



Walking & Pampering for a Cause

By Cathy Tyson

Lafayette Chamber of Commerce member Amy Davanzante, owner of Pamper My Party, wanted to make a difference. She's donating 30% of all sales during the months of April and May to ten members of the Bella Donna Social Club, a local women's group, to help with their fundraising requirement of \$18,000 for their team in the Avon Walk for Breast Cancer.

It seems like a great idea, helping women feel better via her pampering parties and helping to fight breast cancer at the same time. Davanzante started her business three years ago to provide a luxurious spa experience to women in the comfort of their own homes. Her business, Pamper My Party provides spa services to groups usually for baby and bridal showers, but she's even done a menopause party. "Taking care of yourself is

vital, and I think social support for women is important," said Davanzante. Choices of treatments include massage therapy, hand and foot treatments, collagen masks and more.



The Avon Walk for Breast Cancer will be held in nine cities across the country. The San Francisco Walk, on July 12 – 13 starts in downtown San Francisco and continues across the bridge and alongside the Sausalito waterfront. The money raised is managed by the Avon Founda-

tion, a registered charity to advance access to care and finding a cure for breast cancer. A chunk of that money stays locally, San Francisco General Hospital and UCSF received \$1.25 million, Marin County Department of Health received \$400,000, Contra Costa Health Services received \$200,000 along with a number of other organizations in years past.

The savvy Avon Foundation emphasizes returning funds to Walk locales and places a priority on reaching low income, elderly, minorities and the growing number of folks with little or no health insurance.

For more information on the Avon Walk for Breast Cancer, go to www.avonfoundation.org. For more information on Pamper My Party, go to www.pampermyparty.com