



COTATI Chamber of Commerce

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Promoting the Business Interests of Our Community

January 2006

Congratulations to the 2006 Chamber Board of Directors

Vicki Dougan, *Sales Promotion*

Jaffie Foley, *Spancky's Bar & Cabaret*

Andrew Hutchins, *Golden Gate Financial*

Cynthia Larsen, *Coldwell Banker*

Rich Lucchesi, *Individual Member*

André Morrow, *State Farm Insurance*

Cheryl Nixon, *Friar Tuck's Pub*

James J. Reilly III, *Associated Students SSU*

Tom Scott, *Oliver's Market*

Nadine Wolford, *Exchange Bank*



*Enjoy a Taste of the Caribbean at the
Cotati Chamber of Commerce
ANNUAL INSTALLATION & AWARDS DINNER*

Saturday, January 28, 2006, from 6 - 10 p.m.

in the Cotati Room, Cotati Community Center, 216 E. School St., Cotati



*Let us take you to a sultry isle in the blue Caribbean, complete with
live steel drum music, tropical drinks, & fragrant orchid leis to buy -
Tropical dress encouraged!*

\$40 per person - catered by Chef Gerard Guidice at Sally Tomatoes

*Includes appetizers of chicken mango sausages and coconut prawns,
buffet of spiced salmon with mango-papaya salsa, jerk chicken, tropical salad, coconut jasmine rice,
stir-fry vegetables, Hawaiian rolls, & pineapple-upside-down cake*

No-Host Bar with your favorite tropical drinks, well drinks, beer & wine

Fabulous Silent Auction Items, including brunch at Latitude Restaurant, Vichy Springs Resort lodging, a luxurious massage at the famed Raindance Spa at the Lodge at Sonoma, award-winning wine from winemaker Andrew Hutchins, 4-month workout at Contours Express, a 12-month Day Use Pass at Sonoma County Regional Parks, 2 magnums of Mumm Cuvée Napa Blanc de Noirs Champagne, plus much, much more!

*Meet the Board of Directors for 2006, plus Awards for Cotati Citizen of the Year,
President's Choice Business of the Year, & Directors' Choice Ambassador of the Year*

Please **RSVP by Jan. 21st** to (707) 795-5508

News Briefs

❖ **MEMBERSHIP DUES INCREASE**

As of January 1, 2006, the Chamber membership dues will increase by approximately 4%. The new rates are:

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| <u>Businesses</u> | 0 - 3 employees: | \$99 |
| | 4 - 10 employees: | \$130 |
| | 11 - 20 employees: | \$188 |
| | 21 or more employees: | \$275 |
| <u>Nonprofits</u> | 0 - 3 employees: | \$78 |
| | 4 - 10 employees: | \$99 |
| | 11 -20 employees: | \$140 |
| | 21 or more employees: | \$200 |
| <u>Individuals</u> (Non-business): | | \$68 |
| Individual Seniors (55 or older): | | \$36 |

These rates will be reflected on all future member invoices. Any questions, call the Chamber office at (707) 795-5508.

❖ **KEEPING OUR COMMUNITY SAFE**

The Environmental Prevention Coalition (EPC) went into some local stores recently, in an effort to talk to merchants about keeping their stores as safe a place as possible for young people to shop. The EPC is a group of middle and high school youth who work in the communities of Cotati and Rohnert Park to make them safer places for young people to grow up. Most of their work focuses on preventing alcohol, tobacco and other drug use among youth.

The EPC visited three stores altogether. Two stores, A & L Liquors and The American Food Store, both located on East Cotati Ave., were fully in compliance with tobacco-related state laws. They are exemplary stores because they were willing to make changes to their establishments in an effort to make them safer places for young people to shop. The third store was found to be out of compliance.



Above: Cotati-RP Unified School District Program Specialist John Laughlin (rt) presents Rancho Cotati High School Senior Michael Larvenz with a Community Recognition Award for volunteering with EPC.

❖ **COTATI ARTIST AT SOCO MUSEUM**

Currently on display through April 2, 2006 at the Sonoma County Museum is an exhibit entitled, "Robert Hudson: The Sonoma County Years, 1977 - 2005."

The first to focus exclusively on internationally acclaimed Cotati artist Robert Hudson's oeuvre since he moved to Sonoma County in 1977, this museum-wide survey exhibition showcases Hudson's prolific output of the past 28 years including welded and painted steel sculptures, cast and painted bronze sculpture, three-dimensional abstract paintings, constructions, assemblages, ceramics, paintings on canvas and paper, drawings, and prints.

Curator Michael Schwager, Professor of Art History and Museum Studies at Sonoma State University, describes Hudson's work as encompassing bright, sumptuous color, elegantly balanced hunks of welded steel adorned with antlers and all manner of odds and ends, paintings and drawings that bristle with detail, sticks and stones cast in porcelain. The exhibition includes 38 of these colorful inventive works.

The Sonoma County Museum is open Wednesday - Sunday, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. Admission is \$5 general; \$2 students, seniors, & disabled; free for members and children under 12. The museum is located at 425 7th Street, Santa Rosa, (707) 579-1500. For more information, visit www.sonomacountymuseum.com.

In conjunction with the exhibit is a public program entitled, "Cotati: Urban Design, Art and History" on Saturday, February 25, 1 - 4 p.m. Cotati Historian and Chamber member Prue Draper and Lois Fisher of Fisher + Hall Urban Design will lead a tour of downtown Cotati. Ms. Draper will discuss local history and architecture while Ms. Fisher will explain how urban planners use art and nature to create a vital urban experience. Meet at La Plaza Park in downtown Cotati. Reservations required as space is limited. Please call (707) 579-1500, x. 2. Cost is \$7.50 general; \$5 students, seniors & disabled; \$3 members.

❖ **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

The City of Cotati Annual Pasta Dinner & Bingo will take place on Sat. February 25, 5 - 8 p.m. and the Cotati Chamber needs your help with the wine sales and Bingo games. This event is our biggest fundraiser of the year (and really a lot of fun!) Volunteers work 1½ hour shifts selling Bingo cards or wine. It's a great opportunity to get to know more people in your community! If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Suzanne at the Chamber office at 795-5508.



UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TASK FORCE MEETING

Tues, Jan. 10, 6 p.m.
Cotati Chamber Office

COTATI CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

Weds., Jan. 11 & 25, 7 p.m.
Cotati City Hall

COTATI CREEK CRITTERS WORKDAY

Sat., Jan. 14, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Ladybug Lot/Loretto & Lakewood Ave.
www.cotaticreekcritters.info

COTATI CHAMBER BOARD MEETING

Wed., Jan. 18, 7:30 a.m.
Cotati Chamber Office

ANNUAL INSTALLATION & AWARDS DINNER

Sat. Jan. 28, 6 - 10 p.m.
Cotati Room, Community Center
RSVP by Jan. 21 to 795-5508

COTATI: URBAN DESIGN, ART AND HISTORY

Sat. February 25, 1 - 4 p.m.
Meet in La Plaza Park
Reservations required - 579-1500, x. 2

COTATI PASTA DINNER & BINGO

Sat. Feb. 25, 5 - 8 p.m.
Cotati Public Works Building - 1 Trebino Ct.

Happy New Year!

COTATI CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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Advertise in the Chamber Newsletter!

Business Card Size Ad: 1 issue for \$25
or 6 issues for \$110 or 12 issues for \$180

Flyer Inserts: \$50 per issue - deliver 250 flyers
to the Chamber Office by the 28th of the month

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