

COMMUNITY

Graziano's To Hold Fundraiser For Breast Cancer Research

Graziano's Ristorante in downtown Petaluma will donate the profits from all beer and wine sales on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday -- October 20th, 21st, and 22nd -- to breast cancer research. Graziano's is located at 170 Petaluma Boulevard North. For more information, call 707.762.5997.



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Whiskerino Contest Honors Bill Soberanes

There's still time to grow prize-winning whiskers for the annual Bill Soberanes Memorial Whiskerino Contest. The original event, initiated 30 years ago by the beloved columnist and promoter of the World Wrist Wrestling Championships in Petaluma, was held at Petaluma Adobe State Park. Since Soberanes' death in 2003, the contest has been held at the bandstand in Walnut Park.

This year, entertainer and impersonator Chris Linnell will host the contest at 3 PM on Saturday, October 22nd. Entrants can choose from six categories: full beard, goatee only, mustache and goatee, mustache only, sideburns, and "peach fuzz". Those who wish to pre-register can do so at Petaluma Net, 707.762.6593, but walk-ons are welcome on the day of the event.

SSU Presents War And Peace Lecture Series

Sonoma State University will offer its annual War and Peace Lecture Series Tuesdays through December 6th at 4 PM in Warren Auditorium on the Rohnert Park campus.

Among the highlights of the series will be a panel discussion on October 4th entitled "The Armament Industry", featuring SSU's Dr. Peter Phillips, director of Project Censored and Professor of Sociology, and SSU Economics professor Robert Eyler.

On October 11th, "The Day After Trinity", a film about the beginning of the

Atomic Age, will be shown.

On November 1st, UC Berkeley's Michael Nagler will lecture on "Planning a Non-Violent Future". This lecture fuses ideas Nagler has presented in his pro-peace books with lessons from UC Berkeley's Peace and Conflict Studies program.

On December 6th, Jason Marks from UC Berkeley's Union of Concerned Scientists will discuss "Making Peace in a Post 9/11 World".

There is no charge for admission to this lecture series. For more information, call 707.664.2543 or e-mail luttmann@sonoma.edu.

Business Women Raising Funds For Local Women's Charities

Connections: A Forum for Women in Business is holding a special fashion show on Tuesday, October 11th, at Russell Ramsey's ChopHouse to raise funds for Circle of Sisters and for Santa Rosa's Emergency Women's Shelter.

The fashion show starts at 7 PM and will feature The Barbara Friday Collection. Fashions will be for sale, however, beginning at 5:30 PM. Celebrity Servers will be on hand to amuse and entertain the diners. A range of goods and local services will be raffled at 8 PM. Twenty percent of the proceeds from the dinner will be donated to the charities.

Circle of Sisters is an after-school program that meets two days each week throughout the school year. Group facilitators work with girls to address issues such as self-esteem, peer pressure, friendship, physical development, nutrition, gangs, violence, conflict resolution, and drug and alcohol awareness.

Since 1987, Community Action Partnership of

Sonoma County has operated the 15-bed Emergency Women's Shelter for homeless women and their children. The goal of the shelter is to help the women learn basic life skills, get a place to live, and find a job.

Reservations for the benefit fashion show are suggested and can be made by calling Russell Ramsey's ChopHouse at 707.571.1800.

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