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Garlic Meets Restaurant Row

Roya's Garlic Garden, 3576 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Lafayette

283-3007, www.royasgarlicgardendining.com

Roya's Garlic Garden opened a few weeks ago. Roya Azdanlou and her husband, Hamid, started their first gourmet restaurant in Sweden. While attending culinary school in Europe she learned to make everything from scratch, with dedication and care. "We were famous for our home cooked dishes," says Hamid. After many years of cooking different kinds of European dishes, Roya decided to continue with French cuisine. But after traveling the world and experiencing a variety of foods from all over the globe, she was inspired to create a menu that includes a diverse selection of tastes; something for everyone. They are now open for dinner from 4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., featuring European cuisine, with happy hour from 4:00 to 6:00 offering wine or beer with garlic bread and olives for \$5. They are planning to open for lunch beginning in February. "I chose Lafayette because the people are extremely nice and open there," said Roya, "It is a green and lovely city."

Free Conference on Cloud Computing

On Friday, February 19th, at 9 a.m., Darren Starr, CEO of StarrForce, a Lafayette-based technology consulting firm, will give a presentation to interested business owners on how to use information technology to better run their businesses while reducing information technology and computer costs. Cloud computing offers business owners the opportunity to access the computing services they need over the internet rather than having to setup computer systems in their offices. This presentation will review what cloud computing is, discuss examples including free solutions, why cloud computing is important for all businesses to know about, why it is safe and secure, and what the immediate benefits would be to businesses utilizing it. The conference will be held in the Lafayette Chamber of Commerce Conference Room.

Andi Brown Joins Coldwell Banker

Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage announced today that Andi Brown has joined the company as a broker associate in its Orinda office. Prior to joining Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage, Brown worked at the Mark Company for five years as a sales associate. Her sales experience includes the St. Regis Residences in San Francisco and Mercer in downtown Walnut Creek. Brown earned her bachelor's degrees in both political science and communications from UCLA.

Mt Diablo Business Women Presents Charlotte Wood

On February 11th the association has invited Ms. Wood to present "Show Up in Your Business with Focus, Presence and Authority." Wood is the author of "Let Her Out!: Getting Back the Lost Pieces of YOU." Pre-registration by February 8 is a must. Please contact www.mtdiablobusinesswomen.org. Members \$37.00 Guests \$47.00

News from the

Three Chambers of Commerce

Lafayette

January 29: Business Issues / Governmental Affairs

Meeting at 8:00 a.m. in the Chamber Conference Room.

February Mixer on Wednesday, February 10th at Town Hall Theatre, 3535 School St. starting at 5:30 pm.

Moraga

Chamber Meeting on Friday, January 29th starting at 7:30 a.m. at the Hacienda de las Flores. The January meeting will consist of a group discussion of goals for 2010 for the Moraga Chamber and the Moraga business community.

Orinda

Wednesday, February 10th, Chamber Mayor's

Luncheon at 12:00 noon, Orinda Community Center, 28 Orinda Way. Reservations on line on the Chamber's web site, www.OrindaChamber.org, \$15 per person.

Mark your calendar for a new event in Orinda. On

Friday, March 5th: "Live at the Orinda," the

Chamber presents a champagne-splashed evening of live professional comedy in conjunction with Tommy T's Comedy House of Pleasanton, and the Lamorinda

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