



# COTATI Chamber of Commerce

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Promoting the Business Interests of Our Community

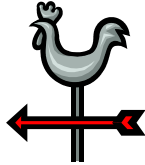
September 2005

## Cotati Farmers Market

*Farm Fresh Fruits & Vegetables,  
Gourmet Food, Crafts, &  
Great Entertainment!*

*Bring your household tools for sharpening!*

**Thursdays, June 2 through Sept.15  
4:30 to 7:30 pm in La Plaza Park**



### Upcoming Special Events

#### **September 8 - Safety Fair**

Important information from the Cotati Police Dept. and the Rancho Adobe Firefighters, plus swing-era big band music with The Moonlighters

*and the Last Market Day of the season...*

#### **September 15 - Heirloom Tomato Festival**

Free samples of luscious ripe-on-the-vine tomatoes in many varieties and rock music by Righteous Fists of Harmony

**Thanks to our special supporters in 2005 - - -**

Arch's Glass  
The Community Voice  
Hines Signs  
Riva Salon  
Waste Management  
Cotati Mayor Lisa Moore & City Council  
and the City of Cotati Public Works crew

**and our super vendors - - -**

Randy & Kathleen Hisely  
Terri Toso  
Bethany & Steven

**and our wonderful ad designer - - -**

Vicki Dougan, Sales Promotions

**and our fabulous market manager - - -**

Karen Silva (and family!)

*Sponsored by the Cotati Chamber of Commerce -  
call (707) 795-5508 for more information*

## AFTER HOURS BUSINESS MIXER

for the

*Cotati and Rohnert Park Chambers*

hosted by

**Universal Gym**

466 Primero Ct., Suite E, Cotati

**Thursday, September 29**

**5:30 - 7:30 p.m.**

Refreshments, Raffle Prizes and,  
*most important, Networking!*

## SEPTEMBER LUNCHEON MEETING



**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22**

**12 - 1:30 p.m.**

North Light Books & Cafe

550 E. Cotati Ave. (in Oliver's Market shopping ctr)

Cost is \$15 and includes beverage, and choice of:

-Veggie burger (housemade) with roasted potatoes  
or

-Caesar salad with grilled chicken

or

-Chicken enchiladas (housemade) with greens

**PROGRAM: The SSU Scoop: What's New,  
plus Town-to-Gown Marketing**, speakers  
Susan Kashack, Director of Communications,  
University Affairs, and Catharine Bramkamp,  
Director of Development, Green Music Festival

**Please RSVP with entree by Monday, Sept. 19  
to 795-5508 or [chamber@cotati.org](mailto:chamber@cotati.org)**

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

### Barlow Printing

481 Aaron St, Cotati 94931  
Phone: (707) 664-9773  
www.barlowprinting.com  
Pat Barlow  
Printers

### Body & Soul skin care studio

525 E. Cotati Ave., #225, Cotati 94931  
Phone: (707) 792-1234  
www.bodysoulskincare.com  
Sue Ellen Pierson  
Facial/Skin Care

### Grant Institute for Training, Inc. (GIFT)

305 Floral Dr., Cotati 94931  
Phone: (707) 546-6605  
Catherine Hunter  
Nonprofit Organization

### Sally Tomatoes

8238 Old Redwood Hwy., Cotati 94931  
Phone: (707) 665-9472  
www.sallytomatoes.com  
Gerard Giudice  
Deli/Catering/Gourmet to Go

### Studio 40

70 West Cotati Ave., Cotati 94931  
Phone: (707) 793-0811  
Erin & Jim Weiler  
Beauty Salon

## New Member Profiles

**Body & Soul** skin care studio is Cotati's only exclusively skin and body care personal services establishment. With over 18 years experience, owner/esthetician Sue Ellen Pierson has created a comfortably elegant atmosphere where women, men and teens experience the highest quality European skin care. She and her staff provide therapeutic facials treatments, waxing, massage therapy and cutting edge photo-rejuvenation utilizing LED and microcurrent along with professional grade products such as Babor and MD Skincare. The Soli-Tone LumiLift and LumiFacial is uniquely state-of-the-art for treating photo-aging, redness, pigmentation and acne without any pain or downtime. Located across the street from Oliver's in the Sycamore Grove building, they are open Monday through Saturday by appointment. Call 792-1234 for an appointment or for information about their evening seminar/demonstrations.

**La Familia Mexican Restaurant** is a owned and operated family business. They've been open since November 2004. They're very happy and proud to offer you their most famous dishes cooked in their unique style. La Familia authentic cuisine is open to serve you from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. every day. Owners Carmen & Enrique De Paz say, "Give us the opportunity to serve you and make you feel like in your familia." They are located at 7981 Old Redwood Hwy. in Cotati in the Grapevine Shopping Center.

**Mother of Dreams** has been a work in progress for the better part of 20 years. Rhonda (aka "Mother") fell in love with sewing when expecting baby number 1 in 1980. Her quilts and gift baskets have been the hit of every shower and gift-giving occasion since.

Mother of Dreams is a boutique specializing in handcrafted toys, clothes, and accessories for the cradle-to-kindergarten set, but Rhonda will sew for any age. They have artisans from all over California, Arizona, Oregon and Washington, too. They're all eager to customize any of their goods to the desire of any heart. They are the only California outlet for Earth Dragon Herbals, a line of the finest organic lotions and potions, crafted by herbalists trained in the wise-woman tradition. They also have wooden crafts and toys, tie-dye, Moses baskets, slings, and more. They're open six day a week, Tuesday through Sunday. They accept Mastercard and Visa. Check them out online at [www.motherofdreams.com](http://www.motherofdreams.com) or stop in and see them in person at 1818 La Plaza, Suite 104 in Cotati (between Riva's and Cotati Corner).

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☆ **THANKS TO OUR RENEWING** ☆  
☆ **MEMBERS** ☆  
☆ Church of the Oaks ☆  
☆ DoubleTree Hotel ☆  
☆ Greg LeDoux & Associates, Inc. ☆  
☆ Jan Emerson's VoiceGarden ☆  
☆ Klassic Key Properties ☆  
☆ Mary Kay/ Catharine Bramkamp ☆  
☆ Mulligan Realty ☆  
☆ Rotary Club of Rohnert Park-Cotati ☆  
☆ Universal Gym ☆  
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## **News Briefs**

### ❖ **FAMILY DAY - SEPT. 26**

The National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse at Columbia University is trying to enlist 10 million families to pledge to have dinner together on **Family Day -- A Day to Eat Dinner With Your Children**, Sept. 26. The U.S. Chamber is encouraging all of its members to make the pledge by logging on to [www.casafamilyday.org](http://www.casafamilyday.org) and clicking on the yellow Post-it note. The more often teenagers eat dinner with their families, the less likely they are to smoke, drink and use illegal drugs, according to studies.

### ❖ **SSU OPEN HOUSE & COMMUNITY FAIR**

On Saturday, October 8th, the University opens its doors to our community members and invites everyone to come and experience a day at the University that includes family events, academic information, tours, music, and the opportunity to introduce future students, both young and mature, to college life.

As part of the event, the Cotati and Rohnert Park Chambers are partnering with SSU to present a Community Resource Fair at La Plaza Park from 11 - 4 PM. Shuttle busses, donated by Thunderstar Stages, will transport participants from the campus to the park.

Registration forms to participate in the Community Resource Fair portion of the SSU Open House are included in this newsletter.

Highlights of the Open House include:

- Sonoma State's "Robot" at the Schulz Info Center
- Campus and building tours
- Music and student performances
- Life Long Learning presentation
- NASA Outreach demonstrations
- Business Ethics Exercise for Parents and Students
- Bridging the Gap between High School & College panel presentation

For more information, contact Catharine Bramkamp at [bramkamp@yahoo.com](mailto:bramkamp@yahoo.com) or (707) 664.2712.

### ❖ **WINE EDUCATION CLASS IN COTATI**

Cotati Corner Wine Shop will be offering a FUN and CASUAL wine education class that will focus on wine basics. The class will be held Tuesday Sept. 20 & 27, 6:30 - 8 p.m. The cost is \$30 and includes 2 1½ hour sessions and class materials. A few topics that will be explored will be: varietals, terminology, wine making, appellations, food & wine pairing and tasting rooms. Class size is limited so sign up soon. Cotati Corner is located at 1818 La Plaza, Suite 106. For more information or to register, call (707)793-9357.

### ❖ **BAD CHECK PROGRAM**

Every year in Sonoma County business owners report millions of dollars in losses from individuals who write checks with insufficient funds. Higher costs are passed on to the consumer to offset losses, and taxes are increased to cover the additional costs for law enforcement and prosecution.

The Bad Check Restitution Program has been created by the District Attorney to assist local merchants with bad check losses. The primary goal of this program is to obtain full restitution for the victim in a timely and effective manner.

First time bad check offenders are given the opportunity to avoid criminal prosecution by paying back full restitution and attending a mandatory intervention class. This process takes place without any cost to the merchant, business owner or taxpayer.

Cutting your losses is as easy as 1-2-3:

1. Make personal contact with the check writer; if you are unsuccessful, send a certified return receipt courtesy notice. Give the check writer 10 days to respond and remit payment.
2. If you do not hear from the check writer or receive payment, simply contact the Bad Check Restitution Program at (888) 892-1376 for a bad check crime report.
3. Fill out the crime report, attach originals (you retain photocopies) of all checks and notification documents, such as return receipts and bank notices, and mail to the Sonoma County District Attorney Bad Check Restitution Program, PMB # 132, 277 Yulupa Ave., SR 95405.

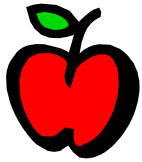
A check is *eligible* if...

- The amount is no more than \$5,000.
- It was received in Sonoma County and deposited in a bank in exchange for goods and services.
- A "courtesy notice" is sent to the check writer allowing 10 days to make good.
- It is submitted to the program within 90 days from the date on the check.
- A photo ID was recorded for the transaction.

A check is *ineligible* if...

- It is post-dated.
- Both parties knew there were insufficient funds.
- It is an out-of-state, two party, stop payment, rent, government or payroll check.
- The identity of the check writer is unknown.
- There is no amount, date, or signature on the check.
- It has not been processed by a bank.
- The check is payment on an account.
- Bankruptcy was filed by the check writer.

For more information, visit [www.checkprogram.com/sonomacountyca](http://www.checkprogram.com/sonomacountyca) or call (888) 892-1376.



# UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS CALENDAR

## COTATI FARMERS MARKET

Thursdays, through Sept. 15, 4:30 - 7:30 p.m.  
 La Plaza Park, downtown Cotati  
 September 8 - Safety Fair  
 September 15 - Heirloom Tomato Festival

## COTATI CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

Wed., Sept. 14 & 28, 7 p.m.  
 Cotati City Hall

## MOVIES IN THE PARK

Fri. Sept. 16, 8:30 p.m.  
 La Plaza Park, downtown Cotati - FREE

## COTATI CHAMBER BOARD MEETING

Wed., September 21, 7:30 a.m.  
 Cotati Chamber Office

## COTATI CHAMBER LUNCHEON MEETING

Thurs., September 22, 12 noon - 1:30 p.m.  
 North Light Books & Cafe - \$15/person

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Sat. Oct. 1, 8:30 p.m.  
 La Plaza Park, downtown Cotati - FREE

## SSU COMMUNITY RESOURCE FAIR

Sat., October 8, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
 La Plaza Park, downtown Cotati

## **COTATI CHAMBER OF COMMERCE** **Board of Directors**

### **PRESIDENT**

**Rich Lucchesi** 664-9803  
*Individual Member*

### **VICE PRESIDENT**

**Nadine Wolford** 795-5481  
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### **SECRETARY**

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*Riva Salon*

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*Sonoma State University*

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Timothy J. Mayclin 996-9798

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*Watch for our new Fall/Winter  
 Cotati Community Guide with the  
 Cotati Chamber of Commerce Business Directory  
 due out Friday, September 29!*

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