



The OUTLOOK

News for the Residents of The Dominion

Fiesta San Antonio Celebrates City's Diverse History, Heritage, and Culture

The citizens of San Antonio will celebrate their city's diverse history, heritage and culture for 11 days starting April 16, 2009—the 118th anniversary of Fiesta® San Antonio.

Fiesta® San Antonio takes place every April to honor the memory of the heroes of the Alamo and the Battle of San Jacinto. More than three million people take part in Fiesta. They can choose from 108 events that contain something to please every age range, pocketbook and taste.

Some 100 local nonprofit groups, members of the Fiesta San Antonio Commission, stage most of the events, with the help of some 75,000 volunteers. Local military organizations also take part, producing their own activities and supporting many others.

It's a really big party, with an economic impact of \$284 million for the city of San Antonio.

Fiesta events include three major parades—two along Broadway and past the Alamo, and one on the San Antonio River, where the floats really do float.

San Antonians and visitors can attend fancy balls, a queen's coronation, a satirical review or a carnival. They can choose from Louisiana's cuisine at Taste of New Orleans, all kinds of oysters at the St. Mary's Oyster Bake or the multicultural offerings of Night in Old San Antonio.

Musical options range from Tejano to jazz to Mariachi to rock 'n' roll to Big Band.

History buffs can remember the Alamo at the Pilgrimage to the Alamo or The Alamo: These Sacred Walls. Want athletics? Look for races, soccer, rugby, lacrosse and more.

Each year new events add their spice to Fiesta. The 2009 celebration will have three new or returning activities and a big change to the official Fiesta opening:

* Fiesta Fiesta, April 16 in front of the Alamo. The Fiesta San

Antonio Commission, the nonprofit that coordinates all things Fiesta, marks its 50th birthday in 2009. To celebrate, it's moving the official start of the festival from Friday morning to Thursday evening. Look for live music on three stages, booths with food, beverages and Fiesta merchandise, and a spectacular fireworks finale.

- * Tee Off to Fiesta, Golf with Royalty, sponsored by El Consejo de Reyes Feos Anteriores, April 13 (the Monday before Fiesta's official start), Silver Horn Golf Course, 1100 Bitters Rd.. This golf tournament will pit Fiesta kings and queens against all comers. It will raise funds for scholarships.
- * Fiesta Pops (returning event), sponsored by the San Antonio Symphony, April 17-19 at the Majestic Theatre.
- * Chips 'n' Salsa, sponsored by San Antonio Youth Centers, April 18 at El Tropicano Hotel, 110 Lexington Ave. The event is a casino night and Salsa dance that includes live Salsa music and Salsa dance lessons and features the coronation of the Chips King and Salsa Queen.
- * Concert by the San Antonio Municipal Band, April 26 at San Antonio College's McAllister Auditorium, 1300 San Pedro Ave.
- * This Hallowed Ground, sponsored by Alamo Chapter of the Sons of the Republic of Texas, returns to the Alamo April 18. Guides will lead a walking tour of the original perimeter walls of the Alamo.

Overseeing this massive effort is a single nonprofit organization—the Fiesta® San Antonio Commission.

The commission is governed by an all-volunteer board of community leaders and representatives from its 100 local nonprofit participating member organizations. This dedicated group works year 'round coordinating the thousands of details

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and day-to-day tasks essential to plan this huge citywide event.

The commission also serves as a liaison between those nonprofit members, local military activities and the City of San Antonio. City services are essential to the conduct of Fiesta.

The Fiesta Commission returns more than \$1 million to the community each year:

- It gives allocations to Fiesta events that are not financially self-supporting.
- It provides bleachers for seating sales to the Battle of Flowers® and Fiesta Flambeau® Parade associations.
- It licenses more than 100 small nonprofit groups (church groups, youth groups, civic organizations) to sell street chairs along the parade route.

The commission receives no government funding. Its income comes from corporate partnerships, sales in The Fiesta Store®, membership dues and proceeds from the Fiesta Carnival.

The Fiesta San Antonio Commission is a nonprofit organization that plans, coordinates and preserves Fiesta San Antonio through the support of its participating member organizations. Visit its website at www.fiesta-sa.org.

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The Annual Homeowners' Meeting is Monday, April 20th at 7:30 PM at the Leon Spring Elementary School like years in the past.

Vote for the three openings for BOD of candidates running by proxy vote or vote at the meeting.

Street repairs are in the works. Pavement will be replaced on Dominion drive by the North Gate and the Main Gate and also along Brenthurst Lane.

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Submitted by Ted Resnick

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Guadalupe Home Wine Tasting Fundraiser Public Service Announcement

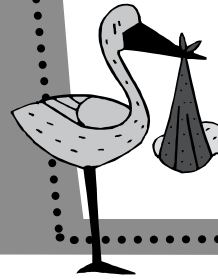
Submitted by Swann Van Delden

Guadalupe Home is a non-profit transitional shelter for homeless expectant mothers and homeless mothers with a child under one year of age. They can enter the home as soon as they learn they are pregnant and can stay until their infant is one year old. Guadalupe Home provides supportive services to help women develop parenting skills, secure housing and reach their employment and educational goals. Currently, the Home can house 9 mothers and 9 infants.

To help raise funds for Guadalupe Home, they are hosting a Wine Tasting Fundraiser on Thursday, May 14, from 5:30-8:30 p.m. at the San Antonio Women's Club located at 1717 San Pedro Avenue and West French Place. Tickets can be purchased for \$25 and raffle tickets for a week's stay in Santa Fe are also being sold (\$5 each or 3 for \$10). Please contact Guadalupe Home at 210-476-0707 or ghome@ccaosa.org for further information as well as event and raffle tickets.



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I realize that the state of the economy and the downward trend in the stock market has a lot of people running scared. It is painful to look at one's retirement investments and see the beating they have taken over the last eighteen months. Keep in mind that most of this down turn in your investments had nothing to do with your portfolio or the advisor that was handling your account. I firmly believe one cannot make money timing the market nor switching investment advisors continuously.

I got a call from a client recently telling me that she was going to move her account. When I asked her why, she said that it had nothing to do with me. They are Lutherans and had been contacted by an organization connected to Lutherans and had been talked into moving their investment accounts. When I asked what experience and training this person had, they could not answer. I believe that everything is watched over by God, but He expects us to use good common sense when we make decisions. Here is another example of what I talked about in a previous article. Most times people choose someone to help them with their financial future for the wrong reasons and many times the person is not qualified.

Let me say up front that I am a Christian, and I try to conduct

myself in a manner pleasing to God, but I have major concerns about religious organizations preying on their members. Another good example is a popular radio talk show host that speaks about how to handle money. This radio show host got popular by holding financial planning seminars at churches and he still uses these seminars to increase his popularity. I wonder if the churches chose him to give the seminars because of his financial expertise (he boasts that he is an expert in finance because he went bankrupt), or because his seminars increased the church's tithing percentage for months after his visit. I also wonder what the people who went to his website or called for help would think if they knew he sold their names to accountants, insurance agents, and investment advisors.

After 35 years of helping people with their financial needs and dreams, I sometimes get discouraged. I believe that ethics should be at the center of everything that one does and results with good service should foster loyalty. But who am I? Just a financial advisor who will not take advantage of his fellow church members and I do not have a radio program. **Securities Offered through Dominion Investor Services, Inc. Member FINRA - SIPC**

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