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New Year's Brunch at Café Hacienda 2100 Donald Dr., Moraga (925) 878-1411

Café Hacienda is open today, Jan. 1, from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. for a special New Year's Day brunch at the Hacienda de las Flores. Owner Gayle Somers is working with the town to get approval on extended hours this year. The bucolic building and grounds belong to the town; it is the facility where most of the town's recreation activities and many public meetings are held. "We would like to offer Saturday and Sunday brunch from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. until the wedding season starts again," says Somers. "The plan would also be to open on Thursday nights for dinner, by reservation only. We would be closed on Mondays and would prepare an email blast each week with our seasonal menu for the following Thursday." The Café would be open for breakfast and lunch during the rest of the week, including Fridays. Somers is hoping for a decision by mid-January. Reservations are encouraged but not required.

News from the three Chambers of Commerce

Lafayette

The Chamber will reopen Jan. 2.

Lafayette businessman Brian Aiello was named Businessperson of the Year. Aiello runs Pinnacle Apparel & Promotions with his wife, Jennifer. "Family man, entrepreneur, coach, impresario of the Lafayette Art, Wine and Music Festival, Reservoir Run artist, board member and all around great guy: those are some of the nice things said describing Brian," says the chamber's executive director, Jay Lifson. The celebration dinner, along with Mayor Don Tatzin's State of the City address will be on Saturday, Feb. 1 at the Lafayette Park Hotel and Spa.

The Chamber of Commerce has a new president: Stacy Spell of Oakwood Athletic Club will lead the board in 2014.

Moraga

Chamber office grand opening - come say "hi" to Kathe Nelson in her new office in the La Sala building of the Hacienda de las Flores from 8 a.m. to noon Monday, Jan. 6, 2100 Donald Dr.

Save the date for the first chamber business meeting of the year at 7:30 a.m. Friday, Jan. 31 at the Hacienda de las Flores.

Orinda

To bring its members a great way to stay in touch with their customers, the chamber has partnered with Constant Contact - the email marketing service for small businesses - and negotiated a 20 percent discount for its members if they sign up for six months of service and 25 percent if they sign for a year. Businesses that already have a Constant Contact account can also get the discount.

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