



COTATI Chamber of Commerce

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Promoting the Business Interests of Our Community

August 2005

The 15th Annual COTATI ACCORDION FESTIVAL



Sat. & Sun. Aug. 27th & 28th
9:45 a.m. - 9 p.m. Saturday
9:45 a.m. - 7 p.m. Sunday

A Non-Stop Multicultural Extravaganza
at La Plaza Park in Downtown Cotati

\$17 each day (advanced sale \$15)
or \$25 for both days

Advance tickets available at Backdoor Disc & Tape,
Cotati; People's Music, Sebastopol; The Last Record
Store, Santa Rosa.

Starring: **Queen Ida & Flaco Jimenez**
and featuring 26 other bands and soloists

Plus...

- Accordion Jam Tent
- Accordion Workshops
- Cajun Dance Party (2 - 6 p.m. both days at Spancky's)
- Polka Dance Party on a wooden floor (1 - 5 p.m. both days)
- Food & Drink, Arts & Craft Booths
- Lady of Spain-a-Ring (3 p.m. both days) and so much more!

The Cotati Accordion Festival is a nonprofit organization which benefits the accordion schools performing arts, music programs, and other local youth organizations.

For more information, visit www.cotatifest.com
or call (707) 664-0444.

AFTER HOURS BUSINESS MIXER

for the
Cotati, Rohnert Park & Hispanic Chambers
Thursday, August 18
5:30 - 8 p.m.

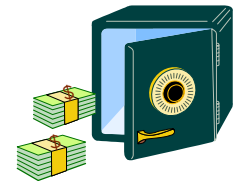
hosted by

The Mojica Insurance Agencies
6950 Commerce Blvd., Suites 2 & 3
Rohnert Park

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

RSVP: 795-1601 or 664-9391

AUGUST LUNCHEON MEETING



THURSDAY, AUGUST 25
12 - 1:30 p.m.

Cotati Room, Community Center
216 E. School St. (behind Chamber office & City Hall)

Catered by Oliver's Market

Cost is \$15 and includes a box lunch with salad,
dessert, beverage, and choice of sandwich:
Turkey, roast beef or veggie

PROGRAM: Business Crime Prevention

- **Keeping Your Business Safe**
Sgt. Dave Houts, *Cotati Police Dept.*
- **Bad Check Restitution Program**
Veronica Tierney, *Sonoma Co. DA's Office*
- **Graffiti Task Force**
Georgia Pedgrift, *Sonoma Co. Sheriff's Dept.*

Please RSVP by Monday, August 22 to
795-5508 or chamber@cotati.org

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**THANKS TO OUR
RENEWING MEMBERS**

- Hines Signs
- Imagistics
- Monahan Pacific
- North Light Books & Cafe
- Oliver's Market
- Pump It Up of Cotati
- Renaissance Healing & Learning Ctr.
- Sweet Pea Children's Consignment

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Golden State Computer Solutions

445 Portal St, Suite B, Cotati 94931
 Phone: (707) 792-0600
 www.gscs.biz
 Robert Farlin
 Computers

La Bella Sole

1305 Maurice Ave., Rohnert Park 94928
 Phone: (707) 792-TANS (8267)
 www.labellasole.com
 Sonja Borgo
 Indoor Tanning & Airbrush Salon

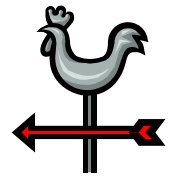
La Familia Mexican Restaurant

7981 Old Redwood Hwy., Cotati 94931
 Phone: (707) 664-9711
 Carmen & Enrique De Paz
 Restaurant

Mother of Dreams Baby Boutique

1818 La Plaza, #104, Cotati 94931
 Phone: (707) 795-4241
 www.motherofdreams.com
 Rhonda & Mark Bacon
 Handcrafted Baby Boutique

Cotati Farmers Market



*Bigger and Better with
 More Fresh Fruits & Vegetables,
 More Food, More Crafts, &
 Great Entertainment!
 Lots of New Vendors -
 like a tool & knife sharpening booth!!*

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

Upcoming Special Events

August 4 - Business Showcase

Open-air trade show with community businesses and entertainment by four a cappella quartets from the Pacific Empire Chorus

August 11 - Herb Festival

Demonstrations on how to use herbs
 Groove jazz/rock music by Acacia

August 18 - Farm Day

Tractors, hay bales, farm animals, pony rides!
 Bluegrass country folk music by The Rustics

August 25 - Polynesian Night

Hula performances! Beer & wine tasting with the Chamber

September 1 - Adopt-A-Pet Night

Give a needy pet a home! Jazzy soul by Donna Arvidson

September 8 - Safety Fair

Important information from the Cotati Police Department and the Rancho Adobe Firefighters
 Swing-era big band music with The Moonlighters

Last Market Day

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

Shop the market, then shop Cotati!

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

News Briefs

❖ NORTH LIGHT BOOKS EVENT

Please join North Light Books & Café on Friday, August 12 @ 6:30p.m for a special poetic, cultural, and culinary event featuring a reading of "El Gran Viento" an epic tale of one who comes to "el Norte" to seek his fortune. Music by Ivan Rane, lyrics by chef/poet Armando Garcia d'Avila.

Armando will not only read "El Gran Viento" but will also prepare you "the best Chile Verde dinner you will ever experience." In addition to Armando's Chile Verde, the menu will include refritos, ensalada and dessert for \$20.00 per person. Beer and wine available to purchase.

Please call (707) 792-4300 for reservations. North Light Books & Café is located at 550 E. Cotati Ave, next to Oliver's Market in Cotati.

❖ MARKETING TO SSU STUDENTS

The Office of Residential Life at Sonoma State University would like to invite Chamber businesses to become part of the SSU community by participating in a few of their school year opening activities. The Community Fair, advertisements in their Welcome Bags, and donations to the Welcome Month events are the three areas that businesses can become involved in. For more information about the events and registration or to participate, please contact: Mo Phillips, Associate Director of Student Development, 707-664-2804, mo.phillips@sonoma.edu.

❖ MARKETING TO SRJC STUDENTS

The Fall 2005 semester is coming quickly and the Associated Students of Santa Rosa Junior College are hosting Student Savings Week during the week of August 22nd through August 25th, 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM on the Doyle Patio and Hyde Park, high traffic areas for students.

During the event, businesses may market products and services directly to SRJC's campus community by offering special incentives and/or savings to the students. Special incentives and savings are offers that the students can receive only during this incredible 4-day event and not in your store. Rates to participate in the event are \$75 for one-day attendance and \$250 for four-day attendance.

They will provide one parking pass, electrical hook ups (if requested), and one food voucher per company per day, from their Bears Den Café.

Bring your great products and services to an audience you may not otherwise reach. For questions or registration forms contact Angela Medina, Associated Students, Cabinet Chair, Office: 707-527-4571, Cell: 707-

338-4301, or Email: srjcbu@yahoo.com.

❖ COAT & BACKPACK DRIVE AT RIVA

Riva will be hosting the 2nd Annual Coat and Backpack Drive during the month of August. You can drop off coats and backpacks that are in new or excellent condition to Riva, located at 1818 La Plaza, Suite 100, in downtown Cotati. All coats and backpacks will be distributed to underprivileged children in Cotati and Rohnert Park for the new school year. For more information, call Riva Salon at (707)795-2100.

❖ CLASSIC GOLF TOURNAMENT

Ralph Jones Classic Golf Tournament is on Friday, August 12 at Foxtail's South Course in Rohnert Park. \$125 per player includes cart, goodie bag, lunch, awards and hors d'oeuvres. Proceeds support Sonoma County Adult and Youth Development's (SCAYD) Homeless Prevention Program and Rebuilding Together Rohnert Park-Cotati. For more information, call (707) 584-4146.

❖ THURSDAY NIGHT WINE TASTINGS

Cotati Corner Wine Shop is holding wine tastings every Thursday night from 5 - 7 p.m. A \$5 tasting fee includes a logo glass. Featured wineries are Aug. 4 Sausal Estate Winery, Aug. 11 Benziger Family Winery and Aug. 18 Sonoma-Cutrer Vineyards. Cotati Corner is located at 1818 La Plaza, Suite 106. For more information, call (707)793-9357.

❖ CHAMBER WINS PARADE PRIZE!



The Cotati Chamber took home a \$100 prize in the 13th Annual Cotati Kids Day Parade, whose theme was "Under the Big Top," winning the category of "Best Entry with Animals." Thanks to Arch's Glass for volunteering their truck, decorating, and to Ron for driving.

Pictured is Lion Tamer Rich Lucchesi with his bevy of wild lions Vicki Dougan, Jaffie Foley, Nadine Wolford and Suzanne Whipple.



UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS CALENDAR

COTATI FARMERS MARKET

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COTATI CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

Wed., August 10 & 24, 7 p.m.
 Cotati City Hall

COTATI CHARRETTE WRAP-UP MEETING

Tues., August 16, 7 p.m.
 Cotati Room in Cotati Community Center

COTATI CHAMBER BOARD MEETING

Wed., August 17, 7:30 a.m.
 Cotati Chamber Office

TRI-CHAMBER AFTER HOURS BUSINESS MIXER

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 Sun., Aug. 28, 9:45 a.m. - 7 p.m.
 La Plaza Park

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