

October 2005

President's Message

“Unbelievable”

Larry S. Blodgett, Chamber President • Blodgett's Floor Covering

September in Lafayette was definitely the place to be. Starting with “Jazz in the Plaza” each Friday night with Mo Levich & Bob Athayde’s “Generations in Jazz” group entertaining locals with some unbelievable music talent which was also able to raise nearly \$10k of aid to send to the hurricane ravaged south. Then the Chamber of Commerce’s 10th Annual “Art and Wine Festival!” If you were able to attend either of these events you would know how unbelievably great these events were.

I have never seen such a well oiled machine of volunteers from our community and chamber as I have witnessed this past month. We certainly are so fortunate to live in such a wonderful community which is so volunteer oriented, whether it starts with our young citizens running lemonade stands for charity, or dedicated teachers and parents providing world class music to our community, to our oldest community members lending a hand in any way they can.

The Chamber’s premier Art & Wine Festival went off without a hitch, at least none that I was aware of, and it appeared a good time was had by all who came to enjoy, work, lend a hand, or just hang out. The festival was a huge success in many respects. A combination of a year of planning, experienced leadership, the right mix of quality vendors, superb wines and beer, quality foods, cooperative weather, and most importantly, volunteers made this event the success it truly was. In addition to the event’s success we were able to help raise a fair amount of money for the tragedy in our Country’s gulf states and were able to continue our support of our own local organizations as well.

People are what I believe to be the key ingredient in the Art and Wine Festival’s success. The volunteers and staff who worked tirelessly even before Friday evening the 16th until noon on Monday the 19th are to be commended. I have never seen such a dedicated group of people to an organization, an event, or each other. This gives me much pride to be part of a group who care so much for what they do. I am so pleased that so many have done what I have been preaching most of my term as your President and have gotten involved.

Whether it was marking the streets at 5am, getting the booths set up, organizing the student volunteers, arranging entertainment, setting up the vendors and artists, preparing the layout maps, designing the graphics, working with the city’s police and public works departments, manning the ticket, beer or wine booths, delivering the wine, glasses, tickets, or ice to wherever it was needed even with the streets jam-packed with festival attendees, or that quiet group of clean up folks who worked until almost 11pm Sunday night to get the streets back in order for Monday morning and that even smaller group who got the extra wine to the Chamber office and much of the Chamber’s stuff back into storage until next year on Monday morning. I tip my hat to you all.

I know there were many who helped, some a little, some a bit more, but all worked together for one goal, that of a truly world class, feel good, event. This is why our event was voted in Diablo Magazine as the most looked forward to event in the area.

My only regret about this event is there were more folks who wanted to help but weren’t sure how they too could get involved. It is important to recognize the talents others and put them to use. The Chamber is currently working on a “Shadow” program to insure those in charge of certain aspects of our Art and Wine Festival have a constant stream of up-and-coming volunteers to fill in the gaps as times and faces change to insure the continued success of this premium event.

As we look forward to our next event, the “Reservoir Run” at the end of this month, remember there’s a whole other group of volunteers who will be putting on, what will prove to be, another world class event.

BUSINESS BUILDING BREAKFAST FORUM

Please join us at the Hungry Hunter Restaurant, for a wonderful breakfast buffet and professional, informative speakers this Fall!

Hungry Hunter Restaurant • 3201 Mt. Diablo Blvd.
7:30 - 9 a.m. • Complimentary parking
\$15 Members • \$20 Guests
Must Reserve in Advance at 284-7404

Wednesday, October 19

Our speaker for the October Forum is an active Chamber member, Zachary Sahar, CPA, who assists small and medium size businesses and their owners minimize their taxes by timely planning. Zachary’s CPA firm, Capital Tax & Accounting Consultants, is located in Walnut Creek. Zachary has been working with small and medium size businesses for over 15 years, advising them from start-up issues to exit strategies. In this business building session, Zak will provide:

- An update on new favorable tax laws and how to take advantage of them.
- Practical tips on how to reduce and minimize your tax liability
- Best practices on utilizing your accounting system as your best business consultant
- Tax planning tips for the small business owner’s individual returns

Most businesses spend significant amounts of time preparing their tax returns, but little or no time on tax planning. “Tax planning, not tax preparation, is key to substantial savings on the tax bill that you grudgingly pay,” says Zak.

OCTOBER MIXER

Ute’s Octoberfest

WED., OCT. 12 • 5:30 p.m.

**Mt. Diablo
National Bank**

3640 Mt. Diablo Blvd.

Remember to bring a raffle prize and have your business acknowledged!

Chamber Members Elect Eight Directors to Serve in 2006-2007

In an election that had a record number of votes cast, we are happy to present to you this years winners:

- Larry DusonBank of the West
- Edward ZeidanNerd 4 Rent
- Chris LaneContra Costa Stationers
- Budd MacKenzieLaw Offices of Budd E. MacKenzie
Incoming President
- Tim McKinleyLaw Offices of Timothy S. McKinley
- Ute MedfordMt. Diablo National Bank
- Lyle MillerCostco Wholesale Inc.
- Sandi Mitchell.....Empire Realty Associates

**Virginia Fox has decided to volunteer with the Chamber in a different position.*

Two Directors-at-Large will be appointed by the Board for one-year terms. All new Directors will officially take office in January, 2006. Planning for the upcoming year will begin at the annual Board Retreat on November 5th.

The newly elected board members will join:

- Larry BlodgettBlodgett's Floor Covering
- Stacy SpellOakwood Athletic Club
- Caesar PeralesCPA
- Dennis GarrisonOakwood Athletic Club
- Mike HellerConcord BMW
- Mike KearneyThe Nut Factory
- Bonnie Ann MooreNationwide Mortgage, Inc.
- Kristy Rodrigues.....Paychex
- Wendy TamisClocks, Etc.
- Jesse WellenLafayette Car Wash & Detail Center

Members who have recommendations or ideas they would like to have considered at the retreat should contact Budd MacKenzie at 299-2010 or call the Chamber office at 284-7404.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE LAFAYETTE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BOARD FOR 2006!

The Dade County Incident

In your September Chamber Newsletter, you were notified of the Eleven Candidates running for the 2006 Board of Directors. We inserted an election ballot with the other flyers for September. Well, we made a little mistake. By accident, we omitted one of the candidates names on that ballot. Luckily, that candidate pointed this out to our staff immediately. That day, we reprinted the ballots and sent them out via snail mail. This is where it got interesting. We received double the ballots we normally get when inserted into the newsletter. Hence, we may have a new method of encouraging our members to vote. Thanks to all of you who took the time to fill it out and fax or mail back to us.

Lafayette Chamber of Commerce

MISSION STATEMENT

To promote and maintain a healthy business climate and to preserve and enhance the quality of life in Lafayette.

2005 OFFICERS EXECUTIVE BOARD

President:

Larry Blodgett
Blodgett's Floor Covering/Abbey Carpet

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Budd MacKenzie
Law Offices of Budd E. MacKenzie

2nd Vice President:

Stacy Spell, Oakwood Athletic Club

Treasurer:

Caesar Perales, CPA

Immediate Past President

Larry Duson, Bank of the West

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Mike Heller, Mike Kearney, Chris Lane,
Bonnie Ann Moore, Tim McKinley,
Ute Medford, Sandi Mitchell,
Kristy Rodrigues, Eddie Roodveldt,
Wendy Tamis, Jesse Wellen, Edward Zeidan

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September Mixer

FALL WAS IN THE AIR AT THE NUT FACTORY!

We had a record attendance at the September mixer and enjoyed live music by "The Jazz Dads." Our thanks to the following Chamber members who contributed some great raffle prizes: Central Self Storage, College Pathway, Concord BMW, Gold Coin Car Wash, Lafayette Car Wash, India Palace, Nationwide Mortgage, Oakwood Athletic Club, Risk Concepts Insurance, Sandy Meyers, EA and Ware Designs.



The Nut Factory Team:
Pam Eis, Manager, Mike Kearney, Owner
and Laura Williams, Assistant Manager

Our next mixer is on Wednesday, October 12th at Mt. Diablo National Bank, 3640 Mt. Diablo Blvd. We hope to see you there to celebrate Octoberfest!

Don't be afraid of... the Lafayette Reservoir Run!

The 13th Annual Reservoir Run is scheduled for Sunday, October 30. Sponsored by the Lafayette Chamber of Commerce and the City of Lafayette, and Presenting Sponsor Oakwood Athletic Club, the event benefits local schools and the Chamber. The funds go to the parent-teacher organizations. Each runner has an opportunity to pick which school the funds go to. Each individual school decides how the money will be spent.

Our Chair this year is Jen McQuet. Helping Jen put this event on are Stacy Spell - Oakwood Athletic Club, Debbie & Mark Swigert - Lafayette Health Club, Robert Riebs, Brandt Rossi - Rossi's Tennis & Running, Cathy Surgess - Lafayette Police Department, and Chris Swann from EBMUD/Lafayette Reservoir. Brian Aiello of Pinnacle Promotions created the artwork for this year's t-shirts. And thanks to our additional sponsors for helping make this another premier community event: Sharp Bicycles, Rossi's Tennis & Running, Allegro Copy & Print, Absolute Center, Forward Motion, Contra Costa Newspapers, Big O Tires, BMW Concord, Bowles & Verna LLP, Diablo Rapid Print, Nationwide Mortgage, Inc, Pinnacle Promotions, Cox Floor Covering, Inc., Stonehenge Builders, Saint Mary's College of California, Peacock Construction, Cresco Express, Diamond K Supply, Baby Boot Camp, Aasics, Crystal Light, Sysco, GU-Energy Gel Village Associates Real Estate, and the Lafayette Arts & Science Foundation, celebrating their

Focus on the Arts

Horn and Plenty

The Gold Coast Chamber Players launch their 7th concert season in Lafayette with Mozart's playful horn quintet, Beethoven's energetic Serenade and journey east with Dohnanyi's stormy sextet!

Sunday, October 16 at 3 p.m.

Town Hall Theater - 2525 School Street, Lafayette

\$30 general \$25 senior \$10 student

Box office (925) 283-1557

www.gcplayers.org (925) 283-3728 (information)

PROGRAM: Beethoven: Serenade for String Trio
Mozart: Quintet for French Horn and Strings
Dohnanyi: Sextet for Horn, Clarinet, Strings and Piano

MUSICIANS: Elizabeth Freimuth, French horn (SF Ballet, principal horn)
Ben Freimuth, clarinet (SF Symphony)
Joseph Meyer, violin (SF Symphony)
Pamela Freund-Striplen, Roxann Jacobson, violas
Barbara Anders, cello (SF Symphony)
Lori Lack, piano

"The Gold Coast Chamber Players' opening concert featured captivating performances...the playing came across in rich sonorities, featuring a wide dynamic range and apt sensitivity to the music's shifts in mood and tempo." - Contra Costa Times

Town Hall Theatre Company of Lafayette

2005-2006 Subscription Season are now available

Show #2: Thriller October 13-November 12
MACBETH by William Shakespeare,
Directed by Kevin T. Morales
3535 School St, Lafayette, 283-5117

25th Anniversary. Warren Boschin from Payroll Masters will again be our MC.

A very special THANK YOU goes out The MERCHANTS at PLAZA CENTER, for allowing us to use their parking lot each year. Thank you to Bob Atheyde for bringing out our young Lafayette musicians,

the Rotary Club of Lafayette for hosting the Pancake Breakfast, Stone Soup for music after the race and the Contra Costa County Sheriff's Department for sharing their Search and Rescue Team for our runner's safety.



Ambassador Spotlight



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This month's Ambassador Spotlight is on Doug Campillo, owner of dais Technology and a member of the Lafayette Chamber of Commerce

Ambassador's Committee for the past year. Doug used his previous 17 years of experience as a Chief Technology Officer at three large Bay Area corporations to start dais Technology in June 2002.

After taking a company public in 2000, he re-accessed his career and decided to assemble a team of IT professionals to go to small businesses and assist them with their technology needs. Doug says the premise of the company was based on "if I were your IT person, this is what I would recommend." Success came early on for the company as dais Technology became a Dell authorized re-seller, a Cisco authorized re-seller, a Top 30 SBC agent (re-selling SBC services) and an Avaya Business Partner (installing phone systems).

dais Technology is comprised of several partners that handle different areas of the business and Doug coordinates the project workload. He says the biggest challenge is "getting customers to commit...sometimes it's just a one meeting turnaround and other times it takes several follow-up calls." A typical project size for dais is around 240 employ-

ees...everything from setting up to computers to phone systems. dais will go into a company that is expanding or moving and can install phone lines, do cabling, order phone lines from SBC, install Dell PC's for additional employees, install Cisco switches and routers and install Avaya phone systems.

Doug says the easiest part of the job is the flexible schedule and having the freedom to raise two young children. This is the main reason he started dais Technology...by being self-employed, he could spend more time with his family. His main goal is to "keep it to a manageable state and be able to manage the growth." He says the Lafayette Chamber "has given me the ability to bounce ideas off other Lafayette business owners and become involved in the community." His favorite part of being a Chamber member is attending the events and getting together with people.

Fourth Quarter is the busiest time of year for dais because so many companies wait until the end of the year to relocate. Most of their business comes from referrals and their service area extends from Santa Rosa to Salinas and Half Moon Bay to Antioch. Clients include a wide range of businesses from car dealerships to two-person accounting firms. Doug says the goal is to get out there and help customers with their technology decisions..."we want to take the burden off of them in making major technology decisions." Give dais a call and see why their motto is "from start to finish, we're there to help."

LAFAYETTE CHAMBER'S

Entrepreneur's Club

An Alliance of Independent Business Professionals

Our local Entrepreneur's have been gaining momentum over the past two months with over 20 independent business people attending our meetings.

At the Art & Wine Festival, many of these businesses set their information up at the Entrepreneur's Club booth located on Lafayette Circle. Michelle Billing-Swearingen served as our Marketing Director and Event Coordinator.

Some of the businesses that participated include: Michelle Billing-Swearingen - *Michelle Graphics*, Rick Kennedy - *Pacific Café*, Keith Vaisnor - *K.E.V. Insurance Services*, Steve & Stephanie Reily - *Diablo Green Builders*, Sharon Rena CC.H.T., C.N.L.P. - *Results Coach*, Angela LaProta - *Massage therapy*, Sandy Meyers E.A. - *Accounting & Tax Services*, Gail Johnson - *Lasting Impression*, Chase Michaels-Baird - *Saxophonist*, Doug Briggs - *Briggs Construction*, Crista Swenson - *Cyberwise*. Not only did they meet new people and share their business stories, they attracted a whole wave of potential new members to network with.

Please join us at the Chamber office for our next meeting on Thursday, October 20 at 8:30am. There is no cost and the meeting is open to Chamber and non-Chamber members.



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Thanks ~ The 10th Annual Lafayette Art & Wine Festival was the Best Ever!

Special Thanks from the Chamber to those of you in our community who made the 10th Annual Lafayette Art & Wine Festival the best!

Matt Geiser, our incredible Chair.....Century 21 Heritage Real Estate
 Brian Aiello, MusicPinnacle Promotions
 Michelle Billings, Banners and ArtworkMichelle Graphics
 Bennett Burke, WineWine Thieves
 Karen Crawford, Children's AreaCrawford & Associates
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 Susan Foord, Premium Wine Pavilion.....Susan Foord Catering
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 Norma Evans, Student & Adult Volunteers
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 Jak Petry, Beer.....Retired
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 Joe DeMatteo, Premium WineWine Chest
 Debbie Gibson, Premium WineWine Chest
 Mary Schulze, Hospitality.....Century 21 Heritage Real Estate

Our special thanks also goes out to...

Ann Denny, for showing us the way
 Cathy Surges, Paul Zill, Mike Fisher, Bryan Reynolds
 and the entire Lafayette Police Department
 Everyone at Public Works.
 Our board members Chris Lane, Tim Mckinley, Mike Heller, Sandi Mitchell,
 Jesse and Teresa Wellen, Larry & Paulette Duson, Budd MacKenzie, Bonnie Ann Moore
 and President Larry Blodgett.

And of course our "unsung heroes" that helped us behind the scenes.

Bank of the West	Susan Foord Catering
C&M Party Props	Minuteman Press in Lafayette
Jackson Wines & Spirits	Cresco Express
Wine Thieves	Bay Area's Best Coupons
Diablo Foods	Lafayette Chamber Ambassadors
Orchard Nursery	Generation Chefs

Members who Renewed in August

More than Forty-five Years
 Hillside Inn and Suites

More than Forty Years
 Ja-Co Distributors, Inc.

More than Thirty-five Years
 Diablo Foods

More than Twenty Years
 Jensen/Ptaszynski Architects

More than Fifteen Years
 Allstate Insurance Company

More than Ten Years
 I.D.E.A.L. Financial Services
 Lafayette Glass
 Petar's Restaurant & Pub
 Temple Isaiah
 Terracorp Management
 & Real Estate Services

More than Five Years
 Betty Jean Brown Foundation
 Companion Care
 Crawford & Associates
 Douglah Designs, Inc.
 Eddie Roodveldt-Smith Barney
 Jackson's Wines & Spirits
 Lafayette Gallery
 Parker Harrison Real Estate
 Payroll Masters Marketing, Inc.
 Peet's Coffee & Tea
 Telesis Community Credit Union
 Town Center Apartments

OCTOBER Spirituality & Business Discussion Group

Wednesday, Oct. 26th • 5:15-6:15 p.m.

Our group has been welcoming new participants each month, who, like our treasured regulars, always make valuable contributions to the group discussion. So bring your thoughts, ideas, questions and wisdom for a stimulating, meaningful meeting. Facilitated by Chamber member, Rhonda Chaikin, HMR Associates (Help Me Rhonda!) Previous attendance NOT required. See enclosed flier for registration information and see you there!!

NEW MEMBER *Welcome*

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TutorExperts offers a full suite of tutoring services and is your link to professional tutors who can help increase scores on standardized tests or help improve academic performance in the classroom. They work with their clients to custom design tutoring programs appropriate for their needs and they always strive to offer their clients the very best tutors and the very best in educational services. TutorExperts has been serving the Bay Area since January of 2000.

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A center for wellness and beauty, Sacred Lotus offers bodywork, aromatherapy, skincare, and wellness education. Each bodywork session is designed to meet individual needs. Organic facials and anti-aging treatments offer the best and latest in skincare. Sacred Lotus also offers private classes in self-massage and group workshops in meditation. Angela LaPorta brings with her more than two decades of experience from such prestigious spas as The Claremont Resort. Results coach Sharon Rena Willenborg assists clients in achieving their goals with workshops in weight management, creating abundance and relationships.



October Ribbon Cutting

Wednesday, October 5
4:30 p.m.

Joe's of Lafayette

3707 Mt. Diablo Blvd.

Tuesday, October 18
4:30 p.m.

Pacific Cafe

3653 Mt. Diablo Blvd.

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You can enjoy the
Chamber monthly
newsletter on-line!**

**Just go to
www.lafayettechamber.org
and read on!**

Business Briefs & News

Local Merchants — Here is your opportunity to get your products or information about your products into the hands of 2,000 people. Bring us your goodies and we will have them put into the Reservoir Run "Trick or Treat" bags that are given to each person that runs in one of the races. This year the bags are sponsored by LASF. We need your "goodies" to fill the bags by October 15. Supply up to 2,000 pieces.

Lafayette Car Wash News Release The Lafayette Car Wash and Detail Center would like to announce the arrival of it's latest team member, Blake Wellen. Son of the owner Jesse Wellen, Blake has been very excited about the opportunities and challenges he will face. Since joining the car wash team in mid April, Blake has already provided a great positive force as sales manager and public relations director.

Blake graduated from UCLA with a bachelor degree in sociology and helped lead the water polo team to two NCAA National Championships over this four years of playing for the Bruins. As the newest member of the Lafayette Car Wash and Detail Center, Blake would like to extend a warm, invitation to come by and discuss any of your car needs.

PDP The City Council will hold a public hearing on the Lafayette Municipal Code relating to the PDP (Parking Development Payment) Fee, which the Chamber Board decided to support at it's August Board Meeting. The hearing on this amendment will on Tuesday, October 11, 7:00pm in the Manzanita Room at the Lafayette Community Center.

Survey Slated for Roadway Repair Tax At the September 12th City Council Meeting, the council agreed to spend \$18,250 on a survey to ask residents about how they would like to pay for the \$25 million needed for road repairs over the next ten years. There are four programs that residents will be asked about in November; a flat parcel tax; an entity parcel tax; a tax based on the square footage of the improvements and a half-cent increase in sales tax. The Chamber board discussed the idea of an additional sales tax, voted to oppose it, and added that decision to the public testimony the City Council took at their meeting. The Chamber felt this would not serve our businesses best interests. If Lafayette was the only city in this area with a higher sales tax, shoppers would go outside of Lafayette for services and products which would lower our sales tax contribution, not raise it. For more information on this subject, please visit the city website, www.lovelafayette.org.

Awakening the Dreamer, Changing the Dream Symposium We can bring forth an environmentally sustainable, spiritually fulfilling, and socially just human presence on this planet. Join us for a transformative day-long journey.

- Saturday, October 22, 2005 , 9:30 am to 5:30 pm
- Community Room, Our Savior's Lutheran Church - 1035 Carol Lane, Lafayette
- Hosted by Avalon. Contact: Richard and Alexandra Abbot
- To learn more and register, go to www.Avalon.name, or call Richard at 925-299-0220, or Alexandra at 925-299-0222

THANK YOU to the following restaurants who participated in the "Eat Your Words" Program.

Each of the restaurants donated a portion of their proceeds on September 8th to the new library campaign. Lafayette was busy with residents enjoying great meals at Petar's Great Wall, Per Tutti, Postino, Villaggio, Bo's Barbecue, Amarin Thai Cuisine, Hungry Hunter, Oakwood Athletic Club Café, Susan Foord, Togos, Chow and Round Table.

Idyllic Saranap gets its own book The unincorporated neighborhood tucked between Lafayette and Walnut Creek is unknown to most CCC residents. Dorothy Ligda, 90, has written a book about the area she has lived in since 1963. The book chronicles the lives of ranchers like the Haphthalys and the Dewings. **Saranap Then and Now** is available from Pleasant Hill Press.

Would you like to do business with Contra Costa County? Find out more by attending the workshop on October 13 at Diablo Valley College, 6-8pm. Call Barbara Riveira for more information 335-1045.

Small Business Vendor Fair Save the date! Monday, February 26, 2006. Congresswoman Ellen Tauscher's Small Business Vendor Fair. Face-to-face and group sessions with federal government agencies and corporations looking to contract with small businesses. For information call 925-932-8899.

Lafayette Juniors 12th Annual Rummage Sale

Sunday, November 6th • Doors open at 7:00 am
Lafayette Community Center • Manzanita Room
Support our wonderful community.

Proceeds benefit programs that serve local children and families.

To make a donation of clothing, toys, furniture and household items, drop off items Saturday afternoon, November 5th at the Lafayette Community Center, Manzanita Room. For additional information, please contact Linda or Kelly at at: Lafayette_juniors@yahoo.com

Lafayette Senior Services Presents

Two Hearing Workshops, Part 1- the ABC's of Hearing: I just Can't Hear You, Thursday, October 6, 11am - Noon, Part 2-Hearing Screening and Video Otoscope Evaluation, Wednesday, October 19, 10:30am - Noon. Please call for reservations 284-5050

Conference on Senior Transportation in CCC. Friday, October 14, 9:00am -3:00pm at Centre Concord 5298 Clayton Rd., Concord. Reservations required. Register by calling 313-1719. Free Shuttle Service from Concord BART. Lunch will be provided.

TAIKO Drumming, Friday, October 21, 2:00-4:00pm at the Lafayette Senior Services Center. Please call to let them know you are coming, 284-5050.

Contra Costa County Library offering a workshop series for Small Business To review the list of workshops available please visit the Contra Costa Library Home Page: www.cclib.org/business

Got E-Waste? Free E-Waste Recycling Event at the Chronicle Pavilion, October 7-9th. For more info please cal (510) 357-8993 or visit www.gotewaste.com

New Promotional opportunities in the Chamber Newsletter

Please submit any information to the Chamber before October 15, to promote holiday shopping at your business. In the November Newsletter we will be featuring local businesses in our special section "Holiday Gift Guide." Call Elizabeth at the Chamber for details, 284-7404

Help for Hurricane Katrina Victims

The City of Lafayette, Generations in Jazz and the Lafayette Chamber of Commerce all came together with a common mission, help raise money for the Katrina victims. We used our Friday night concerts in Plaza Park as the place to raise the money as a community. Together we were able to raise over \$8,000 for the American Red Cross.

"Fitness Benefit Exercise" a three hour class to benefit the Red Cross Hurricane Relief Program put on by Oakwood Athletic Club, the Group Exercise Department and Oakwood members. They were able to raise \$10,000. Way to go!

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
October						
2	3	4	5 Executive Board 8 a.m., Duck Club Ribbon Cutting 4:30 p.m. Joe's of Lafayette 3707 Mt. Diablo Blvd.	6	7	8
9	10 Board of Directors 12 noon LPH&S	11	12 Leads Group I 12 noon, Chamber MIXER 5:30 p.m. Mt. Diablo National Bank 3640 Mt. Diablo Blvd.	13	14	15
16	17	18 Ribbon Cutting 4:30 p.m. Pacific Cafe 3653 Mt. Diablo Blvd.	19 Business Building Breakfast Forum 7:30 a.m. Hungry Hunter 3201 Mt. Diablo Blvd. Leads Group II 9 a.m., Chamber	20 <small>LAFAYETTE CHAMBER'S</small> Entrepreneur's Club 8:30 a.m., Chamber	21	22
23	24	25 Tech Tuesday 9 a.m. Chamber \$10 fee	26 Spirituality & Business 5:15 p.m. City Offices Rm. 265	27	28	29
30 Reservoir Run 8 a.m. Mt. Diablo Blvd.	31 Chamber Office Closed <i>Halloween</i>	November				