

“Best Business Event” To Be Even Better This Year

The Petaluma Area Chamber of Commerce presents the 17th Annual Business Expo on Thursday, October 12, from 4 to 7:30 PM at the Petaluma Community Center, 320 North McDowell Boulevard.

Voted “Best Business Event” for five years running in the *North Bay Biz* magazine readers’ poll, the event will offer exciting opportunities to interact with area businesses and non-profits while collecting food samples and handouts. The Blood Bank of the Redwoods donor mobile will be there, as well.

Among the Petaluma food and drink purveyors providing samples at the event are Bert’s Desserts, Beyond the Glory Sports Bar, Cattlemens, Daphne’s Greek Café, Elaine Bell Catering, Fregene’s, Lagunitas Brewery, Mister McGoo’s, Petaluma Coffee & Tea

Company, Preferred Sonoma Caterers, and risibisi Restaurant and Wine Bar.

The event provides a showcase for local businesses to introduce themselves to the public and the business community. Each year, about 100 businesses participate, and almost 2000 people attend to learn about area businesses and make important business contacts. It’s the networking event of the year.

Corporate Sponsors include Bank of Marin, Bank of Petaluma, Celsius 44, Clover Stornetta, Exchange Bank, Fishman Supply, Kaiser Foundation Health Plan, *North Bay Biz*, the *Petaluma Argus-Courier*, Port Sonoma, Redwood Credit Union, and State Farm Agent Nancy Koenitzer.

For more information, contact the Petaluma Chamber of Commerce at 707.762.2785.

Free Seminar For Women Facing Chemotherapy

The integration of mind, body, and spirit is a powerful healing tool. If you are a woman currently receiving chemotherapy or radiation, or about to undergo it, The American Cancer Society invites you to a free seminar designed to boost your spirits. It’s called “Look Good... Feel Better” and it will offer the latest tips by professionals on enhancing your own natural beauty and disguis-

ing skin and hair changes that may occur due to treatment. “Look Good...Feel Better” will be held Wednesday, October 25, from 11 AM to 1 PM, at the Marin Unit, 25 Bellam Blvd, Suite 150, in San Rafael. There is no fee, but registration is required. Each attendee will receive a free make-up kit. For further information or to register, contact the American Cancer Society at 415.454.8464.

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Carousel Fund Casino Night October 7

The 19th annual Carousel Fund Casino Night on Saturday, October 7, is a gala, black-tie-optional dinner dance and annual fund-raiser for the Carousel Fund. The fund is an all-volunteer, nonprofit organization that provides financial assistance to families with children suffering from a life-threatening illness. This year’s event is dedicated to Maura and Jacob, who are two of many children currently being helped by the Carousel Fund. This year’s corporate sponsors are Basin Street Properties, Mike Hudson Distributing, All-American Printing Services and

Daphne’s Greek Café.

Casino Night will feature Peter Welker’s All-Star Band, the Randy Vincent Quartet, a live and silent auction, casino games, and exclusive wine tasting and buffet dining by Rose Catering. This year’s featured performer will be John Corbett, star of “Sex and the City”, “My Big Fat Greek Wedding” and “Northern Exposure”. Corbett is also an exciting musician who will bring his popular band to the Carousel Fund stage.

People attending the event will have the opportunity to bid on items such as a Princess Cruise anywhere in the world; exclusive wines;

special trips to the Tour de France, Hawaii, Victoria, and New York; exceptional dinners at restaurants such as The French Laundry; exquisite jewelry; art; a Nascar event; sports memorabilia and much more. To view live auction items visit carouselfund.org.

The Carousel Fund Casino Night will be held at the Petaluma Veteran’s Memorial Building, 1094 Petaluma Boulevard South. The event starts at 6 PM. Admission is \$60 per person. Tickets are limited to 1,200 and the event always sells out, but a few tickets may still be available at the Bank of Petaluma. For more information, call 707.762.9136.

PEF Holds \$Million Bash

On October 21, from 6 PM to midnight, the Petaluma Educational Foundation is holding a “Million Dollar Bash” at the Historic Railway Express Building at Lakeville and D Streets in Petaluma. The evening will include dancing, live and silent auctions, and dinner served by Petaluma celebrities. Ticket sales go toward construction of an educational facility in the historic building next to the Petaluma Depot. For more information, call 707.778.5063.

Soberanes Whiskerino Contest Imminent

If you haven’t done so already, it’s time to start sprucing up your whiskers for the annual Bill Soberanes Whiskerino Contest in Walnut Park on Saturday, October 14. The Petaluma Farmers’ Market sponsors the competition, and judging will take place at 3 PM in the Gazebo.

The contest will be hosted by entertainer and celebrity impersonator Chris Linnell and early Petaluman, “Mr. William Howard Pepper”.

If you wish to enter, you may pre-register with PetalumaNet at 707.762.6593 or at the Petaluma Farmers’ Market information booth on any Saturday. Registration will

also be accepted in Walnut Park on the day of the event. All categories are welcome -- full beards, goatees, moustaches, sideburns and peach fuzz. Prizes will be awarded for the best of each category.

There will be live music by The Wayward Angels and, as always, more than 50 booths selling farm fresh produce (much of it organic), fresh cut flowers, vegetable starts, smoked salmon, live oysters, fresh cheeses, fresh baked goods, espresso and smoothie drinks, hot foods, a jumping house, pony rides, face painting and hand made crafts.

For more information, call 707.762.0344.

Check Center Print IDs A Hit

Check Center in Petaluma has announced that it gave out 50 Child Print IDs to local children at its Child Safety Day this past August. In case children are lost, law enforcement now has fingerprints and other vital information to help in find-

ing them. Twenty children also received backpacks full of school supplies, and all those who wanted were treated to face painting and refreshments. Child Safety Day is just one of many Check Center programs devoted to supporting community children, parents and schools.