Mark West Area Chamber of Commerce and VISITORS CENTER



The Lark

May 2011 Volume XXV Issue 5

BRINGING BUSINESS & THE COMMUNITY TOGETHER!

4787 Old Redwood Highway, Suite 101, Santa Rosa, CA 95403 Office Hours: Mon - Thurs 10am - 3pm <u>www.markwest.org</u> 707.578.7975 office@markwest.org

RIBBON CUTTING: ANYTIME FITNESS

Congratulations to Brett and Rachel Livingstone and the friendly staff of Anytime Fitness for the recent Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting Event at their new fitness haven in Larkfield Center. Celebrating in front of their lobby entrance, a crowd gathered together before a giant-sized, air-filled, purple ironman and cheered while the owners' 6-year old daughter, Avery, assisted by Ambassadors, cut their mile-stone ribbon.

Anytime Fitness opened its doors in November and has already become its own special icon in the community. Brett expressed his appreciation to other local businesses and stated, "I love this Chamber. It's is so supportive of its members."

Joining in and contributing to the event included health coach, Brandy McCans DC, Molsberry Market, Big Boy Buns & Burgers, Home Run Pizza, Norm's Kitchen, Blood Bank of the Redwoods, and the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. Chamber representatives included DP Logan of Logan LII Investigations, Elaine B. Holtz of Norton Holtz Business Solutions, Tony Lindstrom of California American Water, & Susan Lindstrom of Guardian Caregiver Connections.



Elaine B. Holtz, Norton Holtz Business Solutions, Jason McKay, staff, Eric Nelson, Sales Mgr, DP Logan, Logan II Investigations, Avery Livingstone, Josselyn Mendoza, Customer Service, Maria Heskett, Massage Therapist, Olivia & Cate Cronin, Training Department Mgr, Rachel Livingstone, Tara, Brett Livingstone, Anytime Fitness, Susan Lindstrom, Guardian Caregiver Connections, Heather Muysken, Trainer

RIBBON CUTTING: BILL'S LAWNMOWER SALES AND SERVICE

The Mark West Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Center celebrated member Bill Bowdoin, Jr. of Bill's Lawnmower Sales and Service's 20 year anniversary with a ribbon cutting.

Located at 5519 Old Redwood Highway, Bill along with his fiancée Mary and two technicians operates a full service shop for sales and servicing of lawnmowers. Bill said, "I'm very proud to be a member of the Mark West Chamber of Commerce as this is such a great area to have a business."



Todd Anderson, Best Western, guest, guest, Jerry Hankins, Internet Sales, Will Brodt, Promos Oncall, Bill Bowdoin, Jr., Bill's Lawnmower Sales and Service, Kimberlee Anderson, Assets Insurance, Aggie Maggio, Coldwell Banker, Brad Beedle, Global Medical and Safety, Kathleen Palmer, Sonoma CONNECTION



April Social host AutoBahn Anything Detailing page 3

UPCOMING EVENTS:

next AFTER HOURS BUSINESS SOCIAL hosted by

WIKIUP TENNIS & SWIM CLUB

500 Wikiup Drive

Thursday, May 12 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Friday, May 20

next RIBBON CUTTING

CALIFORNIA AMERICAN WATER

Drought-Tolerant Garden, 4790 Londonberry Dr. 4:30pm Highlighting Water Conservation programs for residential & commercial locations, water use surveys and the Turf Replacement Program.



Will Brodt President

Our Mission:
The Mark West Area
Chamber of Commerce
is organized to
advance the economic
well-being and
uniqueness of the Mark
West Area so that its
citizens and all areas of
its business community
shall prosper.

The next Board of Director's meeting is May 10 at Grace Fellowship 608 Larkfield Center 11:30 am - 1:00 pm

Want to keep abreast of important information pertinent to local business issues?

Visit: sonoma-county.org/edb

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

I hope everyone is enjoying the spring season. Hopefully the rain is gone and only sunny days are ahead. Denise and I got our garden planted last weekend so we are excited to see the bounty this year.

Spring is a great time to re-evaluate your business goals and marketing activities.

A great promotional vehicle to consider is the annual Wine Country Harvest Faire and Business Showcase Tradeshow. You can read tips for a successful tradeshow in the blog (by board VP Elaine B. Holtz) at the Chamber website. The annual Chamber Tradeshow will be held Wednesday, October 5th 2011. The tradeshow committee is already preparing an awesome event. Booths are filling up fast; so reserve your booth space before we sell out! If you would like to help on the tradeshow committee, call the chamber office.

Kimberlee Anderson, our Head Ambassador, has spearheaded a membership drive called "**Get One, Get Er Done**." If every member was responsible for enrolling just one new member...the size of the Chamber would double. Can you imagine all those new people to network with! I challenge everyone to bring a guest to our next mixer to show them how they can network and have fun at the same time. Our next mixer is hosted by **Wikiup Tennis and Swim Club** located at 500 Wikiup Dr. **Bring lots of cards for networking.**

Here is a helpful hint when preparing an ad: If you want to know why John Smith buys what John Smith buys, you have to see the world through John Smith's eyes. In other words, your customer wants to know what's in it for them. Keep that in mind when preparing your ad. Have a compelling headline to engage your target customer and have a low-risk offer to compel someone to call you or come by your location.

Have a great month!

Cheers, Will Brodt

PS: Plan your progress carefully; hour-by hour, day-by-day, month-by-month.

Organized activity and maintained enthusiasm are the wellsprings of your power.

-Paul J. Mever

WINE COUNTRY HARVEST FAIRE & BUSINESS SHOWCASE JOIN US ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5 4:00 - 8:00 PM Wells Fargo Center for the Arts, 50 Mark West Springs Road, Santa Rosa, CA



Purchase Your Tradeshow Booth Online NOW: http://www.markwest.org

Member's Price: 4' Table= **\$250** 8' Table= **\$350** SHOW SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE!

Support Your Chamber = Support Your Community!



Molsberry Markets, Inc.

Serving Sonoma County Since 1959
Family Owned and Operated
We offer more to our shoppers.

Stop by our Gourmet Cheese Counter and Sample Imported and Domestic Cheese 522 Larkfield Center, Santa Rosa

522 Larkfield Center, Santa Rosa 707/546-0307

SOCIAL HOSTED BY AUTOBAHN - ANYTHING DETAILING

April's Business After Hours Social was hosted by AutoBahn - Anything Detailing at 1675 Piner Rd., Suite B, Santa Rosa, CA. Members had an opportunity to explore the immaculate auto bays and enjoy light snacks and wine. Owner Max McDonald described his business, which recently moved to this location after 23 years on Industrial Blvd. He has more space and has increased his services to include washing, waxing and polishing for cars, trucks SUV, boats, motor homes & big rigs, as well as in-striping, windshield repair/replacement, paintless dent removal, flood damage repair and steam cleaning engines. Their motto: **AUTOBAHN**, where we take pride in your ride. You enjoy it - We clean it.

Shawna DeGrange, owner of Cloverleaf Ranch, was recognized as a new Corporate Sponsor. Shawna also serves on the Chamber's Board of Directors. Thank you, Shawna!

Kathleen Palmer, Sonoma CONNECTION, was Master of Ceremonies and announced the upcoming Chamber events. The Chamber had a table to fill out the Membership Survey. The Board of Directors and Ambassador Committee members conducted the survey to obtain a better understanding of the collective opinions and desires of the membership, to gain better guidance in planning future programs and events, and to effectively identify the strengths and the weaknesses of the Chamber. **Thanks to all the members who participated!**

In his "2 Minute Showcase", Jeff Johnson, pastor of The Cove, described the church's activities and the onsite school. The building is available for community meetings and events. Everyone is welcome to attend services.

Kirsten Carpenter is the Director of Children's Ministries. Sunday service is at 10:30. Youth group meets Sunday nights 6:30-8pm. There are other groups and ministries for all ages, including Presbyterian Charities, which operates a food pantry through the church.

The business drawn for the \$260 Pot of Gold was Promos Oncall, owned by Chamber President Will Brodt and his wife Denise. Congratulations on winning our largest Pot of Gold for a total of \$260 cash! The Pot of Gold payout at the May social hosted by Wikiup Tennis & Swim Club will now start over at the low of \$40.00. A member of your business must attend the social to win!

The 50 / 50 raffle of \$62.00 was won by Kimberlee Anderson of Assets Insurance. The prize for our business card drawing was donated by Extended Child Care Coalition, and was won by Don and Barbara Wilson, RVFD.

Members who filled out a survey were entered in a special raffle with prizes donated by Guardian Cargivers Connections and Norton & Holtz Business Services. Winners drawn included Scotty Struthers, Struthers Lighting Products, and Will Brodt, Promos Oncall. The winner of the two minute showcase for May's social is Laura Buhrer of Exchange Bank.



Congratulations to all of our winners and thank you to the businesses donating prizes. A very big thank you to Max McDonald of AuthBahn - Anything Detailing!

contributed by Kathleen Palmer, Ambassador

Photos by Sonoma CONNECTION More photos MarkWest.org

APRIL BUSINESS AFTER HOURS SOCIAL



Max McDonald, AutoBahn Anything Detailing Kim Anderson, Head Ambassador



Kathleen Palmer, Sonoma CONNECTION, Shawna DeGrange, Cloverleaf Ranch, Kim Anderson, Assets Insurance



Susan Lindstrom, Guardian Cargivers Connections Elaine B. Holtz, Norton & Holtz Business Solutions



Jeff Johnson, The Cove



Denise & Will Brodt, Promos Oncall Winners of the Pot of Gold

SOCIALS see schedule on page 5

PAGE 4

BRINGING BUSINESS & THE COMMUNITY TOGETHER!

NEW MEMBERS:

Sonoma County School of Music

Wayne Lazar 130 Valencia Way Windsor CA 95492 Phone: (707) 838-4785

Email: wslazar@comcast.net

WELCOME BACK!

Larsen Auto Repair 2007

Ron Larsen 1426 Petaluma Hill Rd Santa Rosa CA 95404

Phone: (707) 535-0720 Fax: (707) 535-0721

Email: larsenauto@gmail.com

Struthers Lighting Products 2007

Scotty Struthers 3540 Stallion Dr.

Santa Rosa CA 95404 Phone: (707) 528-9110

Email: wstrut6482@aol.com

RENEWALS:

Wikiup Tennis 1983

& Swim Club

Beck Law, Inc. 2005

Norton & Holtz 2009

Business Solutions

Bill's Lawnmower 2010

Sales and Service

CHAMBER BLOG FOR BUSINESS TIPS

Join the conversation at markwest.org

RETAIL SALES TIPS 10 COMMON MISTAKES RETAIL SALESPEOPLE MAKE

During times of economic challenges one of the most important things to do is help improve the performance of your sales team. Here is an overview of ten of the most common mistakes retail salespeople make.

Remember: When exploring these ideas with your sales staff remember a mistake is only a miss take that can be both evaluated and corrected.

10 Common Mistakes Retail Salespeople Make:

- 1. Failing to build a rapport with the customer. From a simple greeting to a little chat about niceties, non-sales directed small talk go a long way in developing an easier and more open mood in the customers.
- 2. Failing to find out customer's requirements.
- 3. Focusing on their own agenda instead of customers.
- 4. Not giving customers the majority of the air time.
- 5. Confusing "telling" with "selling". Not listening or not hearing what customer is saying.
- 6. Not knowing the prevailing promotions, specials and regular pricing.
- 7. Not differentiating the product/service/store/company enough to create additional value in the mind of the customer.
- 8. Selling too fast, trying to close before the customer is ready to buy.
- 9. Failing to address objections properly; not realizing that satisfactory resolution of the objections is the shortest distance to purchase.
- 10. Not taking advantage of add-on sales, as soon as the main purchase is done, which is when customer is most ready to entertain them.

Happy Sales, and let us know what you think about this Blog and the suggestions made. If you have any suggestions for topics please let me know.

Thank You!

Respectfully submitted by: Elaine B. Holtz, Norton & Holtz Business Solutions

UPCOMING BUSINESS SOCIALS

Thursday, May 12 5:30-7:30pm Hosted by Wikiup Tennis & Swim Club Location: 500 Wikiup Drive, Santa Rosa

Thursday, June 9 5:30-7:30pm Hosted by Chancellor Place of Windsor Location: 907 Adele Drive, Windsor

Thursday, July 14 5:30-7:30pm

Hosted by Mike McGuire, 4th District Supervisor

Location: TBD

Thursday, August 11 5:30-7:30pm

Hosted by Cloverleaf Ranch

Location: 3892 Old Redwood Hwy., Santa Rosa

Thursday, September 8 5:30-7:30pm Hosted by California American Water

Location: TBD

Thursday, October 13 5:30-7:30pm

Hosted by **Anytime Fitness**

Location: 490 Larkfield Center, Santa Rosa

Thursday, November 8 5:30-7:30pm Hosted by Extended Child Care Coalition

Location: TBD

Thursday, December 8 5:30-7:30pm

Hosted by Molsberry Markets, Inc. & Exchange Bank

Location: 500 Larkfield Center, Santa Rosa

WINE COUNTRY HARVEST FAIRE & **BUSINESS SHOWCASE**

Wednesday, October 5 4 - 8 pm Hosted by 60+ Local Businesses Location: Wells Fargo Center for the Arts 50 Mark West Springs Road Santa Rosa

HOLIDAY TREE LIGHTING

Wednesday, December 7 6:00-7:00pm Hosted by the Mark West Area Chamber

Location: Larkfield Center in front of Molsberrys Market

RIBBON CUTTINGS

Fridav. May 20 4:30pm Hosted by California American Water Location: Drought-Tolerant Garden 4790 Londonberry Dr., Santa Rosa

CHAMBER MEETINGS

Tuesday, May 10 **Board of Directors** 11:30am - 1:00pm Grace Fellowship

Thursday, May 12 **Ambassadors** 3:00pm - 4:00pm Chamber Office



Interested in ioining our Ambassador Club? Contact Kim Anderson Assets Insurance 546-8020 assetsinsurance@gmail.com

Sign Up NOW for 2012 Socials - your pick of dates! If you are a member interested in hosting a Business After Hours Social, please contact Kimberlee Anderson, 546-8020, email

assetsinsurance@gmail.com, or visit our Calendar of Events page at markwest.org.





Sonoma CONNECTION John Essman

Kathleen Palmer P O Box 1381 Healdsburg, CA 95448

(707) 433-8774

info@sonomaconnection.com www.sonomaconnection.com

Web Site Design • Search Engine Optimization Digital Photography • Photoshop • Graphic Design





HI ALL CHAMBER MEMBERS!

2011 SPRING RAFFLE

The Mark West Education Foundation is hosting an amazing raffle to raise funds to save the school district's music program, continue Movement & Music (i.e. Zumba) instruction, enhance the technology program, and increase Teacher Mini-Grants. Due to the State budget crisis, these programs would have already been cut without the Foundation's efforts and corresponding community support.

In an effort to raise funds for these programs and others, we are selling raffle tickets NOW for only \$10 each or a 3-pack for \$25.00! All proceeds support the children of the Mark West Union School District!

CHECK OUT THESE EXCEPTIONAL PRIZES!

Grand Prize: Your own "Instant Wine Cellar" with 100+ bottles of outstanding local wines, a compact 16-bottle wine refrigerator, wine tastings, and wine label book! You do NOT need to be present to win, but you do need to be 21 years or older. (value \$3,755)

Prize 2: "New Version" iPad from Apple (value \$545)

Prize 3: Disneyland Tickets- 4 Park-Hoppers w/o date restrictions (value \$404)

Prize 4: "Taste of Sonoma" - Restaurant & Entertainment Package (value \$1,000)

Prize 5: "The Well-Stocked Pantry" - Various Grocery Gift Certificates & Baskets (value \$355)

Prize 6: "Summer Scholar"- TWO Packages to be awarded! (value \$635-648)

Prize 7: "Mother/Daughter Jewelry" Package (value \$500)

Prize 8: "Backyard Movie Party" Package (value \$567)

Prize 9: "Rev Your Garden" Package-Garden Supplies & Gift Certificates (value \$360)

Prize 10: "Sweet Scents" Framed, Limited Edition Seriograph by Don Hatfield (value \$1,300)

Prize 11: Mini "Instant Wine Cellar" (value over \$1,000)

Prize 12: Health & Beauty Package (value \$521)

Prize 13: Whole Foods Gift Basket (value \$75)

Prize 14: Sonoma County Regional Parks Annual Pass (value \$69)

Prize 15: Summer Camp at Cloverleaf Ranch (value \$215)

Prize 16: Family Portrait Session and Photo DVD (value \$175)

How to purchase – All you need to do is contact me. I will mail you the ticket(s) and will include a self addressed stamped envelope. You put the check in the envelope and send it back to me! That's it! We can also accept credit card payments via fax or mail with the downloaded order form below.

PLEASE forward this offer to anyone else you know that likes wine, the other prizes, or just wants to help our kids!

Visit our website at www.MWEF4KIDS.org.

The final drawing will be held on May 13th, 2011....so get your tickets while they last.

You CAN make a difference to the kids and have some fun too! Please support our cause. Thanks so much!

Julie Hunter

Acting Vice President, Mark West Education Foundation 305 Mark West Springs Road, Santa Rosa, CA 95404

Call me with questions at my Real Estate office: 707-544-3500

Check/Cash for \$25.00 for the purchase of a 3-Pack of tickets. Check/Cash for \$10.00 for the purchase of 1 ticket.

MARK WEST AREA COMMUNITY INFORMATION

AREA POPULATION - within a 3 mile radius - 20,000

ELEVATION - 160 feet above sea level

BOUNDARIES - Area approximately bounded by: Shiloh Road - North Piner Road - South

West Olivet Road - West Lodge on Mark West Springs Rd - East

The Lark Newsletter is published monthly under the direction of:
The Mark West Area Chamber of Commerce & Visitors Center
4787 Old Redwood Hiwy, Suite 101, Santa Rosa, CA 95403

ADVERTISING: 6 months \$107.50; 1 year \$200

FLYER INSERTION: \$35 per issue.

You supply a pdf version of your 8.5" x 11" flyer to info@markwest.org

You can pay online @ http://markwest.org/payment/

The Lark Newsletter is emailed to member businesses each month. For more information, contact the Chamber Office at 578-7975.

Editors: Kathleen Palmer & John Essman (707) 433-8774 Sonoma CONNECTION info@sonomaconnection.com

Deadline for publication is the 3rd Wednesday of the month.

Please email your materials to info@markwest.org

Promote your business with your flyer in the Chamber newsletter. You supply the flyers - We do the work!

CHAMBER MEMBERSHIP DUES Effective May 1, 2006

Standard Du	es	Non-Profit Dues
\$125.00	Business (1-5 Personnel)	\$110.00
\$175.00	Business (6-10 Personnel)	\$155.00
\$245.00	Business (11+ Personnel)	\$215.00
\$625.00	Corporate Sponsor	
\$ 95.00	Individual (no business affiliation)	

You can pay online @ http://markwest.org/payment/



David Hartman

15 Lark Center Drive Santa Rosa, CA 95403

707-546-5717 FAX 707-546-0902

OFFICERS

President, VP Public Relations

Will Brodt Promos Oncall 539-5133 will@grafixoncall.com

President-Elect

Brian Molsberry Molsberry Markets, Inc. 546-5041 Molsberry522@sbcglobal.net

Past President

James Bajgrowicz Office of James Bajgrowicz 235-9774 jimbajgrowicz@gmail.com

Corporate Secretary

Susan Lindstrom Guardian Caregiver Connections 328-2588 guardian givers@gmail.com

Corporate Treasurer

John Essman Sonoma CONNECTION 433-8774 john@sonomaconnection.com

VP Membership

Anthony Geraldi SC Airport Express 837-8700 SC Airport Expressinc.com

VP Business Services

Elaine B. Holtz Norton & Holtz Business Solutions 579-5319 elaine@nortonholtz.com

VP Community Services

Patricia Dearmin 539-4945

DIRECTORS

Laura Buhrer Exchange Bank/Larkfield 524-3077 buhrerl@exchangebank.com

Shawna DeGrange Cloverleaf Ranch 545-5906 cloverleafranch@hotmail.com

Stephanie Munson Goodwill Industries 523-0550 ext. 213 smunson@gire.org

Sue Sloat Mark West Union School District 524-2970 ssloat@mwusd.org

Doug Williams Rincon Valley Fire District 539-1801 dwilliams@rvfire.org

HEAD AMBASSADOR

Kimberlee Anderson Assets Insurance 546-8020 assetsinsurance@gmail.com

PUBLICITY

Evan Jacobs Cal-American Water Co. 542-8329 Evan.Jacobs@amwater.com

CONSULTANT

Daryl Anderson Wikiup Properties 546-8000 andybaum@comcast.net

OFFICE VOLUNTEERS

Patricia Dearmin Jim Bajgrowicz 578-7975 office@markwest.org



4787 Old Redwood Hwy, Suite 101 Santa Rosa, CA 95403

AFTER HOURS BUSINESS SOCIAL

Thursday, May 12 5:30-7:30pm

Hosted by **WIKIUP TENNIS** & SWIM CLUB 500 Wikiup Drive

BRINGING BUSINESS & THE COMMUNITY TOGETHER!

Thank you to our 21st Annual Harvest Faire & Business Showcase Vendors & Participants!

MORE PHOTOS NEXT MONTH!



Heather McConnell Landscape Artist



IMS Intl Monetary Systems



Kobrin Financial Services



Vector Control

Net Profit

Thank You to Our Corporate Sponsors!







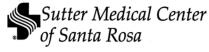












A Sutter Health Affiliate







Extended Child Care Summer Camp Kindergarten through 6th Grade

Located at the following school sites San Miguel, Mark West, RL Stevens, JX Wilson, Windsor Creek and Mattie Washburn

DON'T MISS THE ACTION!

There will be 3 sessions at each site running from May 31st to August 16th, each focusing on one of the following exciting themes.

Session dates will vary at each site.

Contact ECC @ 545-2402 for more information.

Weekly Summer Rates	3 days/wk	4 da	ays/wk 🤚	5 days/wk
Full Day	\$	90	\$115	\$138
Part Day (5 hrs or I	ess) \$	51	\$64	\$77

Sportscenter

Keep active with: soccer, baseball, dodgeball, basketball, obstacle courses, group games, & Olympics.

That's Entertainment

Prepare to entertain with: Zumba, hip hop dance, drama, art, storytelling, circus, fashion week, puppets, Survivor challenge, & cooking shows.

Our Mysterious World

Explore animals, CSI, magnets, space, rainforest, flight, magic, water, food science, construction, oceans, experiments, &

Each session will have a special culminating activity! Sock Hop, Olympic Challenge, drama production, art show, science fair, or Talent Show, & MUCH, MUCH more!

Call to enroll: 545-2402

22nd Annual Wine Country Harvest Faire Business Showcase & Silent Auction



Wednesday, October 5, 2011 4 – 8 PM

presented by the Mark West Area Chamber of Commerce & Visitors Center



Exhibits, Entertainment, Networking

FUN, FOOD & WINE

Please call the Chamber at 578-7975 or visit www.MarkWest.orgto participate.	9	us at the		
Company Contact	WELLS FARGO CENTER FOR THE ARTS			
City/State/ZIP		Members	Non-Members	
Phone/FAX	4′ Table 8′ Table	\$250 \$350	\$375* \$475*	
Email Check payable to: Mark West Chamber	8' lable \$350 (50% deposit required to reserve a space)		(* includes 1 Year Membership)	
☐ Pay Online: MarkWest.org ☐ Please charge my VISA/MASTERCARD Card #	Booth Fee includes display space, table, 2 chairs, tablecloth, and exhibitor ribbons. Electricity available on request, at no additional charge.			
Card # Ver #	Reserve Your Space NOW!			
Signature	Table	Location		
YES, I will donate to the Silent Auction: itemvalue \$			2nd Choice	
Corporate Sponsorships Available.		ole	d	

Mail: MWACC, 4787 Old Redwood Hwy, Suite 101, Santa Rosa, CA 95403 FAX: 707578-0397

