



UASA & SAAM

United Against Sexual Assault of Sonoma County

honors

Sexual Assault Awareness Month

SAAM – offers us a special time to focus attention on the realities of sexual violence, and those it impacts, time to honor the strength of survivors.

DECIDE TO END SEXUAL VIOLENCE

Join UASA at these special APRIL 2008 events:

April 17 **Victim's Rights Week**; Candlelight Vigil – Walnut Park, Petaluma

April 23 **DENIM DAY**

April 23 **UASA Benefit Film Night** at the Rialto, 7-9 pm, Showing *The Color Purple*.

April 24 **Take Back The Night** – Sonoma State University

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EVENTS:

April 2008 - Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM) - Join United Against Sexual Assault of Sonoma County for events to raise awareness and eliminate all forms of violence, with a special focus on sexual assault and abuse. UASA facilitates healing and promotes the prevention of violence by providing counseling, advocacy, intervention, and education in our communities. 835 Piner Road, Suite D, Santa Rosa ~ 24/7 Crisis Line 707-545-7273 ~ Office 707-545-7270 ~ www.uasasonoma.org

April 13 to 19 - National Crime Victims' Rights Week

April 17 - Candlelight Vigil – Walnut Park, Petaluma

April 23 - Denim Day & Benefit Film - *The Color Purple* at the Rialto, 7-9 pm

April 24 - Take Back the Night – Sonoma State University

April 17 - Last chance to eat wheat before Passover! Italian-style dinner, slideshow, and raffle.. Sponsored by Sonoma County United Synagogue Youth. Adults \$10, Youth \$5. 6:30-8:30 at Congregation Beth Ami, 4676 Mayette Avenue, Santa Rosa ~ 707-360-3000 ~ scusynf.com

April 17, 23 - Electronic Transformation of West County Health Centers - Informative and thought provoking. 5:00 pm. More info, contact Jennifer Neeley, 707-869-5977 x313 ~ www.wchealth.org

April 17 - "Bocce Ballroom," Union Hotel, 3731 Main Street, Occidental

April 23 - Maggie Boynton Room, Guerneville Library, 14107 Armstrong Woods Rd, Guerneville

April 19 - Bike Rodeo – Ride on over for this family event featuring a bicycle safety clinic for children, bike safety inspections and education, and bike safety skills course. Noon to 2:00pm at Ragle Ranch Regional Park, 500 Ragle Road, Sebastopol ~ 707 565-2041 ~ www.sonoma-county.org/parks

April 19 - Honky Tonk Homicide Mystery Dinner - Dress in your finest Honky Tonk Glitz and help the sheriff find the culprit. Hors D'oevres, dinner, honky tonk music, prizes! \$25/person, \$45/couple. Proceeds to benefit the Guerneville Community Church Roof Fund. 6:30 pm at Guerneville Community Church, Birkhofer Hall, 14520 Armstrong Woods Road, Guerneville

April 20 - Earth Day Celebration - Refreshments, entertainment, exhibits and the Earth Walk. Sebastopol's Mayor, Craig Litwin, will read the Earth Day proclamation. Special guest, State Senator Pat Wiggins & other invited guests. Free. 1-5pm, rain or shine, at Gold Ridge: Luther Burbank Experiment Farm, 7781 Bodega Ave, Sebastopol ~ Lela Smith, 829-8971 or James Prior, 824-0133 ~ www.Earthelders.org

April 20 - Eat, Drink and Be Green! - Keynote speaker National Geographic Chairman Gil Grosvenor, Iron Horse Chef Christopher Greenwald, "Green Market," solar powered reggae band, raffle. \$50 General / \$250 All Access pass. 1-4pm at Iron Horse Vineyards 9786 Ross Station Road, Sebastopol ~ Joy Sterling, 707 887 1507 ~ www.ironhorsevineyards.com

April 20 - Passover Seder - with Rabbi Bar-David. Chicken, brisket or vegetarian meal. Adults \$45, Youth \$25. 6:00 pm at Friedman Center, 4676 Mayette Avenue, Santa Rosa ~ 707-360-3000

April 21 - Passover Seder - potluck feast and celebration of freedom, spring and Jewish traditions. Music by Jubilee Klezmer Ensemble and the River Choir. Members \$12, non-members \$18, children half-price. Gather at 4:30, ceremony at 5:30, at Monte Rio Community Center (Koret Club), Monte Rio (corner of Bohemian Hwy and #116). Reservations, food assignments and jobs, 707 632-5545 ~ www.rrjc.org

April 21 - 5th District Supervisors Forum - Candidates will address important issues concerning Graton & West Sonoma County; time for questions at the end. Sponsored

by the Sonoma County League of Women Voters & Graton Projects Committee. 7:00 pm at the Graton Community Clubhouse, Corner of Edison & Graton Road ~ 707-829-3716 ~ lwwsonoma.org

April 22, 23 - Marine Life Protection Act - Blue Ribbon Task Force Meeting - Proposed underwater state parks and wilderness sites along the North Central coast, from Half Moon Bay to Point Arena, will help protect diverse habitats and let fish and marine wildlife thrive. NOW is the time to speak up for Coastal Protection! Embassy Suites Hotel, 101 McInnis Parkway, San Rafael ~ www.russianriverkeeper.org

Public Forums for Sonoma County 5th District Supervisor - Get acquainted with the candidates. They will answer an array of pre-prepared questions with equal time limits, and field questions from the audience. www.microbulletinboard.com/forum.htm

April 25 - Jenner - 7-9pm, at the Jenner Community Center, 10432 Highway One, behind SeaStore gas station. Limited parking, look for signs.

May 9 - Sebastopol - location TBA

May 23 - Guerneville - location TBA

April 26 - Castles & Kites Festival – Do-it-yourself and watch the experts! Castle building, kite repair workshop, stunt kite demonstrations. Free to attend, parking \$5. 11am to 4pm at Doran Regional Park, 201 Doran Beach Road, Bodega Bay ~ 707-565-2041 ~ www.sonoma-county.org/parks

April 26 & 27 - Apple Blossom Festival & Parade – Start the celebration with the Main Street Parade at 10am on Saturday. Then, explore the Home & Garden Lifestyles features, and Quilt Show at Ives Park and the Sebastopol Veterans Memorial Building, 282 High Street, Sebastopol ~ Sebastopol Area Chamber of Commerce 1-877-828-4748 ~ www.sebastopol.org

April 27 - Baby Blues - Jerry Scott and Rick Kirkman, creators of the popular comic strip, will speak and be available to sell and sign their new book. Pregnant women get in FREE! 1:00 pm at the Charles M. Schulz Museum & Research Center, 2301 Hardies Lane, Santa Rosa ~ 707-579-4452 ~ www.SchulzMuseum.org

April 28 - Critiquing Life In An Evolving Digital World - Stephan Vladimir Bugaj of Pixar, will discuss artificial intelligence used to augment human intellect, and the ethical and metaphysical issues. Free. 4:30-5:00 pm, talk from 5-6 pm at Sonoma State University Art Gallery, 1801 East Cotati Ave, Rohnert Park 707-664-2277 ~ www.sonoma.edu/artgallery

May 1 - Workers' Day March & Rally Commemorate International Workers' Day for Immigrant Rights, Solidarity with All Workers. Calling for the stopping of immigration raids, and the campaign for a County of Refuge in Sonoma County. 12:00 noon at the former Albertson's lot, 665 Sebastopol Road, Roseland district ~ 805.544.9663 ~ www.hopedance.org

May 2 - Sustainable Enterprise Conference - Join over 300 business leaders for this one-day conference focused on innovative and sustainable business opportunities and practices for the North Bay enterprise.

Expert speakers, workshops, exhibits, networking. 8:00 am - 5:30 pm at Sonoma Mountain Village, 1212 Valley House Dr, Rohnert Park ~ 888.497.3222 ~ www.sustainableenterpriseconference.com

May 2, 3 - Herdeljezi Festival - This traditional Romani holiday celebrates the end of the cold indoor season and the renewal of outdoor life. Music and dancing, art and handicrafts! Food/drink available. 707-823-7941 ~ www.voiceofroma.com

May 2 - 7:00-11:30 pm, \$10, at Sebastopol Veterans Building, 282 High Street, Sebastopol

May 3 - 1:00-8:00 pm, \$12, at Ives Park, Downtown Sebastopol and 9:00 pm to 1:00 am, \$15 at French Garden Restaurant, 8050 Bodega Avenue, Sebastopol

May 2-4 - Volkssport Walks – Walking, the "Sport of the People," is a safe exercise that works on your body from head to toe and is the perfect way to slow down. Register at the Flamingo Hotel for one (or all!) of four walks. Each offers a 5K (3.1 miles) and a 10K (6.2 miles) route, but walk at your own pace and distance. Rain or shine! The Sonoma County Stompers ~ Marilyn Nasi, President, 539-8083 ~ www.ava.org

May 4 - Holocaust Commemoration – Dor L'Dor, "Pass the Flame of Memory to the Next Generation," with Survivors, a candle lighting ceremony, essay contest winners, music. 2:00 pm at The Friedman Center, 4676 Mayette Avenue, Santa Rosa ~ 707-528-4222 ~ www.jccsoco.org

May 4 - Walk MS - Join the movement to create a world free of MS! Come early for registration, breakfast and entertainment. 9:00 departure, rain or shine, from Druid Hall, 1011 College Avenue, Santa Rosa ~ walkcan.nationalmssociety.org

May 4 - Day Under the Oaks - Come to the beautiful, park-like Santa Rosa Junior College campus for a free open house and community education fair! 10 to 4 at SRJC, 1501 Mendocino Avenue, Santa Rosa ~ 707-527-4011 ~ www.santarosa.edu

May 13 - LiveStrong Day - Unite with supporters and spread the critical message that cancer must become a national priority. Donate coins at Forestville School and participating Businesses. Kristin Fish, LIVESTRONG Day Event Organizer, 707-887-8656 ~ www.livestrong.org

May 13 - Green Affordable Housing Forum - Come learn about the successes and challenges of achieving affordable housing while maintaining environmental values. Free. Dinner provided. 6pm-8:30pm at the United Church of Christ, 2000 Humboldt St, Santa Rosa ~ 707-571-8868 ~ www.conservationaction.org

May 14 - What does your Supervisor do for you? Come learn about the inner workings of county government in Sonoma County's 5th District. \$25, dinner and speakers included. 6:00 pm at Howard Station Café, 75 Main St, Occidental ~ 707-571-8868 ~ www.conservationaction.org

May 15-18 - Russian River Women's Weekend – 28th annual celebration is here! Get the full line-up of performers and events at www.russianriverwomensweekend.org