

Foodies' Feast! By Sophie Braccini

Shake your wrists and ankles, take a deep breath, put on your best walking shoes and get your papillas ready: the 5th Taste of Lafayette is almost here!

On Tuesday May 15th, from 5:30 pm to 9:00 pm you will be able to visit Lafayette's "restaurant row" and sample the signature cuisine of each participating restaurant.

Meet at Lafayette Plaza (corner of Mt. Diablo Blvd. and Moraga Rd.) where local jazz music by Generations in Jazz will entertain you while you'll sip Contra Costa wines and have hors d'oeuvres. A silent Auction will start at 5:30 pm. As soon as your warm up at the Plaza is completed, you will be invited to roam the streets of Lafayette, visit all the restaurants that are part of the event and samples of their best foods. A shuttle will be provided for those who have sipped a little too much wine or need a vehicle. Diablo Foods and the Senior Shuttle are providing transportation. To guide you on the tour, you will be given a booklet at the Plaza, part tresor map and part Sesame, to find and get the culinary delights awaiting you. You will get the booklet in exchange for the ticket you purchased IN ADVANCE! The event might be sold out. Be prepared and go to www.lafayettechamber.org to order your \$45 tickets or call (925) 284-7404. When your tour is completed, come back to the Plaza for deserts and the end of the silent auction.

The event is the result of the joint effort

of the Lafayette Chamber of Commerce and the Lafayette Community Foundation. The silent auction is one of LCF's ways to raise money to support its mission. This organization established in 1999 is committed to hometown philanthropy in support of projects and programs that make Lafayette a better place to live, for people of all ages. Sponsors include the Lafayette Chamber of Commerce, Diablo Foods, Inc., Wine Thieves, Generations in Jazz and Contra Costa Times.

This happening is part of the Lafayette "Restaurant Row month" and an opportunity to celebrate the many award winning restaurants in town. The "Month" is promoted by the Lafayette Chamber of Commerce and the Town of Lafayette. Restaurants is the single larger

group collecting sales tax in Lafayette and sales tax contribute 30% to the town's budget. Just another incentive for local residents to participate in this fun event.

List of participating restaurants







