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**EVC Economic Forecast
event for sponsors**



On April 29th, the EVC held its first economic forecast event for its supporters at the Tolosa Winery in San Luis Obispo. This private event provided only EVC sponsors with an economic forecast about the national, state and local economies by **Dr. Bill Watkins**, Executive Director of the UCSB Economic Forecast Project. Dr. Watkins will soon be the director of **Cal Lutheran University's Center for Economic Research and Forecasting**. The second speaker was **Ed McNulty**, Partner of **Central Valley Fund** who made a presentation about the state of banking and private capital in small communities.

The presenters provided valuable information about our economy and its outlook to over 120 EVC supporters composed of business leaders and elected officials from throughout San Luis Obispo County. The second half of the evening was for networking and idea-sharing, whereby the attendees had face-time with both speakers.



The staff and Board of Directors of the EVC wish to thank EVC sponsors **Sinsheimer Juhnke Lebens & Mclvor, LLP** and **King Ventures** for co-sponsoring this event.

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SLO County Regional Airport Survey

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Please fill out airport on-line survey today - the airport's future is in your hands!

SLO County Regional Airport Launches On-Line Survey to Determine Demand for Additional Flights

Survey Will Help Determine Where People Are Going, How Often They Fly, and If There's Sufficient Support for Additional Airlines and Destinations

Deadline: May 15, 2009

Add your voice to the discussion about our future commercial air service!
Please use this link to take our business travel survey today!

<http://survey.constantcontact.com/survey/a07e2i9jz07ftrjadws/start>

The survey is open to anyone, and can be reached through the Airport's homepage, at www.sloairport.com. The survey will be open through May 15th. Results of the survey will be available by the middle of June.



Hunger Awareness Day Tuesday, June 5, 2009



The second annual Hunger Awareness Day donation drive was another huge success in 2008. The idea is simple: if everyone in SLO County contributed one dollar on one day to the [Food Bank Coalition](#), we would realize over \$250,000 in revenue-a very large portion of the funding we need to pursue our mission to feed the hungry for an entire year.

This year, Hunger Awareness Day was June 10th. We collected money at live donation sites, over the phone and through the mail, and as the dust finally settled a few weeks later we had added just over \$125,000 to our food budget. Each year brings us a little bit closer to our ultimate goal of "One Day, One Dollar!" Volunteering



at one of the live donation sites on Hunger Awareness Day is exciting.

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Upcoming Events and Seminars

In Order by Date



Starting a New Business Workshop



When

Wednesday, May 20, 2009
 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Where

Creekside Conference Room - 4111 Broad Street, SLO

Cost

Free

Contact

SCORE at (805) 788-2631

- Going into Business Considerations
- Business Plans
- Financial Reports
- Personal Attributes

Followed by a panel discussion with questions and answers.



Webinar

Planning for the Death of a Sole Practitioner



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When

Friday, May 8, 2009
11:00 AM - 12 Noon

Registration

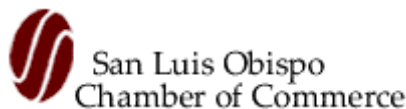
To register for this [free webinar click here](#) or visit www.sjmlaw.com/

Herb Stroh presents a program on Planning for the Death of the Sole Practitioner

Sole practitioner lawyers, physicians, CPAs, and other professionals have at least one thing in common: they own a very unique asset in the form of their solo practice. This program discusses estate planning to preserve the value of that asset and ease problems of administration resulting from the death of the solo professional.



SLO Wild Wild West Mixer Showcase

**When**

Monday, May 11, 2009
5:00 - 8:00 PM

Where

Embassy Suites
333 Madonna Road, SLO

Registration

For more information and registration, [click here](#)
[Download Flyer](#)

Booths spaces are still available. Contact Rickelle Goyt at 786-2774 or rickelle@slochamber.org for more information



Inaugural Paso Robles Festival of the Arts

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When

Saturday, May 23, 2009

9:00 AM - 6:00 PM

This event is free all day and open to the public!

Come to Paso Robles for Memorial Day Weekend and enjoy our fun and entertaining Festival of the Arts. The day celebrates both the arts and the environment with an exhibit of river-themed art honoring the Salinas River Corridor project, as well as the work of over 60 nationally and regionally acclaimed artists on display throughout the downtown City Park.

For more information visit: www.prcity.com/fota



**City of Atascadero
Forecast 2009**



When

Thursday, June 4, 2009

7:30 - 11:00 AM

Where

9315 Pismo Avenue, Atascadero

Cost

\$40 includes breakfast and printed materials

Registration

Tickets may be purchased at the Chamber office or by calling (805) 466-2044

Join the Atascadero Chamber for a lively discussion on issues facing business in Atascadero. Learn from local experts about the changing face of housing, banking, and tourism in the local economy.

EVC hosts Small Business Development Center Counseling appointments in May and June

The EVC is pleased to announce that it will host the UC Merced SBDC Regional Network for a temporary period for business counseling by the Small Business Development Center (SBDC) at the Creekside Center in San Luis Obispo.

"The EVC is pleased to support the business community by bringing the SBDC back to SLO County for a period of time. This follows the closure of the local SBDC office earlier this year. This collaboration comes at a time when many in the business community need help the most, and the EVC is pleased to host this excellent resource", said Michael Manchak, President and CEO of the Economic Vitality Corporation.

Appointments must be made directly with the SBDC Regional Office at (877) 862-7232 or by emailing casbdc@ucmerced.edu.

[Read press release from the UC Merced Small Business Development Center.](#)

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