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promotion continues through Sunday. Each night, 16 of the 18 restaurants in the complex at San Marcos Boulevard and Via Vera Cruz will offer three-course, prix-fixe menus priced from \$10 to \$30 per person. For menus and details, visit oldcalrestaurantrow.com.

Florentine summer supper: Escondido's A Taste of Florence hosts a five-course "summer feast" with wine pairings for each course at 5 p.m. Sunday and on the last Sunday of each month at 340 E. Grand Ave., Escondido. Cost is \$45. Call (760) 745-0691.

"A Day of Wine and Chocolate": Temecula's Texas Lil's and Texas Loosey's presents this 12th annual fundraising tasting event from 3 to 7 p.m. Sunday at Wilson Creek Winery in Temecula. Eleven local wineries and 10 chocolatiers will offer samples along with live music will be provided by Guilty Conscience. There will also be a live and silent auction. Proceeds benefit Hospice of the Valley. Tickets are \$50 in advance and \$75 at the door. Call (951) 678-1456.

Meals-on-Wheels food event: Meals-on-Wheels Greater San Diego presents its 20th annual Dine with the Chefs Fundraising Party at 5 p.m. Sunday at the Sheraton San Diego Hotel & Marina. Nine chefs from San Diego County restaurants, hotels and catering companies will prepare a variety of foods for the event, which includes cocktails, live auction, live music and more. Tickets, priced at \$150, are available at meals-on-wheels.org or by calling

(619) 260-6110, Ext. 4041.

Winery harvest festival, stomp: Mount Palomar Winery in Temecula will host its second annual Harvest Festival & Grape Stomp from 1:30 to 4 p.m. Sunday at 33820 Rancho California Road. Teams of two (a stomper and a mucker) will compete for prizes and there will be wine tastings, lunch, winery tours and live music. Tickets are \$40 or \$75 per couple. Call (951) 676-5047, Ext. 112.

Ponte grape stomp: Temecula's Ponte Family Estate Winery hosts its annual grape crush and harvest featuring a seasonal buffet, music, dancing and grape-stomping competition from 4 to 9 p.m. Sunday at 35053 Rancho California Road. Tickets are \$95 for adults, \$50 for children 4-12. Reserve to (951) 694-8855.

Oceanside Ale Works' Oktoberfest: The Oceanside brewery hosts a fundraiser for the Bonsall Education Foundation featuring beers, hot dogs, souvenir glasses and more from 4 to 7 p.m. Oct. 2 at 3800 Oceanic Drive, Suite 105, in Oceanside. Tickets are \$25. Call (760) 331-3985.

Dream Dinners open house: The San Marcos store invites new customers to learn about the meal preparation business and prepare a free three-serving meal to take home from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at 1641 Grand Ave., Suite 102, in San Marcos. Reserve to (760) 471-0055.

Chef Celebration Dinner Series: Five San Diego County restaurants will take part in the 13th an-

nual Chef Celebration, a dinner series taking place every Tuesday in October, where the five restaurants' chefs will each create a different course at a different location each week. The series opens Wednesday at Terra, 1270 Cleveland Ave., Suite K, in San Diego; moves Oct. 7 to Bernard'O, 12457 Rancho Bernardo Road; moves west to Pamplemousse at 514 Via de la Valle in Solana Beach on Oct. 14; is held at Trattoria Acqua, 1298 Prospect St. in La Jolla on Oct. 21; and concludes Oct. 28 at Thee Bungalow, 4996 W. Point Loma Blvd. in San Diego. The dinners are \$65. For tickets, visit chefcelebration.org.

Charity chef showdown: Center for Community Solutions hosts its fourth annual Chef Showdown 2008 from 6 to 9 p.m. Oct. 2 at the NTC Promenade in Point Loma. The fundraising event (to benefit local domestic violence prevention programs) will offer food tastings from restaurants including Cafe Japengo, Cafe Chloe, Oceanaire, Quarter Kitchen and Rancho Valencia, an "Iron Chef"-style competition co-hosted by Sam "Sam the Cooking Guy" Zien, the Marine Room's Bernard Guillas and Isabel Cruz of Isabel's Cantina. Tickets are \$125. Call (858) 272-5777.

Food events

"Guilty By Association" Dinner:

Five well-known local chefs will team for a tastings menu at Molly's Restaurant at 7 p.m. Thursday. Dinner, preceded by a reception at 6:30 p.m., is \$55 plus \$25 for wine pairing, and includes valet parking. Molly's is at 333 W. Harbor Drive in San Diego. Call (619) 230-8909.

Old California Restaurant

Week: San Marcos' Old California Restaurant Row's 30th anniversary