



COTATI Chamber of Commerce

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Promoting the Business Interests of Our Community

April 2006



Cotati Chamber Members...

ALL ABOARD for the Rohnert Park Chamber of Commerce 2006 Business Showcase

Thursday, May 25 at the DoubleTree Hotel
4-5 pm Business to Business, 5-7 pm Open to Public
Participate at the **same rate** as RP Chamber Members
- courtesy of the Rohnert Park Chamber!
(See inside newsletter for registration form)

Grand Opening for City Carpets

City Carpets, based in San Rafael, held a Grand Opening and Business After Hours Open House for their new retail floorcovering center at 7611 Redwood Drive, Cotati.

The new facility boasts a showroom of over 22,000 square feet to house such celebrated names in floorcovering as Stainmaster, Fabrica, Moda, Tommy Bahama, Andy Warhol, Pergo, Wilsonart, Mannington, Tarkett and Natural Cork.

"Our Cotati sales people are all experienced in floorcovering. They've been carefully selected because they understand Sonoma County styles and trends, and they've been fully-trained in the City Carpets tradition of putting the customers' needs first," said co-owner Leigh Bakhtiari.

Catering for the event was done by *Sally Tomatoes*. Thanks also to *Curves for Women* and *Rich & Glenda Lucchesi* for donation of the door prizes.

Shown in photo above are (left to right): Cotati Chamber President Andrew Hutchins, Board member Cynthia Larsen, City Carpets owner Leigh Bakhtiari and daughter, City Manager Terry Stubbings, Board member Tom Scott, City Councilmember Lisa Moore, Board member Vicki Dougan, City Councilmember Pat Gilardi, Past President Rich Lucchesi, City Carpets owner Hossein Bakhtiari and employees Henry Rodriguez and John Charvat, and Board member Jaffie Foley.

APRIL LUNCHEON MEETING



THURSDAY, APRIL 27
12:00 - 1:30 p.m.

Las Guitarras Restaurant 7384 Commerce Blvd., Cotati

Cost is \$15 and includes beverage, tax, tip & choice of:
Super Burrito - Chicken, Steak, or Pork
Enchilada - Chicken or Cheese
Taco Salad - Chicken or Vegetarian

PROGRAM: Cotati Downtown Specific Plan Discussion by Business Owners

With Cotati City Manager Terry Stubbings

- Review of the detailed plan for Old Redwood Highway between Page Street and Highway 101 and Commerce Boulevard
- Find out how it could impact *your business*
- Share your views and offer feedback
- Participate in the development process

**Please RSVP with entree choice
by April 24 to 795-5508**

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Crowe Construction Inc.

475 Portal St., Suite A, Cotati
Phone: (707) 665-9668
Fax: (707) 665-9776
Joanne Swaney
Construction

The Gazette

6366 Commerce Blvd., #331, Rohnert Park
Phone: (707) 795-3788
Fax: (707) 795-8838
www.classifiedgazette.com
Lori Rooney
Free Weekly Shopper Newspaper

L-V Flowers

8295 Old Redwood Hwy., Cotati
Phone: (707) 794-9575
Lupe Vasquez
Florist & Gifts

NEW MEMBER PROFILES

Crowe Construction Inc.

Crowe Construction has been doing business since 1993 and holds an A, B, and C-17 (specialty glazing) license. We provided construction completion contracting services that include construction management, project estimating, project set-up, craft labor, construction supervision, project close-out and recovery to construction business ownership.

Through its C-17 license, Crowe also offers construction defect services as it relates to glass & glazing such as leak detection and leak investigation of exterior buildings, building surfaces, windows, perimeter sealants, sloped glazing and adjacent substrates. All water infiltration tests are conducted in accordance with ANSI/AAMA & ASTM laboratory and field testing and all field tests are monitored and certified by a Registered Civil Engineer.

Hours of operation are Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

L-V Flowers

I'm a florist who has been active in the business for the past 35 years. I'm a business who wants to give the public beautiful unique arrangements for their special event at a reasonable rate with great customer service which has always been the top priority. I was a major

THANKS TO OUR RENEWING MEMBERS

Ballet Califia
The Colvin Group
Cotati Corner
Cotati Family Dentistry
Cotati Food Service
Daisy's Mexican Restaurant
Double Decker Lanes
Good To Go Military Surplus
Ralph Jones
Matt Kramer - Mediator
McLea's Tire & Automotive Service
Merrill Lynch - Jeff James
Michael's Harley-Davidson
Porter Street Barbecue
Preferred Realty - Phil Grover
Sonoma State University
Universal Gym

partner in a Marin County flower shop for most of my career. I have recently relocated to Sonoma County, so I wanted to open my own business locally. I do one-of-a-kind freeze-dried flower arrangements to fit any particular decor, as well as working with fresh flowers

L-V Flowers is open Monday thru Sunday 10 - 6 p.m.

Smart Home Loans

Phone: (707) 793-9769

Smart Home Loans, located at 7700 Old Redwood Hwy, Suite 201, opened in December 2005. Kevin M. Smart, Owner/Broker, has 13 years experience in the Home Loan Industry. Kevin specializes in helping people with all of their home loan needs at a fair and honest price. Why call Smart Home Loans? If you are buying a new home or investment property, refinancing to lower your monthly payment or taking cash out of your equity to pay off bills and take advantage of the tax savings by paying mortgage interest instead of credit card interest.

Obtaining a home loan can be confusing or too costly if you are not working with the right person. Having experience and integrity, Kevin is the right person to handle your next home loan. With access to over 200 lenders, Kevin will find the best price and loan program for you. Mention the Cotati Chamber of Commerce and I will credit the cost of your appraisal back to you at the closing of your loan.

News Briefs

❖ **SPONSOR THE 26th JAZZ FESTIVAL**

Sponsorships for the 26th Annual Cotati Jazz Blues & Art Festival are available for your business! This year's event, held by the Cotati Chamber of Commerce, will be Sat. June 17, 12 noon - 12 midnight, in La Plaza Park, Cotati Creek Cafe, Dos Amigos Restaurant, Spancky's Bar, and Sweet Lou's Trattoria and is FREE to the public.

Sponsorships range from \$125, which gives you a 1/4 page advertisement in the Jazz Festival program, to \$5000, which gives you a full-page ad in the program plus a slew of other great benefits. Help us make this the best (and only) FREE jazz music festival in Sonoma County!

For more information, visit our website www.cotatijazz.com or contact Andre' Morrow, State Farm Insurance Agent, and Jazz Festival Event Coordinator, or Joyce, Sales Associate, at (707) 794-8100.

❖ **CHAMBER MEMBER UPDATES**

Sweet Pea Children's Consignment was purchased by Stacey Sullivan in Dec. '05 and renamed to *Sweet Pea Children's Boutique*. They sell new items (apparel, educational toys, gifts, maternity, furniture, equipment etc.) in addition to upscale consignment. Their new telephone number is (707) 217-4144.

Mother of Dreams Baby Boutique has relocated from their La Plaza location to 610 Spencer Street in the JC neighborhood of Santa Rosa. Their new telephone number is (707) 542-8013.

❖ **WINE & FOOD TASTING FUNDRAISER**

Cotati Corner will be the location of the First Annual Wine & Food Tasting Fundraiser for Children's Theater on Sunday, April 30, sponsored by the supporters of Children's Story Book Theater Performing Arts division of *Star Valley Academy of Arts and Science* in Cotati. The wine and food event will be held along with a silent auction. Tickets are \$20 (21 years and over). Checks payable to Star Valley Academy. Tickets are limited and must be purchased in advance. For more information, call Cotati Corner at (707) 793-9357.

❖ **COTATI PD RECRUITS VOLUNTEERS**

The Cotati Police Department announced the start of a V.I.P.S. (Volunteer in Police Services) program. The program will assist in their effort to support the community and enhance their quality of service. They hope to hire eight volunteers to assist the patrol staff in a multitude of assignments, such as stranded motorists, graffiti patrol, vehicle traffic control, enforcement of

parking violations, neighborhood patrols, vacation house checks, and clerical work.

Those applying for a V.I.P.S. position must be 18 years or older, a U.S. citizen, possess a valid California driver's license, and pass a background investigation. Applications can be obtained at Cotati City Hall or at the Cotati Police Department. For questions, contact Sergeant Chris Parker at (707) 792-4611.

❖ **SUPPORT DANCE EDUCATION**

Ballet Califia of Cotati, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization serving Sonoma County for 10 years, is looking for sponsorship from businesses willing to display change drops for their ATTITUDES outreach program. ATTITUDES (A Transforming Tool In Teaching Unified Dance Education in Schools) is a program that provides low-income families dance education for no cost. We either bring dance to their Title 1 school in after-school programs and demonstrations and/or we provide classes free of charge at our facility for these children. Last year, we incorporated 50 students in our Nutcracker and sent 300 students to a live professional production.

Businesses interested in helping can display our change drop in a prominent location or you can simply make a tax-deductible donation to this worthy program. Ballet Califia has given out scholarships to over 500 talented students, most notably Carolina Sanchez, voted Sonoma County's Best Dancer 2005. For more information, please call Shelley Scott at (707) 795-1545.

❖ **SRJC CAREER EXPO & JOB FAIR**

The Sixth Annual Career Expo & Job Fair at Santa Rosa Junior College will be hosted on Wednesday, April 26, 2006, from 10:30 am to 1:30 pm on the Santa Rosa Campus. To participate, call Suzanne Papa at (707) 527-4690 or email spapa@santarosa.edu.

❖ **GRAND JURY MEMBERS WANTED**

Volunteers from a variety of backgrounds are needed to serve as grand jury members for the 2006-2007 session. It is an exciting opportunity to serve your community for a year and to be responsible for the oversight of various city and county government agencies to ensure they are conducting business fairly and efficiently. To qualify, applicants must be U.S. citizens at least 18 years old and have lived in Sonoma County for at least a year. Those holding public office are not eligible. Grand jury members typically commit 16 to 20 hours a week to their work.

Applications may be obtained online at www.sonomasuperiorcourt.com. For more information, call (707) 565-6330.



UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS CALENDAR

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TASK FORCE MEETING

Tues., April 4, 5:30 p.m.
Chamber office

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS MEETING

Wed., April 5, 7 p.m.
Cotati City Hall

COTATI PHILHARMONIC CONCERTS

Sat., April 8, 8 p.m. & Sun. April 9, 1:30 p.m.
Spreckels Theater, Rohnert Park - FREE

COTATI CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Weds., April 12 & 26, 7 p.m.
Cotati City Hall

COTATI CHAMBER BOARD MEETING

Wed., April 19, 7:30 a.m.
Chamber office

WATER CONSERVATION SUMMIT

Wed., April 26, 7:30 a.m. - 12 noon
Sonoma Mountain Village, Rohnert Park
Sponsored by the Business Environmental Alliance

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COTATI CHAMBER OF COMMERCE **Board of Directors**

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Suzanne Whipple 795-5508

Membership Sales Associate

Joyce 794-9319

Farmers Market Manager

Karen Silva 769-1830

Upcoming Business Open Houses & Networking Events

May 11 - University of Sports, 5 - 7 pm

June 20 - Sonoma Backyards (formerly Spa World), 6 - 8 pm

August 22 - Grand Re-opening Cotati Room, City of Cotati, 5:30 - 7:30 pm

December 5 - Holiday Member Appreciation Party, 5:30 - 7:30 pm



Call the Chamber office to schedule your Business Open House - 795-5508

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