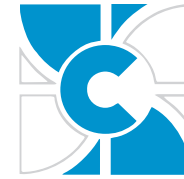


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FAIRFIELD-SUISUN CITY
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

May 2011

OUR MISSION: Improve the local economic base through active advocacy and programs to assist our members.

Get out your golf clubs – it's that time again!

The Chamber is proud to say we are offering a great event and a way for you and your Chamber friends or colleagues to play golf at our member Hiddenbrooke Golf Course on Wednesday, May 11. Just take the time to swing into spring with a great tournament for you.

Thank you to our sponsors: Jelly Belly, NorthBay Health Care, Matt Hague Farmers Insurance, Stanley Davis, Ford Lincoln of Fairfield, Solano Garbage, Travis Credit Union, Copart, Anheuser-Busch, Hilton Garden Inn, Lewis Planned Communities, MV Transportation, Sutter Health. Thanks to the committee with

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JOIN US AT THE CalChamber
Business
SUMMIT
IN SACRAMENTO JUNE 1-2

By CalChamber **W**e would like to encourage all of you to attend the CalChamber Business Summit June 1-2 at the Sacramento Convention Center. Go to this summit and learn about how to use technology to make a difference in the shaping of the states policies. Find out how redistricting and the top two candidates open primary reforms affect the political landscape. Get an update on human resource and compliance issues affecting California companies. Gain insights on the impact of international trade on your business and community.

All business owners, CEOs, public affairs staff, local chamber of commerce staff, board members, committee

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+ Create Opportunities to build business relationships

Sip in style at mall mixer

Join the best of Solano County's businesses on May 16 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the brand new, bright and airy Westfield Solano Dining Court for a night of networking hosted by the Fairfield-Suisun Chamber of Commerce and Westfield Solano.



5.16
Westfield
Solano mall

Enjoy music and a sampling of the new dining options Westfield Solano has to offer while you grow your business contacts. Plus, drop your business card for the opportunity to win a \$100 shopping spree.

Station 37 to host mixer

Mark your calendars on Wednesday, May 25, from 8 to 9 a.m., for a chance to visit the Fairfield Fire Department-Station 37.



5.25
Fairfield Fire
Department
- Station 37

The Fairfield Fire Department hosts numerous station tours and special events throughout the year. In addition to tours, we can also provide engine demonstrations for local area schools, daycare activities, and certain special events.

Learn ways that the Fairfield Fire Department works daily tasks to help keep our community safe.

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5.11 13th Annual
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Take advantage of this opportunity

FROM THE DESK OF



**President/CEO
Leslie Fay**

As mentioned on the front page, you have an opportunity to attend probably one of the most informative summits you have ever attended.

I cannot stress enough how important it is now to go to this summit, not only to have the opportunity to hear presentations by our leaders, but the opportunity to network with others in business who are concerned about the way our economy is headed.

The California Chamber will host a Legislative Summit in Sacramento on June 1-2. Special guest speaker will be Dr. Frank Luntz, a communications expert, political pollster and best-selling author. Named one of the four "Top Research Minds" by Business Week, Luntz has written and conducted more than 2,000 surveys, focus groups, ad tests and dial sessions in more than two dozen countries and four continents in the past decade. His focus groups have become so influential that following the PBS presidential debate, presidential candidate Barack Obama said, "when Frank Luntz invites you to talk to his focus group, you talk to his focus group."

Luntz is the author of two New York Times best-selling books, "Words that Work: It's Not What You Say It's What People Hear" and "What Americans Really Want . . . Really."

John Watson, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Chevron Corporation, will be a guest speaker. Watson joined Chevron in 1980 as a financial analyst. He held financial, analytical and supervisory positions before being elected president of Chevron Canada Ltd. in 1996. In 1998, he was elected vice president of the corporation, with the responsibility for strategic planning and mergers and acquisitions.

+ Website numbers, referrals for March 2011

Unique visitors: **2,896**

Total visitors: **9,533**

Total page hits: **74,133**

Member referrals: **71**

In 2005, Watson was elected president of Chevron International Exploration and Production, with responsibility for the company's exploration and production activities outside North America.

I think this year will be one of the biggest summits ever because every business and entrepreneur is concerned about their longevity and productivity. Too many mandates and job killer legislation is affecting the way we are doing business and not doing business in California. Our Chamber's Business Issues committee has been very actively involved in trying to stop legislation that is affecting the redevelopment dollars, the expansion of business, and other legislation that will have a negative impact on our economy and quality of life in California. We are trying to make a difference and will continue to plug away to prevent our elected officials from voting for potential legislation that is not business friendly.

This is a great experience – I hope you will invest in two days filled with information and insight about the business community and success in California restoring a reputation of certainty and stability.

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+ Opportunities to build business relationships

Thanks for making the Expo a success

I want to thank everyone that attended the Chamber Business Expo at Fairfield High School on April 4. It was nice to see the positive turnout from all the vendors. It was a missed opportunity for those that did not get to visit with all our local businesses that were in attendance. Those that did make it had a positive experience and found some new opportunities to do business with more local businesses in the Fairfield-Suisun City area. I want to thank Leslie and the staff for working so hard to put this event together as well as the ambassadors that we can always count on for their participation. Thank you to all.

I also attended the ribbon cutting for Solano Community Foundation and was greatly impressed with the turnout for that event as well. It was nice to see John Vasquez, Rick Vacarro and Chuck Timm and all the visitors and guests in attendance. Their new office is a great location for not only this organization but several other non profits as well. Again, the ambassadors were there to lend a hand and show their support of this event. I think there were more than 60 people in attendance and the new office was well received. Thank you for us-



Kevin Johnson
Chairman of the Board

ing the Chamber and its services to get your name out into the community in such a positive way.

The next big event for the Chamber is the Annual Golf Classic scheduled for May 11 at Hiddenbrooke. I know the staff still has some spaces available for golfers, as well as tee and hole sponsorships if you are interested. I know that I will be out there whacking the ball around and trying not to embarrass myself, but it is for a great cause to raise money to help our local businesses defend themselves through the Chamber's many resources in the city, county, state and nationally. Please plan to participate if at all possible. Call the Chamber office and Melissa or Debi will get you signed up and ready to go. The number to call is 425-4625.

Lastly, I am making another plea for you to look into the Chamber for membership. I know that we are all busy in our day-to-day working lives, and sometimes we don't see everything that is in front of us, whether opportunities or issues. With gas prices creeping over \$4 a gallon and heading towards \$5, with the government in trouble with taxes and spending issues, with budget cuts coming from all areas at us, with the state trying to remove the redevelopment agencies as well as many other cuts in benefits and services, and the constant attacks from the left and right, you need a voice that is by your side. That voice is the Chamber. The business attitude and the defiance to defend our businesses against all these types of issues is what the Chamber does. For a little more than a \$1 per day the Chamber becomes not only an ally but a business partner to you and your business. It offers marketing opportunities, educational opportunities, legislative opportunities, and even some fun events along the way.

Why not make that call and get the information from our staff on how the Chamber can help you in these troubling times.



Advertising opportunity available at the offices!

Take advantage of exposing your business to the many people who visit our offices looking to do business in the Fairfield-Suisun area. Consider purchasing space today before it sells out. The cost is \$150 for a single-sided 10" x 14" magnetic sign. Additional-

ly, for \$200, we have a 22" x 14" or 10" x 30" single-sided magnetic sign. This cost is for one year. Design services are available and will be quoted separately. For more information or to purchase your ad space today, call the Chamber at 425-4625.

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Business News

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North Bay Pediatrics in new offices July 1

North Bay Pediatrics is pleased to announce the opening of their new north county

office located at The Wiseman Company's Corporate Plaza building, 1261 Travis Blvd. on July 1. John Pock of Kappel & Kappel Commercial represented the Lessee and Kirk Hull of The Wiseman Company represented the Lessor in the transaction.

North Bay Pediatrics has been growing with the children of Solano County for the past 27 years, providing generalized medical care for infants, toddlers and adolescents. Their offices in Fairfield, Vallejo and Benicia offers parents a choice of service in the largest independent pediatric medical groups in Solano County. With the specifically trained pediatricians, their patients have access to comprehensive primary and specialist care. Their group networks with many hospitals and medical insurance plans in the Bay Area. For more information about North Bay Pediatrics, visit their website at www.northbaypediatrics.com, or call the

business office at 648-0711.

Straighten up for good health: The hidden power of posture

Just like a good spring cleaning can make your home a healthier place to live, straightening up your body can provide health benefits such as lowering stress and reducing body tension.

Slouching shoulders or standing with unbalanced weight can create strain on the muscles and ligaments supporting your bones, and may even cause tension headaches, muscle soreness or back spasms. Chronic poor posture can even lead to degenerative changes in the spine.

Good posture keeps bones in their natural, proper alignment, which improves overall strength and balance, reduces the risk of injury and could potentially prevent the need for serious medical procedures treating chronic back, knee and hip pain.

Proper positioning while sitting, sleeping, working and exercising also can make a difference in how you look and feel.

Regular exercise, increasing flexibility, controlling your weight and using proper lifting techniques all help protect your posture.

It's never too late to improve alignment. Participating in low-impact activities can reduce stress and even reverse the unhealthy effects of poor posture by improving strength, balance and alignment.

"Did you mother every tell you to 'sit up straight?' Well, she was right. Good upright posture, both in sitting and standing, will equal good spine health," says Curt Osuga, a physical therapist with Sutter Medical Foundation in Solano County.

Take a Stretch Break: Watch this video for quick and easy neck and shoulder stretches you can do at the office, in front of the TV and even in bed. Visit https://mylifestages.org/videos/video_rz_neckandshoulder.page

Test your Health IQ: How much do you know about back pain and appropriate treatment? Take the quiz at <http://www.sutterhealth.org/tools/backpain/index.html>.

Could your hip pain be linked to poor posture? <https://mylifestages.org/community/tools/hip/>

[hip_pain_quiz.page](https://mylifestages.org/community/tools/hip/).

All about Yoga: Considering Yoga to improve your posture? 10 great reasons to give it a try. Check them out at <https://mylifestages.org/healthcenter/Articles.page?R=sw1-2767>.

New to Yoga? Find the type that's right for you at <https://mylifestages.org/healthcenter/Articles.page?R=sw1-1617>.

Stand up for your Back: Register for a class to improve strength, balance and alignment. Visit <https://mylifestages.org/classes/Events.page>.

Cancer survivors honored at annual event

North Bay Cancer Center will again team with the American Cancer Society to hold the 15th Annual National Cancer Survivors Day "Celebration of Life" on Sunday, June 5.

The event will be held from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Fairfield Center for Creative Arts, 1035 Texas Street, Fairfield.

Celebration of Life events are held throughout the world on the first Sunday in June, and they provide cancer survivors, cancer caregivers and medical

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CALENDAR

May and June

May **3** **AMBASSADOR COMMITTEE MEETING**
TUE 8 to 9 a.m.

Courtyard by Marriott,
1350 Holiday Lane, Fairfield

May **5** **BUSINESS AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE**
THU Noon to 1 p.m.

Fairfield-Suisun Chamber
of Commerce, 1111 Webster St.

LEADERSHIP TODAY

8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

AMBASSADOR RALLY

8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Rancho Cordova Chamber of
Commerce, 2729 Prospect Park Dr.

May **6** **FAIRFIELD-SUISUN CHAMBER BOARD RETREAT**
FRI

8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Chamber offices closed.

May **9** **TRAFIC EXECUTIVE MEETING**
MON 9 to 10 a.m.

Fairfield-Suisun Chamber
of Commerce, 1111 Webster Street

May **11** **13TH ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC**
WED 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Hiddenbrooke Golf
Course, 1095
Hiddenbrooke Parkway, Vallejo

May **16** **TRAVIS REGIONAL ARMED FORCES COMMITTEE MEETING**
MON

Noon to 1:15 p.m.
Delta Breeze Club, Travis AFB

CHAMBER'S BUSINESS AFTER HOURS MIXER

5:30 to 7 p.m.

Westfield Solano Mall, 1350 Travis
Blvd., Fairfield

May **18** **BUSINESS ISSUES COMMITTEE MEETING**
WED Noon to 1 p.m.

Fairfield-Suisun Chamber of
Commerce, 1111 Webster Street

May **19** **MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING**
THU 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

Fairfield-Suisun Chamber
of Commerce, 1111 Webster Street

SUISUN CITY BUSINESS GROUP MEETING

Noon to 1:30 p.m.

Suisun City Council Chambers,
701 Civic Center Blvd.

May **24** **BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**
TUE 9 to 10:15 a.m.

Fairfield-Suisun Chamber
of Commerce, 1111 Webster Street

May **25** **CHAMBER'S SUNRISE MIXER**
WED 8 to 9 a.m.

Fairfield Fire Department
Station 37,
1200 Kentucky St.

May **30** **MEMORIAL DAY**
MON Chamber offices closed

June **2** **LEADERSHIP TODAY**
THU 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

June **7** **AMBASSADOR COMMITTEE MEETING**
TUE 8 to 9 a.m.

Courtyard by Marriott,
1350 Holiday Lane, Fairfield

June **8** **BUSINESS ISSUES COMMITTEE MEETING**
WED Noon to 1 p.m.

Fairfield-Suisun Chamber of
Commerce, 1111 Webster Street

June **14** **TRAFIC EXECUTIVE MEETING**
MON 9 to 10 a.m.

Fairfield-Suisun Chamber
of Commerce, 1111 Webster Street

JOINT MIXER WITH VACAVILLE CHAMBER

5:30 to 7 p.m.

Hampton Inn & Suites Suisun City
Waterfront, The Wiseman Company,
& KUIC 95.3, One Harbor Center,
Suisun City, 94585

June **16** **MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING**
THU 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

Fairfield-Suisun Chamber
of Commerce, 1111 Webster Street

SUISUN CITY BUSINESS GROUP MEETING

Noon to 1:30 p.m.

Suisun City Council Chambers,
701 Civic Center Blvd.

June **20** **TRAVIS REGIONAL ARMED FORCES COMMITTEE MEETING**
MON Noon to 1:15 p.m.

Delta Breeze Club, Travis AFB

June **28** **BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**
TUE 9 to 10:15 a.m.

Fairfield-Suisun Chamber
of Commerce, 1111 Webster Street

June **29** **CHAMBER'S SUNRISE MIXER**
WED 8 to 9 a.m.

Solano Land Trust,
1001 Texas St., Ste. C

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11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

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members, economic development, industry/trade and regional business organizations representatives should attend this two-day event.

Hear the latest on policy issues affecting your bottom line. Optional afternoon breakout sessions will offer you effective strategies for handling advocacy, policy reforms, human resources issues and international trade opportunities.

There will be a Sacramento Host Reception with peers while networking with other businesses, community and state leaders at this elegant, post summit reception in the historic Sutter Club. Sacramento business leaders are your hosts for this invitation-only event, a prelude to the next day's breakfast.

The Sacramento Host Breakfast is a must to attend. Business leaders again are your hosts for this annual gathering to spotlight California's role in national and international commerce. Celebrating its 86th year on Thursday, June 2, the breakfast traditionally features addresses by the Governor and the chair of the CalChamber Board of Directors.

For more information on how to register for this must-attend event, visit www.calchamber.com/summit11.

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Sunrise Mixer

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1411 Oliver Road, Suite 100, Fairfield



'If you build it ...'

By Debi Tavey
Communications Director

Chamber membership is one of the most important decisions a business owner should make. I quote one of my favorite movies, "if you build it, they will come." I believe the advice in "Field of Dreams" is worth listening to. The Chamber of Commerce is the field that assists in growing and maintaining businesses fields to grow their audience and increase foot traffic. It really is no different than a baseball team. Our members provide the services, products, and tools to hit the home run, and networking opportunities to bring customers to your business.

Understanding the benefits of the Fairfield-Suisun Chamber is important. Listings in both the directory and on our website – www.ffsc-chamber.com – are exclusive to chamber members. Marketing opportunities for selling product or branding a business name with sponsorships, event goodie bags, program advertising, office billboards and the Chamber's member-2-member discount card are all opportunities to build a successful business.

The Chamber also provides various committees for involvement. My suggestion would be to visit the Chamber committees that interest you and decide if you can participate on all or one. The Ambassadors, Business Issues, Education, Travis Regional Armed Forces, Board of Directors and many ad-hoc committees are just a few of the many great areas of involvement. By being involved you will gain the knowledge of your local community with state and local political advocacy. Become involved, this is a way to invest in your investment.

Mixers, both sunrise and evening, Business Expo, Golf Classic, Mardi Gras are just a few more networking opportunities. As a member you can simply attend or host one of our mixers at your place of business. Chamber events are a way of getting to know members and building relationships.

Let us tell your story. One of the most important benefits of chamber membership is letting us talk about you and your business. Numerous times throughout the day, our staff refers a business to someone calling in or stopping by our office for information. Referral... there is no greater feeling at the end of the day to help a member.

Now I'm sure you would agree... membership in the Fairfield-Suisun Chamber will fill your stadium and allow you to hit a home run!



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Suite 100, Fairfield



Solano Community Foundation 470 Chadbourne Road, Suite D, Fairfield



Total Home & Garden Show

50 Nut Tree Road, Vacaville



Improving City street lights system

The City's entire street light system, consisting of approximately 8,000 street and pedestrian light fixtures, is being retrofitted with new energy efficient lighting. The new Light Emitting Diode lighting will have substantially longer life than the current lighting technology, which reduces maintenance time and cost.

The City was awarded an \$800,000 grant from the Energy Efficiency Community Block Grant, and secured an additional \$1.8 million, low-interest loan from the California Energy Commission to undertake this improvement project. The CEC 1 percent loan will be repaid from the \$240,000 per year energy cost savings over an eight- to 12-year period. The grant does not require repayment. Once the loan is repaid, the project will result in an annual savings of \$240,000 to the City's General Fund.

Plans and specifications for the Street and Pedestrian Lighting Retrofit project, and contract award to W. Bradley Electric, Inc. of Novato, were approved by City Council at the March 15 meeting. The project will commence this spring.

Small business funding opportunities

We all see that the economic recession has taken its toll on small businesses, and access to capital is a significant challenge. The City of Fairfield Small Business Loan Fund is currently accepting applications from entrepreneurs seeking funds to start up, expand, or continue operations in Fairfield. By offering financing for commercial and industrial projects, the City hopes that it can help local



Sean Quinn
Fairfield City Manager

businesses strive in a struggling economy.

The Small Business Loan Fund is made possible by the federal Community Development Block Grant, and over the years, many businesses have benefited from these programs. Companies such as Canepa Deli, Ryan's Automotive, Gillespie's Abbey Floor Center, and Pepper Belly's have all taken advantage of this assistance and continue to operate in this difficult business environment.

Loans start at \$5,000, with higher loans approved based on the number of new jobs created by the business. The loans can be used in conjunction with loans from another lending source, including Small Business Administration and bank loans. Loan proceeds can be used for real property acquisition or working capital. All credit applications are subject to approval.

Limited funding is available. For more information, contact the City's Economic Development Division at 428-7462.

Housing and commercial development projects: Approvals and upcoming

The Community Development Department continues to work with the local develop-

ment community to expedite processes leading to economic growth. Recently, staff approved a Conditional Use Permit for CarMax to locate a new superstore on approximately 13 acres in the Fairfield Auto Mall. Staff also worked with Lowe's to expedite building permits for the new home center currently under construction off North Texas Street at Dickson Hill Road. Several major projects are in the pipeline, including Paramount, a 200-unit assisted living center at the end of Business Center Drive, which is scheduled for Planning Commission review in May.

Community Development staff are continuing to work on larger scale projects. Lewis Homes has submitted a revised

plan for The Villages at Fairfield project, which will contain 1,960 housing units, a shopping center site, school site, and parks. The City Council approved the revised project on April 5. Also on April 5, the City Council approved The Villas at Havenhill, a 324-unit apartment complex on Red Top Road in Cordelia proposed by Discovery Builders. An amendment to the Development Agreement with Shein Properties in Green Valley was considered by the City Council at the April 19 meeting.

The Planning Commission was tentatively scheduled to review The Train Station Specific Plan on April 27. The plan involves the construction of 6,800 housing units, parks,

schools, commercial space, and 300 acres of industrial/office development east of Peabody Road.

Finally, to settle a lawsuit between the landowner and neighboring residents, the City Council rescinded previous approvals for development around Stonedene in Cordelia.

Community Development staff are involved in several long-term projects including regional planning programs related to climate change and working with the other cities in the county to address the upcoming regional housing allocation. Finally, plans continue for improvements to the West Texas Street gateway, including planning for an expanded transportation center.



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611-K Orange Drive
Vacaville, CA 95687
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MEMBER REINVESTMENTS

March 2011

- 5-Star Car Wash & Detail Center
- ADValue CPA Services
- American Legion, The
- B & L Properties
- Children's Nurturing Project
- Councilman Chuck Timm
- Crocker Lockers
- Fairfield Tire Center, Inc.
- Farmers Insurance & Financial Services
- Lincoln Financial Advisors
- Mac Manigal
- NorthBay Healthcare
- Northern Solano County Association of Realtors
- Pace Solano
- Payroll Etc.
- Richard Joyce, O.D.
- Salvation Army Suisun City Corp., The
- Sheilah Tucker-Gateway Realty
- Solano County Library Foundation
- Solano First Federal Credit Union
- Solano Garbage Company
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MEMBERSHIP ANNIVERSARIES

May 2011

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Nelson Staffing	Since 1993	18
Huber, Ben	Since 1995	16
Salvation Army Suisun City Corp.	Since 2001	10
ALTAIR Pharmacy & Health Services	Since 2001	10
Lessler Group, The	Since 2001	10
State Farm Insurance-Ken Stewart	Since 2001	10
Hilton Garden Inn-Fairfield	Since 2002	9
Kiwanis Club of Fairfield	Since 2002	9
Ledgewood Creek Winery	Since 2002	9
Wood, Charles B., CPA	Since 2005	6

Michael F. Cavanagh, CPA, Managing Director of Cavanagh Connor & Company, CPA's APC serving Solano County since 1980, is pleased to announce the admission of **Lisa B. Ringelman, CPA** as a shareholder and director. The new firm will practice under the name **Cavanagh Ringelman CPA's PC**.



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professionals with an opportunity to show the world that life after a cancer diagnosis is a reality, according to the American Cancer Society. At the event, cancer survivors are honored for their strength and courage, and the contributions of their families, friends and healthcare providers is also recognized.

Several activities are planned for the afternoon-long event, according to Charlene Thompson, Cancer Data Coordinator for the NorthBay Cancer Center. There will be a keynote speaker, as well as plenty of information about the latest in cancer treatments from the experts at the NorthBay Cancer Center as well as the American Cancer Society. Cancer survivors will also speak during the "Speaking from the Heart" portion of program.

Entertainment will be provided by The Honeybee Trio, the teen vocalists from Vacaville known for their ability to replicate such popular Swing and WWII-era song tunes as "It Don't Mean a Thing," "Blue Moon," and "Straighten Up and Fly Right."

The free event also includes food, beverages, and a raffle.

To attend, cancer survivors should call the American Cancer Society, Solano Unit before May 27 at 425-5006, and choose option #3 to pre-register themselves and their loved ones.

Bob Dorsett is Gateway Realty's Top Listing Agent for February

Today, Gateway Realty announced February's Top Listing Agent, Bob Dorsett. Bob earned the award by listing more properties than any other Gateway Realty agent during the month. Bob is based out of the compa-

ny's Green Valley office in Fairfield.

Bob is a career Gateway Realty agent and has been with the company for more than 35 years. As a longtime Solano County resident, Bob holds valuable knowledge of the market and the communities. He specializes in working with military families and working with short sale and REO properties.

Bob can be reached at bdorsett@bdorsett.com or 479-5111.

Bonnie Falk named Top Sales and Listing Agent at Gateway Realty

Gateway Realty recently announced Bonnie Falk as the company's Top Listing and Sales Agent for the month of February. Bonnie is a career Gateway Realty agent and has been with the company for more than 25 years. She has won numerous company awards, including the prestigious Agent of the Year Award.

Bonnie is an expert in Solano, Sacramento and Yolo counties and specializes in fore-

closures and short sales, as well as helping first-time homebuyers, working with vacant land and country property and 1031 exchanges.

Bonnie is a member of the company's Executive Council and also served on the Northern Solano County Board of Directors from 1998-2002. She is based out of the company's office at 2420 Martin Road in Fairfield and can be reached at 421-5415 or through her website at: www.solanohome market.com.

Gateway Realty announces the Rusty Simmons Team as Top Listing and Sales Team for February

Today, Gateway Realty announced the Rusty Simmons Team at Gateway Realty as Top Team, taking the most listings and closing the most homes during the month of February. This win comes on the heels of winning Gateway's prestigious honor of Team of the Year for 2010 and Top Team for January.

The Simmons Team is based out of the Vacaville office at 750 Mason Street. The team consists of Rusty Simmons, his wife Gina Rosa and several other dedicated team members.

The Simmons Team specializes in residential sales and purchases throughout Solano and surrounding counties. Together, Rusty and Gina Rosa bring more than 33 years of combined experience to Gateway Realty in real estate sales and investments. To reach the Simmons Team, call 449-HOME (4663) or email Homes@GatewayRealty.com.

Travis Credit Union celebrates 60 years of shaping the American dream

As Travis Credit Union begins its 60th year of service this fall, they proudly acknowledge every one of their 180,000-plus member-owners who have helped them reach this milestone.

Travis Credit Union is a non-profit financial cooperative financial institution that offers a multitude of financial services

to those who live or work in Solano, Yolo, Sacramento, Placer, San Joaquin, Stanislaus, Napa, Contra Costa, Alameda, Sonoma, Colusa and Merced Counties.

In the autumn of 1951, Travis Air Force Base Federal Credit Union opened its doors in a makeshift base office and began serving the financial needs of military and civilian personnel at the base. Throughout the next 60 years, under the careful stewardship of generations of board directors, Travis Credit Union experienced strong growth in assets and membership. Today, with \$1.8 billion in assets, they're the 13th largest credit union in California and among the top 100 in the country.

Equally important, the credit union is a strong community partner in the cities and neighborhoods that we serve, and are regularly recognized for service, community leadership, and for other things we do that make us people helping people.

During the first five years of the credit union's history, much of the work focused on organization and membership growth. In December 1951, the

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credit union had 68 members and \$2,105 in deposits. In 1965, membership was again expanded to include all other civilian employees and military personnel assigned to TAFB's region of the Air Force. In 1974, the credit union changed its name to Travis Federal Credit Union.

Over this past decade, Travis Credit Union has continued to expand into communities in its 12-county region. On May 2, they will open new locations in Antioch, Benicia and Richmond. These former Metro 1 Credit Union branches will become Travis Credit Union offices when our merger is completed on April 30.

Please stop by and visit with staff at their new locations.

Terrace Center Branch:
2721 Lone Tree Way, Antioch.

Benicia Branch: 836-C
Southampton Road.

Richmond Branch: 3300-A
Klose Way.

Travis Credit Union receives Seven Seals Award from ESGR

At a brief ceremony at the Travis Regional Armed Forces Committee luncheon on Monday, March 21, Travis Credit Union was presented the Seven Seals Award by the California Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR).

The prestigious award, named for the heraldry seals of the seven military services, recognizes efforts by citizens, businesses or organizations whose actions have helped reservists in all branches.

"The award was presented to the credit union for meritorious leadership and initiative in support of the men and women, who serve America in the Na-

tional Guard and Reserve, stated Andrew C. Wiktorowicz, California State Chair, ESGR. "These brave men and women perform critical roles and continue to serve around the world to ensure our freedom. All of this would not be possible without the support from employers like Travis Credit Union."

Patsy Van Ouwerkerk signed a Statement of Support for the National Guard and Reserve prior to the award presentation.

"Supporting those that serve and defend our freedom is part of our corporate culture," said Patsy Van Ouwerkerk, president and CEO of Travis Credit Union. "Now, more than ever, active support for employees who voluntarily participate in our military and their community-based defense force is vital to the nation."

Travis Unified School District observes Month of the Military Child

April 2011 is the Month of the Military Child. This special celebration is a legacy of former Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger and was established to underscore the important role children play in the Armed Forces community.

Military children are our nation's children. Care of military children sustains our fighting force and strengthens the health, security and safety of our nation's families and communities. It is important to emphasize and recognize the role that military children play while a parent or important adult is serving. The Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission is committed to resolving the educational transitional is-

ssues that are faced by these children and their families.

Military families move between postings on a regular basis, and while reassignments can often be a boon for career personnel, they can be difficult for the children of military families. The average military student faces transition challenges more than twice during high school and most military children will attend six to nine different school systems in their lives from kindergarten to 12th grade. The Compact therefore seeks to make transition easier for the children of military families so that they are afforded the same opportunities for educational success as other children and are not penalized or delayed in achieving their educational goals.

As part of the Compact, the Interstate Commission on Edu-

cational Opportunities for Military Children was established (also referred to as the Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission or MIC3). Thirty-six states have adopted the Compact and placed it in statute. The Department of Defense continues to work with the Commission, Council of State Governments, national organizations, and state leaders to bring the remaining states on board. Member states are forming their State Councils and inform school districts of the terms of the Compact.

Please take time this month to recognize the service of our military servicemen and women, their families and their children.

For more information on the Interstate Compact or the Commission, please visit the MIC3 website at www.mic3.net.

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Chairman Barry Young of Solano Athletic Clubs, Jeanie N of Ford, T. Burt McNaughton of the Daily Republic, retired Gen. Dale Baulmer.

Don't miss the fun on the course along with the networking teas and lunch and dinner. This year we will give trophies to first, second and third place winners in mens, womens, and mixed teams. Other prizes and silent auction items will be available for players to make their bids.

We look forward to seeing you there! Call the Chamber if you are interested in playing or being a part of the fun event.

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