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WINDSOR CHAMBER WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



February 16, 2012

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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!

***February 21: February Membership Luncheon. At Vintners Inn – John Ash & Co.** Speaker Keith Woods, CEO North Coast Builders Exchange, Topic: So How Much Do You REALLY Know about Sonoma County? Time 11:30 – 1:15 p.m. Business of the Month is Pam Johnston Bookkeeping. Deadline for reservations is Friday, February 17th. Reminder: Chamber will be closed on Monday, February 20th.

***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 and is hosted by Net Profit and Pam Johnston Bookkeeping. 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.

THIS WEEKEND

► **February 16 –Windsor Boys Varsity Basketball Playoff Game TONIGHT!** Come show your support for the boys as they play against Healdsburg. The game will be held at Windsor High School and tip-off is at 7:00pm. Come early to get your seat and make sure to support the Windsor Booster Club at the Snack Shack. If they win tonight they will play on Saturday night for the Championship at SRJC. A fun time is guaranteed for all! See you there!

FEBRUARY 2012

► **February 23 – Public Meeting for tree removal standards at the Mary Agatha Furth Center at 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.** 8400 Old Redwood Highway in Windsor. Those requesting to receive notification of the second public meeting or submit recommendations electronically may do so utilizing the following email address: treebmp@sonoma-county.org.

► **February 23 - Sponsorship deadline for Windsor's Earth Day and Wellness Festival.** The Windsor Town Council invites you to be partners in the production of Windsor's **Earth Day and Wellness Festival** on **Sunday, April 22, 2012**. It is estimated that the event will attract approximately 1,500 enthusiastic participants to enjoy children's crafts and activities, live entertainment, booths with health wellness and environmentally focused information, food vendors, and a "Green Rummage Sale" sponsored by the Windsor Garden Club. During these challenging economic times, we can offer a good return on your advertising dollars from positive exposure to community members seeking free fun, family entertainment. Please consider becoming a sponsor at a level that will accommodate your budget and interest. Promote your business while being associated with a successful program that celebrates environment and community. Contact Eva Corbin for a pledge form: ecorbin@townofwindsor.com or 707-838-1250.

► **February 23 – Orientation for the NxLevel Entrepreneur Course.** Time 6-9 p.m. Orientation is free. Meeting at Sonoma Business Cluster at 1300 Valley House Drive in Rohnert Park. Need to sign up for this orientation. For more information visit online at www.santarosabdc.org or call (707) 524-1770.

► **February 27 – Advance Sales for Barrel Tasting Weekend ends.** Call 1-888-251-0560 or www.wineroad.com for more information.

MARCH 2012

► **March 1 - Orientation for the NxLevel Entrepreneur Course.** Time 6-9 p.m. Orientation is free. Meeting at Sonoma Business Cluster at 1300 Valley House in Rohnert Park. Need to sign up for this orientation. For more information visit online at www.santarosabdc.org or call (707) 524-1770.

► **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 27th**. Call 1-888-251-0560 or www.wineroad.com for more information.

► **March 3 – The 3rd 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 7 – The Healdsburg School Open House. Time: 9-11.** 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 the 2012-13 year are now being accepted. Open house are on the first Wednesday of each month. Please contact Cristine Talley at (707) 433-4847 or visit www.thehealdsburgschool.org.

► **March 8 – Soroptimist Bunco Night** 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. Windsor Grand Hall, 9161 Starr Road in Windsor.

► **March 8 – 24 The NxLevel Entrepreneur Course, 12 session course.** Thursdays 6-9 p.m. Cost is \$195. Classes held at the Sonoma Mountain Business Cluster, 1300 Valley House Drive, Rohnert Park. The NxLevel Entrepreneur course program designed to help entrepreneurs advance their skills in growing and managing their companies. Examples of topics covered in the course include leadership, market research, financial management, sales, organizational structure and effective negotiation. The cost of the course including materials has been reduced from \$495 to \$195 for all Sonoma County businesses thanks to sponsorship by the North Bay Entrepreneurship Center. For more information visit online at www.santarosabdc.org or call (707) 524-1770.

► **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 27th**. Call 1-888-251-0560 or 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.

APRIL 2012

► **April 4 - The Healdsburg School Open House. Time: 9-11 p.m.** 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 the 2012-13 year are now being accepted. Open houses are on the first Wednesday of each month. Please contact Cristine Talley at (707) 433-4847 or visit www.thehealdsburgschool.org.

► **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 7 – Francis Ford Coppola Easter Egg Hunt.** 10:30 a.m. Save the Date. Bring the kids to search for colorful eggs loaded with fun surprises hidden within our vines. REGISTRATION REQUIRED. Stay tuned for more information.

► **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.

► **April 22 - Opening Day for the Windsor Farmers Market.** 11:00 – 3:00 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 – 3:00 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.