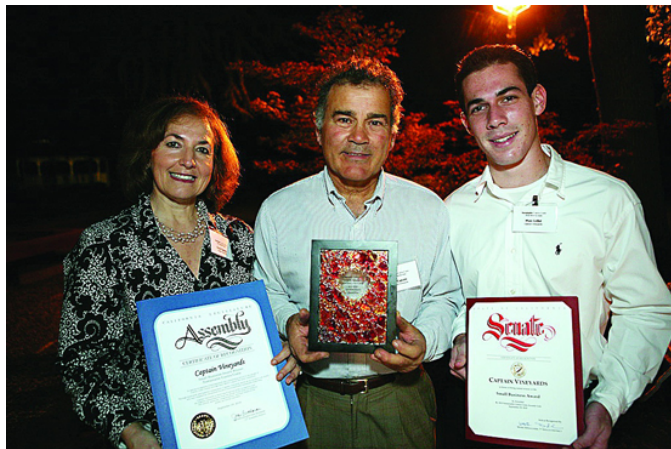


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(From left): Susan Captain, Sal Captain and Matt LeBel receive Contra Costa Sustainability Award  
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#### Winery Receives Sustainability Award

Captain Vineyards of Moraga has received a Sustainability Award from the non-profit Sustainable Contra Costa; the award "honor[s] businesses, government programs, community groups, non-profits, and individuals who have demonstrated an outstanding commitment to sustainable practices," according to the organization's website. Captain Vineyards was selected from a group of ten business nominees, and received formal recognition from the California Senate and Assembly for its efforts in utilizing green and sustainable practices in its operation. "We feel a responsibility to produce the highest quality wines, and respect our neighbors and environment," says co-owner Susan Captain, whose business also recently became the first and only certified green winery in Contra Costa County and received the Water Smart Business award given by EBMUD (recognizing the vineyard's dry-farming efforts.) "We are doing what we believe in, namely conserving our precious resources, and we're fortunate enough to be recognized for those efforts," says co-owner Sal Captain. For more information go to [www.captainvineyards.com](http://www.captainvineyards.com).

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Margaret Grover-Roos, founder and director of the local non-profit organization Viva el Espanol!, has been named 2010 Entrepreneur of the Year for Lafayette/Orinda by bay area non-profit Women's Initiative for Self-Employment. The organization recognizes female business owners who have been successful despite the barriers that exist for women, exemplify how business ownership and leadership is beneficial for women, have a positive impact on the local community, and advance their business through innovation. A total of 587 women were nominated throughout the Bay Area and nearly 50 women were honored with the award. The Lafayette school offers classes in Spanish language and culture for ages 1-adult.

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Fastframe of Lafayette, a mainstay in downtown Lafayette for 19 years, recently joined the many small businesses who call Brown Avenue home. Fastframe opened in 1991 on Moraga Road, moved to the Clocktower Building in 1997, and was purchased in 1999 by original employee Anthony Ruiz. "Management of the Clocktower opted not to renew our lease, which turned out to be a blessing in disguise," says Ruiz, "We found a wonderful new location on Brown Avenue, across the street from The Forge Building and Artisan Bistro. We have our own parking lot and are easily accessible from Mt. Diablo Blvd. and Deer Hill Road." Ruiz, an art lover, hopes to plan exhibitions with local artists in his new location.

#### Hudson & Axelrod Orthodontics

recently held their annual client event faire in their parking lot at 1016 Country Club Drive. The event was a huge success, attracting elementary school children as well as teenagers. The partners offered fun activities for all of their young clients, with jumpies of all shapes for the youngest ones, a climbing wall and huge elasto-trampolines for the older ones. The annual event is a way for Drs. Doug J. Hudson, Mark G. Axelrod and Eric L. Axelrod to thank the community for their continuing support. More information at [www.hudsonandaxelrodeortho.com](http://www.hudsonandaxelrodeortho.com).

#### News from the three Chambers of Commerce Lafayette

- October 15, Big Band Dance at the Veterans Memorial Building, 3780 Mt. Diablo from 7:30 to 10:00 p.m. Tickets are available at Lafayette Chamber Office, cost is \$10.00. For more information call 284-7404.
- October 16, ribbon cutting at the re-grand opening and customer appreciation day at the Wells Fargo branch at 3525 Mt. Diablo Blvd from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- October 20, Optimizing LinkedIn for Local Business Networking Workshop from 8:00 to 9:00 a.m. at the Lafayette Library & Learning Center. Presented by Robin Fox, Social Media & Inbound Marketing Coach. Reservations recommended by email at [workshops@lafayettechamber.org](mailto:workshops@lafayettechamber.org) or call 284-7404.
- October 20, open Green Committee Meeting at noon in the Chamber Conference Room.
- October 21, Entrepreneur's Club at 8:30am in the Chamber Conference Room.
- October 21, ribbon cutting ceremony for Fastframe of Lafayette's new location, 1020 Brown Avenue, starting at 5:00pm.
- October 22, Business Issues-Governmental Affairs Meeting at 8:00 a.m. in the Chamber Conference Room.

- October 31, 18th Annual Lafayette Reservoir Run. Registration online available on the Chamber web site at [lafayettechamber.org/events/reservoir-run/](http://lafayettechamber.org/events/reservoir-run/).

Moraga

October 19, evening program, "The Pulse of the Moraga Business Climate" from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Soda Center, Saint Mary's College. Abundant appetizers and wine included. No charge to participants. Sponsored by Mechanics Bank. (See article page A )

Orinda

October 21, City Time Capsule Ceremony & Community/Council Reception at City Hall, from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. This community event is part commemoration of the City of Orinda 25th Anniversary.



Hudson & Axelrode Orthodontics hold their annual client event fair in Moraga Photo Sophie Braccini

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