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Lamorinda Moms Vote: The Best of Lamorinda And the winners are...

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Lamorinda Moms is a social and support club for parents with children under five in the greater Lamorinda area. The organization strives to help members enrich their lives through cultivating new friendships, personal and professional growth, and community involvement. Since 1995, Lamorinda Moms has evolved to become one of the largest parenting organizations in the San Francisco Bay Area, with approximately 570 members. The club hosts dozens of activities and events each month, and provides valuable resources to parents in the Lamorinda area. To learn more about Lamorinda Moms, including how to join, please visit us at www.lamorindamomsclub.org.

Approximately every two years, Lamorinda Moms has conducted a survey to determine member favorites in a variety of categories including raising kids, health, and entertainment. In addition to creating a resource list for our members,

we also publicly recognize the outstanding local vendors. We are pleased to announce the winners of the 2009 survey here.

☐ Methodology:

☐ The 2009 survey categories evolved from the year's previous and suggestions from the general membership were added. The general membership were invited to nominate their favorites in each category and voting selections were compiled from those nominees. Nominees did not need to be located within Lamorinda but must serve our community. An online survey was then created in which the entire membership was invited to vote once over the course of three weeks.

☐ Winners were those that received the most votes. There were four close votes where two winners were selected.

☐ Local winners will receive a letter informing them of the win, as well as information about Lamorinda Moms. We hope this survey serves as a valuable resource to both to our members and to the community at large.

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Children: Everything you need for the kids!

Babysitting resource: Lamorinda Mom's Yahoo! Message Boards

Birthday Entertainer: Firepixie Entertainment

Birthday Party Location: Home

Children's Birthday Cakes: Safeway

Dance Lessons: Kids 'N Dance – Lafayette

Drop-in Daycare: Tot Drop

Gymnastics Classes: Kindergym – Lafayette or Orinda

Kid's Haircuts: Ms. Karen's – Lafayette

Local Beach: Crissy Field

Music Class: Music Together – all locations

Park for children of multiple ages: Moraga Commons

Petting Zoo: Little Farm at Tilden Park

Picnic Spot: Lafayette Reservoir

Rainy Day Spot: Studio Grow – Berkeley or Concord

Storytime Location: Orinda Library

Swim Lessons: (TIE) Sherman Swim School – Lafayette

AND Little Dipper Swim School - Pleasant Hill, Walnut Creek, Concord

Summer Camp: Seedlings Preschool – Lafayette

Walk/Hike with Kids: Lafayette Reservoir

Vacations and Recreation: Family Friendly Spots!

Bike Routes: Lafayette-Moraga Regional Trail

Weekend Getaway for the Family: Lake Tahoe

Family Cruise: Disney Cruise Lines

Family Vacation Destination: Hawaii – all islands

Hiking Locations: Lafayette Reservoir

Local Amusement/Theme Park: Oakland Zoo Amusement Park
Ski Resort: Northstar-at-Tahoe resort

Style and Fitness: Feel good, look good!

Day Spa: Claremont Resort and Spa – Berkeley
Dermatologist (incl. cosmetic laser, photo, botox): Dr. Kristen Walker – Orinda
Facial: Claremont Resort and Spa – Berkeley
Gym: Renaissance Club Sport – Walnut Creek
Haircut: Entourage Spa – Orinda
Hair colorist: Entourage Spa – Orinda
Manicure/Pedicure: Lavande Nail Spa – Lafayette
Massage: Claremont Resort and Spa – Berkeley
Pilates Studio: Dailey Method – Lafayette
Waxing: Entourage Spa – Orinda
Yoga Studio: Renaissance Club Sport – Walnut Creek
Other Organized Fitness Class: (TIE) Bar Method – Walnut Creek or San Ramon
AND Oakwood Athletic Club – Lafayette

Food, Dining, Drinks and Fun:

Because we all need to get away sometimes.
Brunch: Chow – Lafayette
Carryout: Chow – Lafayette
Chinese Food: Uncle Yu's Szechuan – Lafayette
Cocktails: Va de Vi Bistro and Wine Bar – Walnut Creek
Café: Chow – Lafayette
Dancing: Petar's Restaurant – Lafayette
Delivery: Round Table Pizza
Desserts: Teacake Bakeshop – Lafayette
Family-friendly Dining: (TIE) Chow – Lafayette AND Pizza Antica – Lafayette
Golf Course: Tilden Park Golf Course – Berkeley
Indian Food: Swad Indian Cuisine – Lafayette
Italian Food: Pizza Antica – Lafayette
Japanese Food/Sushi: Kane Sushi – Lafayette
Live Music: Summer Concert Series at the Park – Moraga
Live Theater: Leshner Center for the Arts – Walnut Creek
Middle Eastern Food: La Mediterenee – Berkeley
Mom's Night Out Spot – Va de Vi Bistro and Wine Bar – Walnut Creek
Movie Theater: Walnut Creek
Outdoor Dining: Va de Vi Bistro and Wine Bar – Walnut Creek
Romantic Dinner: Postino Restaurant – Lafayette
Romantic Weekend Get-away: Carmel
Pizza: Zachary's Pizza – all locations
Seafood: Yankee Pier – Lafayette
Steak: Ruth's Chris Steak House – Walnut Creek

Thai Food: Siam Orchid – Orinda

Health and Medical: Staying healthy.

Adult Dentist: Dr. Steven Russell – Orinda

Ob/Gyn: Dr. Stephen Wells – Walnut Creek

Pediatric Dentist: Dr. Neil Katsura – Aloha Pediatric Dentistry Orinda and Berkeley

Pediatrician: Dr. Michael Malone – Lamorinda Pediatrics Lafayette

Primary Care Physician/General Practitioner: Dr. Mary Miller – Orinda

Home, Garden & Other Professional Services:

Everything but the kitchen sink!

Drycleaner: Orinda Cleaners

Florist: Orchard Nursery and Florist – Lafayette

Grocery Store: Trader Joe's

Party Supplies: Boswell's

Pet Grooming: Pampered Paw's – Lafayette

Place to get cards (e.g. Birth Announcements, Holiday, etc.): tinyprints.com

Plant Nursery: Orchard Nursery and Florist – Lafayette

Veterinarian: Lafayette Animal Hospital

Pregnancy, Maternity and Newborn Resources:

Lactation Consultant: Day One – Walnut Creek

Maternity Clothes Shop: Mimi Maternity

Sleep Consultant: Dr. Noelle Cochran

Infant Specialty Items Shop: (TIE) Day One AND Nurture Center

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