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business briefs

Nail News

There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony on August 13 at 5:00 p.m. for Lamorinda Nails at 271 Lafayette Circle, Lafayette.

Partying Lean

Sheena Lakhotia will host a Leaving Lean Party at Pizzeria Amoroma 65 Moraga Way, Orinda on July 16 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. "It will be a casual mixer with our new restaurant partner," says Lakhotia, "attendees will enjoy a buffet of great living lean food, (grilled chicken and shrimp kabobs, ahi tuna salad, whole wheat vegetable pasta and a little wine."

Accounting Merger

Two long-established Bay Area accounting firms announced today that they will be merging. Smith, Lange & Phillips LLP and Daoro Zydel & Holland LLP will join forces on July 1, 2009 to become one of the largest, regionally-based accounting practices in the Bay Area. The new firm, which will operate under the name DZH Phillips LLP, is now comprised of ten partners, 70+ team members, and \$12,000,000 in annual revenues. "This is a positive, exciting step for us," says Ryan M. Svoboda, a long-time Orinda resident who will assume the role of Managing Partner of the newly formed firm. "The goal with our merger was not simply to increase our size, but also to address our clients' growing needs with a broader scope of services, talent, and expertise. Joining forces with DZH will allow us to accomplish this." "We were seeking a firm with a stellar reputation, one whose values closely reflected ours, explains Robert R. Daoro, also a long-time Orinda resident and former Managing Partner of Daoro Zydel & Holland LLP. "Service and integrity have always been fundamental to our team, and from the start, it was clear that the SLP team felt the same." Their new website is www.dzhphillips.com

Coldwell Agent Recognized

Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage
2 Theatre Square, Suite 211



Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage, announced that Glenn Beaubelle, an agent in the company's Orinda office, ranked among the top agents in the U.S. for home sales last year in a new survey by The Wall Street Journal, lore magazine and REAL Trends. Beaubelle was among a group of 14 Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage agents in Northern California who ranked among the top 400 real estate professionals nationwide last year. The results were from the fourth annual "Real Estate Top 400," a national sales ranking sponsored by the three media organizations. In its announcement, The Wall Street Journal noted that the housing professionals succeeded in one of the most difficult markets the nation has ever faced. Beaubelle can be reached by calling

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News from the Three Chambers of Commerce

Lafayette

- July 14 Shop Lafayette Working Group meets at 8:00 a.m. in the Lafayette Chamber Conference Room
- July 15 The GREEN Committee Open Meeting starts at 11:45 a.m. in the Lafayette Chamber Conference Room
- July 16 Entrepreneur's Club at 8:30 a.m. in the Lafayette Chamber Conference Room

Moraga

- On June 23 the Moraga Chamber held a mixer at the Business School Extension of Saint Mary's College (Rheem Center Campus) featuring wine tasting Parkmon Vineyard. Over 100 members and their guests chatted, enjoyed delicious appetizers from local stores and restaurants and gazed at original oil paintings of Moraga artist Teresa Onoda. Dave Parker, owner of Parkmon, shared a bit of wine growing history surprising the audience with the fact that at one time the vineyards of the Moraga Valley were some of the best in the world. He also said that today there are 40 vineyards of all sizes within the Town limits. Along with wine tasting, several representatives from St Mary's College spoke at the gathering.
- July meeting on the 31st, starting at 7:30 a.m. at the Hacienda de las Flores.

Orinda

- On June 16th the Orinda Chamber held a mixer at the new Pizzeria Amoroma. "It was a delightful evening of wine, laughter and beautiful appetizers celebrating the Opening of Pizzeria Amoroma," said Candy Kattenburg, Chamber Executive Director, "although the wine was complimentary Michele Lavecchia asked for a donation to the community of Abruzzo, Italy, where a devastating earthquake hurt the business and small farmers."



Dave Parker talks wine at the Moraga Chamber Mixer in front of a painting by Teresa Onoda Photo provided

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