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## WINDSOR CHAMBER WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



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Don't forget to share your events with us, please send to [info@windsorchamber.com](mailto:info@windsorchamber.com)

**Chamber Vision: We are the trusted voice for business.**

**Chamber Mission: We are committed to strengthening the local economy by promoting the community, providing networking opportunities, and representing the interests of business.**

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### ***CHAMBER DATES YOU NEED TO KNOW!***

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**\*February 7: The 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Windsor Chamber Business Expo!** *“Step Right Up and Showcase Your Business”!!!* Sign up today to choose your preferred spot at the Expo. The event will be at the Agatha Furth Center. This year's theme is “Old Time Carnival”. The Expo will include Food, Wine, Cotton Candy, Popcorn and lots more of your favorite Carnival treats! Don't Wait! Our Expo draws hundreds of visitors, which means hundreds of business opportunities for you. The Expo is FREE to the public from 4:00pm to 7:00pm and is always a huge success. So, what are you waiting for? For more information go to <http://windsorchamber.com>. **Volunteers needed for: Event Set Up, Raffle Ticket Sales, Clean Up, Windsor Chamber Table.** For more information and to sign up Contact Liz Stephens at (707) 208-9746.

**\*February 29: Wake Up Windsor Before Hours.** Hosted by Net Profit, 7:30 – 9:00 a.m. This event will take place at the Windsor Chamber of Commerce & Visitors Center office at 9001 Windsor Road. Stop by for a cup of coffee, juice and pastry to start off your morning. A great way to meet fellow chamber members and network. This is our first before hours event, please stop by to start off your work day.

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### ***THIS WEEKEND***

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► **February 4 – 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Wine & Chocolate Fantasy** hosted by Rodney Strong Vineyards. The word fantasy describes this event best. If you love wine and/or chocolate your fantasy will come true! The barrel room is transformed into a beautiful series of halls and rooms, featuring wine and chocolate and chocolate and wine! Taste our Single Vineyard Cabernets, True Gentleman's Port and other exclusive wines while sampling from over a dozen chocolatiers. A limited number of tickets are still available for purchase exclusively online, and are sold on a first-come first served basis. We hope you'll join us for this spectacular event. Includes wine tasting, appetizers produced by local artisan caterers, chocolate tasting & commemorative glass. 11455 Old Redwood Hwy, Healdsburg. Fee: \$65 general, \$50 wine club, Time: 1 p.m. – 4 p.m. Phone number: 800-678-4763.

► **February 5 thru 8 - The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Bishops Ranch Quilt Retreat at The Material Girl, Inc.** New Fabric! We have Minky in Black, Blue, Red, Hot Pink and Olive. Soft, Supple, Plush, makes great backings for quilts. Need a quick gift? Let us show you how to make a cozy scarf. Come in to see our sample quilt using our I Love Paris fabrics. Join us for this fun event. 559 David Clayton Lane. (707) 836-0114.

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## ***FEBRUARY 2012***

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► **February 8 - The Healdsburg School Open House.** Explore a school where the student-to-teacher ratio is 8-to-1, and the average class size is 16 students. The Healdsburg School (THS) actively seeks students who are interested in an intellectually inspiring and socially inclusive school experience. Applications for 2012-13 are now being accepted. Nearly 18 percent of THS's student body is represented by Windsor residents. Join us on February 8 – or the first Wednesday of each month thereafter. For details please contact Cristin Talley at 707.433.4847 or visit [www.thehealdsburgschool.org](http://www.thehealdsburgschool.org).

► **February 8 - Dinner/Raffle and Silent Auction at Paradise Winery.** Fundraiser to help cover cost of hospital bills and lost wages for Daniel Galarneau. Danny was hit by a truck on October 19, 2011 and was hospitalized until December 23, 2011. Members of the Windsor community-both family and friends have gathered together to organize this event. Dinner is at 6:00 with Silent Auction & Raffle at 7:30. Event is being held at Paradise Ridge Winery, 4545 Thomas Lake Harris Drive in Santa Rosa. Tickets for adults \$15, children (under 10 years old) \$10. For tickets or to make a donation call Anushka, cell (707) 484-2063 or bring donations to the office: AMC REALTY at 84 Windsor River Road.

► **February 9 – Kiwanas fundraising event a Play called “Proof”.** At the [6th Street Playhouse](#), Santa Rosa. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. in the Studio Theater and the play begins at 8 p.m. “Proof” was the winner of the 2001 Pulitzer Prize and Tony Award for Best Play. \$25 ticket includes preview production of the play “Proof” by David Auburn, hors d’oeuvres, wine and beer. Seating is limited so order your tickets now from [president@kiwaniswindsor.org](mailto:president@kiwaniswindsor.org) or (707) 837-0605. Pre-Sales only, no ticket sales at the door.

► **February 11 - Bravissimo 2012.** The Healdsburg School invites you to Bravissimo—its annual dinner and auction to be held at John Ash Vintner's Inn. Dinner starts at 7:30 p.m. Bravissimo is a festive and elegant evening replete with culinary delights, fine wine, entertainment and a not-to-be-missed auction featuring extraordinary luxury items and experiences. K-8 students from each class have worked with local, renowned Sonoma County artists to create one-of-a-kind pieces of art to be included in the auction. For tickets, sponsorships and donations to the event please visit [www.thsbravissimo.com](http://www.thsbravissimo.com).

► **February 12 – Meet 49ers X-Super Bowl Players, Eric Wright, Tim Collier & Mervin Fernandez at Denny's in Windsor!** Time 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. Private VIP Lunch only 35 tickets available. Cost is \$100 per ticket. This is a fundraiser for Crossing The Jordan Women's & Children's Shelter. Please call (707) 838-6100 to make reservations or get more information. Denny's, 9098 Brooks Road South.

► **February 15 – Grand Opening 4-6 p.m. The New Occupational Medicine and Employee Health Department at Healdsburg District Hospital.** Join us for food, fun and prizes. 1375 University Avenue, Healdsburg. RSVP (707) 431-6368.

► **February 27 – Advance Sales for Barrel Tasting Weekend ends.** Call 1-888-251-0560 or [www.wineroad.com](http://www.wineroad.com) for more information.

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## ***MARCH 2012***

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► **March 2 thru 4 -Barrel Tasting Weekend.** Time 11-4 p.m. Join our 3 chamber members, Rodney Strong, Francis Ford Coppola and Mueller Winery for the first weekend of Barrel Tasting. Sample wine from the barrel, buy futures, meet winemakers. Not a food pairing event – pack a picnic. Fee: \$30 per person per weekend in Advance, \$40 at the door – **advance sales end February 27<sup>th</sup>**. Call 1-888-251-0560 or [www.wineroad.com](http://www.wineroad.com) for more information.

► **March 3 – The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Polenta Dinner** hosted by The Windsor Historical Society. Fabulous silent auction, great raffle prizes, fantastic food, dessert and wine. Mark your calendar for this event. This is the principal fundraiser for the society and besides great food, they have a great time. Time is 6:00 p.m. at Windsor Community Center, 901 Adele Drive. Tickets are \$25. For more ticket information contact Steve Lehmann at (707) 838-4563.

► **March 9 thru 11 - Barrel Tasting Weekend.** Time 11-4 p.m. Join our 3 chamber members, Rodney Strong, Francis Ford Coppola and Mueller Winery for the second weekend of Barrel Tasting. Sample wine from the barrel, buy futures, meet winemakers. Not a food pairing event – pack a picnic. Fee: \$30 per person per weekend in Advance, \$40 at the door – **advance sales end February 27<sup>th</sup>**. Call 1-888-251-0560 or [www.wineroad.com](http://www.wineroad.com) for more information.

► **March 28 – The Windsor Chamber of Commerce will host an Alcohol Beverage Control LEAD Training Session from 6-8 p.m.** If you belong to a non-profit organization and participate in events where you serve alcohol, then please make sure to come for the training. Staff and volunteers are encouraged to take this training session, which will help safeguard your organization when dealing with serving alcoholic beverages. All are welcome, you do not need to be a Windsor organization; we are extending this opportunity to all Chambers and Service Organizations in our area. To sign up, please contact the Windsor Chamber Office at (707)838-7285.

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## *APRIL 2012*

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► **April 7 – The Kiwanas Easter Egg Hunt** 10:00 -11:00 a.m. at Windsor High School. Come out with your basket for a fun Easter Egg hunt.

► **April 21 – Double Dare Duathlon at Asti Winery in Cloverdale.** 7:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. See website for more information at [www.doubledareduathlon.com](http://www.doubledareduathlon.com).

► **April 22 - Opening Day for the Windsor Farmers Market** 10:00 – 1:00 p.m. On Market Street - Old Downtown. Events will be Earth Day Celebration, Sonoma County School Gardens, Windsor Garden Club's Spring Plant Sale, Kidz Dig it Club with Mei Ibach, and Veggie & Fruit Art with Hank Levine.

► **April 22 -- Earth Day and Wellness Festival** 11:00 – 2:00 p.m. Celebration: Live music, Sonoma County Bird Rescue Bird Show, Children's games and crafts, free valet bicycle parking, Spring produce and food at Windsor Farmers Market. Sponsored by Windsor Refuse & Recycling and Windsor Farmers Market Fee: Free. Phone Number: 707-838-1260.

► **April 28 – Carnaval 2012 Windsor** 12:00 – 5:30 p.m. Windsor Town Green, 701 McClelland Drive, In Support of Windsor Bloco after-school programs, musicians, dancers, artists and community are bringing an afternoon of entertainment to Windsor Town Green. This free event promises to be unlike anything else in Sonoma County. Join us for some Windsor Bloco youth drum and dance fun, Chinese Lion Dancers, Pomo Dancers, Ballet Folklorico, a low-rider car show, and martial arts demos. Multi-cultural food for sale.