, the club received a letter of welcome into Rotary International from President D.K. Lee.

Even though the club was just recently chartered, they have already been involved in several community service projects.

In August of 2008 the group held a school supply drive for local children and that December they prepared Christmas baskets for area families. They also joined forces with the Hondo-D'Hanis Rotary Club to host the first annual joint golf tournament this past April. They are currently holding their 2nd Annual School Supplies Drive and have many

great ideas for community projects and can't wait to start working on them.

Rotary is the world's first service club organization and has been around for over 100 years. Rotary flourishes worldwide with over 1.2 million members in 33,000 clubs worldwide. Their motto is "Service Above Self," and they truly show that by doing community projects locally, regionally and internationally. Some of these include combating hunger, providing education and training, promoting peace and the never ending service of trying to eradicate polio.

If you are interested in getting involved in projects that will benefit our great community of Castroville, then you need to join the newly chartered Rotary Club of Medina Valley-Castroville.

The group meets every Wednesday at the Old Alsatian Steakhouse at 11:45am. Please join them for a meeting and find out what you can do to help your community. Lunch is just \$9 per person which includes tip.

Join the oldest service club organization and help make your community a better place.

New Pages Added to the Chamber Website



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If you have visited the Chamber site recently then you may have noticed a couple of new buttons on the left hand side. Visitors can now click on the **"Things to Do"** or **"Places to Shop"** buttons and know just about every tourist place to visit in Castroville

On the "Things to Do" page, visitors can search for places to go and see in Castroville by category. These categories are: History, Outdoor Attractions, Museums, Spas and Events. They are just a

click away from finding out what to see or do while visiting our wonderful little town.

Shopping is also a big attraction to people coming to visit so we have added the "Places to Shop" section. They can search by categories such as antiques, gifts and collectibles, bakeries, florists, meat markets and nurseries/greenhouses.

Only those businesses that are members of the chamber will be listed in these two new sections; just another benefit of being a

Chamber member.

With technology being the way it is today, we are always trying to improve our website to accommodate those that like to search the web for their next place to visit. The more appealing we can make Castroville, the more people that will come to visit.

If you ever have an idea for our website or just a general idea for us, please feel free to send us an email at chamber@castroville.com. Let us know what we can do to help you and your business.

Volksmarch Moving to October for 2009

The Annual Volksmarch, which is usually held the first weekend in September, has been moved to October 10th. Due to the Labor Day weekend it was decided to move this walk to October. I am sure the walkers will be much happier with the cooler weather we should be having by then.

Castroville is now a year round location for the Volksmarch, but one day out of the year, we have a large walk where over 100 people usually participate. This year marks the 6th annual Volksmarch here in Castroville.

The event is sanctioned by the American Volkssport Association and is sponsored by the Castroville Area Chamber of Commerce and Volkssport Club AVA-939.

The walk will begin at 8am at Regional Park on October 10th. This year there will be a 10K and a 5K walk and everyone is allowed to participate.

You may walk for free but to get your IVV credit you must pay \$3. There is no pre-registration required so you can pay the day of the event.

Your leashed pets are welcome to join you on the

walk, but you must pick up after them and they will not be allowed in any of the buildings along the way.

The route is considered easy and is on city sidewalks and low-traveled city streets. A major highway will be crossed at a crosswalk, the Medina River will also be crossed and the historic cemeteries and many historic buildings will be passed on the route.

So get those walking shoes on and be ready for the 6th Annual Volksmarch on October 10, 2009. Hope to see you all there!

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New Member since August 1, 2009

Cataplana - Unique Kitchen Store, Cecelia Fetty
Larry Dorsey-Spitz, Principal of St. Louis School
Daniell Narvaez, New Teacher Complimentary Membership

September Calendar of Events

Here's what's happening in Castroville in September. 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.

- 01: Chamber Luncheon, 12 noon, Sammy's Restaurant. All Members invited!**
- 04:** Fiorella Friday, live music, artisans, wine tasting and much more, 6-9pm
- 04:** Grand Opening, Cataplana Kitchen Store, 5pm (830) 538-9911
- 09:** WOW Social, MV Methodist Church, 12 noon to 3pm, cards, games and fellowship
- 11:** Friday Night Fever, Lundquist Automotive, 6-10pm, evening of cars, trucks, bikes, food, music and shopping, (830) 931-2479
- 11:** American Legion Scholarship Dinner, 5-7pm, American Legion Hall, (830) 538-9182
- 12:** Market Trail Days, Houston Square, 9am-4pm, (830) 538-2316 or (830) 426-9196
- 13:** Movies at Shooting Star Museum, 6pm. FREE!! (830) 931-3837
- 14:** Grief Rite Book Study, Stephanie's on the Plaza Salon, 6:30pm, (210) 845- 8049
- 19-20:** Medina County Fair, Hondo Fair Grounds, 10am, \$5 per person, (830) 426-5406
- 23:** WOW Social, MV Methodist Church, 12 noon to 3pm, cards, games and fellowship
- 25:** Cruisin' in God's Country, 5:30 p.m., Hondo TX along 18th St., (830) 426-3037
- 26:** Medina County Crime Stoppers Golf Tournament, Devine Golf Course, Registration at 12 noon, 1:30pm shotgun start, (830) 665-9943.
- 27:** Fajita Dinner, MV United Methodist Church, 11am-1pm, \$5 per plate, (830) 931-3533
- 28:** Chamber Director's Meeting, Hotel Alsace - Castroville Cafe, 12 noon
- 29:** Grief Rite Book Study, Stephanie's on the Plaza Salon, 6:30pm, (210) 845-8049

Now Accepting Applications for Old Fashion Christmas

With most of the returning vendors already having their applications in, we are now accepting applications from those interested in participating in this year's Old Fashion Christmas.

This year marks the 26th year the Chamber has held this huge arts and crafts fair that has become one of the biggest around. This year's event will be held on Saturday, December 5th from 9am to 4pm on Houston Square.

We will have over 150 vendors selling everything from pottery and handmade Christmas items to jewelry and wood working products. There is always something for everyone.

Entertainment will be back again this year featured in the center of Houston Square. As always, Santa will make his yearly appearance at 1pm in front of Castroville State Bank.

There will be plenty of food booths with plenty of

different flavors to taste. Gorditas, hamburgers, kettle corn and shrimp on a stick are just a few of the many items that will be sold.

So if you are interested in being a vendor at this year's event just give us at call at (830) 538-3142 or email us at ashlee@castroville.com and we will send you an application. Booth spaces are \$55 and will be assigned on a first come first serve basis.

It is sure to be another successful year!

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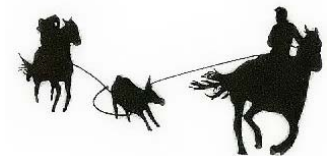
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Business of the Month: Cataplana - Unique Kitchen Store

Do you love to cook? Are you obsessed with all the latest kitchen gadgets and utensils? Then we have the place you want to visit today. Cataplana, a kitchen/utensil shop, has just opened up in Castroville.

As you walk into the store, which is located at 810 Hwy 90 E, it's like walking into a mini Williams Sonoma. Owner Cecilia Fetty, has the store decorated so beautifully with the many products she offers.

And these aren't just any old products you can find on the shelves of Wal-Mart or Target. Cecilia only carries high end state of the art equipment.

"I want to be the first to have the newest and best gadgets," says Cecilia. "And I try to sell as many American made products as I can."

Cataplana, which by the way is the name of a Portuguese

copper dish, carries everything from canisters, pots and pans, small kitchen appliances, cutting boards, glassware, cookware, food items, plus every gadget you can think of.

The pots and pans are by Mauviel and her main line of cookware is Emile Henry, a flame ceramic which cooks like cast iron but can go in the microwave or straight onto the BBQ pit. She even carries a line of ceramic dishes called Dignity which are specifically designed for the disabled and those with Alzheimer's.

Cecilia has an extensive background in the kitchen and outside the kitchen. She has a culinary degree from Johnson and Wales. She spent years in the kitchen before becoming a food and beverage manager at a hotel. Next she became a banquet manager where she managed a 28,000 square foot

ballroom. Then she and her husband owned one of the top 100 third party logistics companies. For the last two years she has travelled all over doing cooking show and parties. She finally decided it was time to open her own store and "loved the quiet and peacefulness of Castroville."

She can custom order just about anything you want and is the only Viking retailer near here. She even has layaway and a Bridal Registry.

Her products are so well made that most of them come with a lifetime guarantee.

Cecilia currently offers free cooking classes on the first Thursday of the month at Amazing Grace Lutheran Church. She plans to later offer cooking classes at the store as well as tea parties for little girls and an after hours recipe club.

Right now Cecilia has a special that if you bring in any church bulletin, she will donate 10% of the sale on non-discounted or food items to your church's pastors discretionary fund to be used in the community. She feels very strong about helping her community.

So if you are in the need of some really great kitchen products, then you need to stop by Cataplana, located next to Furniture Masters. Believe me, you will not be disappointed in what they have to offer.

Don't miss her Grand Opening this Friday, September 4th!!

**810 Hwy 90 E
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**Hours:
Mon-Thurs 10am to 6pm
Fri 10 am to 8pm
Sat 9am to 6pm**