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Girl Scout Leader Appreciation Day

Submitted by Donna Colombo

Girl Scout Leader Appreciation Day. On April 22, 1982, a flag honoring Girl Scout leaders was flown over the Capitol building in Washington, D.C. So began Leader's Day in Girl Scouting, a very special day that comes during National Volunteers Week. That same flag is now at Edith Macy Conference Center and is flown on April 22 of each year.

Girl Scouts engage in activities such as camping, hiking, creek/water shed clean-up, warm coat collection, packages to service members in Iraq, school supply collection for underprivileged schools, toy collection for the Toys for Tots program, book collection for the Books for the Barrios, planting and gardening projects at various schools and churches, singing at

senior care facilities, canned food collection, cookie sales and numerous other activities.

The reason Lamorinda girls are able to engage in so many activities is due to the commitment of many wonderful parents and adults in our community. Troop leaders dedicate many hours to prepare and facilitate the girls' meetings. To ensure a quality

program volunteers must attend training. Many leaders continue on with their daughter's troop from kindergarten through high school. On April 22nd, please remember to thank your daughter's Girl Scout Leader!

Information for this article was submitted by Donna Colombo.



Lafayette Brownies talkin' trash!



L to R: Brianna Hardy, Lauren Tyburski, Solana Olmer, Jennifer Tao
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Young Women of Great Talent Recognized in Lamorinda

By Sophie Braccini

For 40 years now, the Lamorinda branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) has encouraged young women who are committed to excellence in education and to making a positive impact on their local and global community. One of the programs is the Outstanding Scholarship and Achievement Award, given to four young women every year. For Jan Coe, the President of AAUW and Maryellen Judson of the selection committee, the hard part is choosing only four winners, since the achievements of many Lamorinda girls are quite remarkable. This year's awardees were honored on April 10 in a ceremony at St. Mary's College.

From Acalanes High School, Lauren Tyburski was chosen for her many community service achievements, locally with the Richmond Rescue Shelter and John Muir Hospital and internationally on annual trips

to Tijuana with Young Neighbor in Action. Jennifer Tao from Campolino has been passionately involved in many local causes. Her presentation to the Town Council of potentially harmful pesticides led to the passage of the first Integrated Pest Management Policy in Moraga. She has served on the Contra Costa Countywide Youth Commission for two years. Solano Olmer represented Miramonte. She was inspired to raise money for a generator for an Indonesian school, and recently delivered 130 bags of

vitamins to a Burmese orphanage. Closer to home, she was President of Miramonte's Interact Club, organizing many local service activities involving local charity organizations. Finally, St. Mary's senior Brianna Hardy also received an award. Brianna was active in Dr. Shawny Anderson's hurricane relief mission to New Orleans. Brianna has served on the St. Mary's Academic Council for the past four years. Her advisor comments, "Brianna has the depth of character, intelligence and vision that are found in great leaders."

AAUW also granted one girl from each local middle school a Tech-Trek Award to attend math and science camp this summer. The awardees were Sophia Aguilera from OIS, Jacqueline Miller from JM and Hana Wasserman from Stanley. The 3 girls showed great poise and enthusiasm when presenting their motivations for attending the camp. "Our communities are blessed to nurture such talented and thoughtful young women," concluded Jan Coe.



L to R: Sophia Aguilera, Jacqueline Miller, Hana Wasserman
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The Odyssey Continues

By Steve Angelides

Four Lamorinda teams each placed second in their division at the Odyssey of the Mind creative problem-solving California state tournament in Visalia on March 31, earning the opportunity to compete in the world tournament in Michigan in May.

The Miramonte High School and Stanley Middle School teams each placed second in their division in the problem entitled "I'm Only Thinking of You!" For this problem, teams create and present an original humorous performance that includes a self-centered character who attempts to take advantage of others three times.

The Moraga Rotary Team from Joaquin Moraga Intermediate School placed second in the problem entitled "The Large and Small of It." This problem requires teams to create and present an original performance that integrates team-created small pages and large versions that change appearance. The large versions serve as stage sets for the performance. The Moraga team used a James Bond theme for its performance.

The Happy Valley Ele-

mentary School team placed second in the problem entitled "Around the World in 8 Minutes." In this problem, teams create and present a performance of a trip around the world that includes stops at three locations, two real and one imaginary. The Happy Valley team's performance used pen and pencil characters that traveled to Pennsylvania and to the imaginary pen and pencil land.

Besides the four Lamorinda teams headed to Michigan this year, four other Lamorinda teams competed at the California State tournament in Visalia. In "Around the World in 8 Minutes," the fifth grade Moraga Rotary Club team placed third, the Burton Valley Elementary

School Team A placed sixth, the Orinda Intermediate School Purple Team placed seventh, and the Moraga Rotary Club Team C placed eleventh. The Orinda Intermediate School Purple Team also placed fourth in "The Large and Small of It."

To be eligible to compete at the state tournament, the eight Lamorinda teams placed in the top three in their division in their problem at the East Bay Regional tournament held at College Park High School on March 3. Of the 157 teams competing at the state tournament in Visalia, 31 were from the East Bay. Twelve of the 32 California teams advancing to the world tournament are from the East Bay.



Back: Ari Frankel, Anna Hirsh; Front: Jess Kallen, Brendan O'Donnell, Casey Sclar, Nikki Kurtz, Kelly Rice.

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