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pant. Group and family discounts. To register, go to <http://sites.google.com/site/acalanescheer> or email [AHSCheer@me.com](mailto:AHSCheer@me.com) to register. Thank you for supporting the AHS Cheerleaders!

**Nor Cal Kids Triathlon** on Saturday, November 14, 9 am to about 1 pm. Miramonte High School, 750 Moraga Way, Orinda. Participation is open to all kindergarten through twelfth grade students (max 300). Each individual participant will compete by time sequentially in swim, bike and run courses. Course distances are adjusted for age appropriateness. Fee is \$40. Family discount rate is \$35. Relay Team fee is \$100. Benefits Orinda Community Fund and the Joe Loudon Memorial Foundation. For more info see [www.norcalkids.org](http://www.norcalkids.org).

### OTHER

**On Friday, October 2, 2009 The Suburban Women's Club** of Lafayette is sponsoring a 'Day at the Races' at Golden Gate Fields. Start checking the racing pages now and by October 2 you will be ready for a fun-filled day. The gates open at 9:00am; races begin at 11:00am. Tickets are \$35 and must be purchased by September 17. Tickets include admission, parking and a buffet lunch. Proceeds from this event go to charity. For tickets and more information, call Dorothy Stuckert at 925-287-9322. We hope to see you there!

**Mount Diablo Challenge** - Sunday October 4, 2009 - a 10.8 mile timed bike ride, starting at Athenian School in Danville and climbing up Southgate Road 3,249 feet to the summit of Mount Diablo. 1,000 cycling enthusiasts compete and prizes are awarded for several categories in a ceremony at the summit with food and beverages for all. All proceeds benefit Save Mount Diablo's land conservation efforts. Registration cost is \$55.00. To register please visit [www.savemountdiablo.org](http://www.savemountdiablo.org) or [www.active.com](http://www.active.com). No Day-of registration.

**Lamorinda Wildfire Forum**, Wednesday October 7th, 2009 at 7pm, Orinda Library Auditorium. This meeting will be geared for Lamorinda residents who live in areas where wildfire could spread very quickly and where evacuation routes are limited. We will discuss ways families can decrease potential fire intensity and rate of spread, ways of preparing for evacuation as well as things neighborhoods can do together to achieve these goals. There will be ample time for discussion.

**A CERT training/drill** is being held on Sunday, October 18th from 11:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. at the Orinda Community Center and Park. Drill participants will be the cities of Moraga, Orinda and Lafayette, the Moraga/Orinda Fire District, The American Red Cross, the Salvation Army and Lamorinda CERT. We are seeking 100 volunteers of all ages to act as simulated disaster victims for this training/drill. To volunteer, contact CERT Registrar Ken Tom at [TTKen-Tom@aol.com](mailto:TTKen-Tom@aol.com) or (925) 376-0533. Please register by October 1st. Victim volunteers will be assigned victim roles. You can choose to be made-up with simulated injuries. Please arrive at the Community Center by 11:00 a.m. Wear old clothes, closed toe comfortable shoes and a warm coat.

**Blessing of the Animals and Pet Show** will be on October 3, 1 pm St. Mark's United Methodist Church, 451 Moraga Way, (925) 254-5965. Show how you partner with your pet, their personality and style. WOW the Judges and win a \$100 Grand Prize. Finalists in the Show win a professional pet photo. Blessing and attendance is free; Registration Fee for Show, \$10. Call to register at 925-254-5965. Sponsors include East Bay SPCA.

**Bike/Walk to Work and School Day**, October 7, 2009.

**Kick Up Some Moon Dust** - Friday, October 9 (program begins at 3am). Join us for NASA's Historic LCROSS Impact. Set your alarm clock (or stay up late Thursday night) as Chabot's 36-inch reflecting telescope will be focused on the Moon, looking for the debris left from the impact of NASA's LCROSS mission. Weather permitting; see real-time video from Chabot's giant telescope plus a live video feed from NASA. \$3 per person, members admitted free. Call the Box Office for reservations today, (510) 336-7373, or go to [www.chabot.space.org](http://www.chabot.space.org).

**Guided tours and fanciful teas** are available at Oakland's beautiful and historic Pardee Home Museum. Built in 1868, the Pardee home (672 Eleventh Street in Oakland) is a treasure trove of original furnishings, arti-

facts and fine art from the last century that are a fascinating step back in time. Public and private tours are available six days a week (and can include tea with reservations). Tours without tea are \$5/person, teas range from \$12/person to \$25/person. For further information and costs on tours, teas and special event accommodations, visit our web site at [www.pardeehome.org](http://www.pardeehome.org) or call (510) 444-2187.

**Do you like working with people?** Are you good with numbers? Contra Costa County AARP Tax-Aide is looking for volunteers to become members of a team providing free tax preparation for individuals of all ages. Volunteers are trained by Tax Aide and become IRS Certified tax counselors. If interested, call LaVerne Gordon, District Coordinator, at (925)335-8749 for information and to apply. Orientation is in November 2009 and classes for counselors start in January 2010.

**Softball Game and Picnic.** Join us on Friday October 2, 2009. Gates open at 9:00a.m. and close at 2:00p.m. (drops after 9 am fine!) Cost: Senior ball players and fans \$3 (Kids under 12 accompanied by an adult, \$1). Picnic food/beverages provided. If you have softball equipment, please bring it. The Lafayette Community Park, 480 Saint Mary's Rd (there will be event street signs), 2.5 miles from downtown and just up the road from the Lafayette Community Center. For more information or to sign up, call Lafayette Senior Services at 284-5050.

**How to maintain excellence in K-12** schools in spite of budget constraints - A Forum on October 20 in Moraga. School superintendents John Stockton of the Acalanes Union High School District, Richard Schafer of the Moraga School District and Joe Jaquette of the Orinda Union School District will address "Maintaining Excellent Schools in Tough Financial Times" and answer questions from the public concerning this important topic on Tuesday, October 20th at 10:00 am, at the Serbian Orthodox Church, 1700 School Street, Moraga. The forum is sponsored by the Orinda-Moraga-Lafayette branch of the American Association of University Women, it is free and open to all.

**Fantasy: A Movie Premiere.** Be the first to see this exciting new offering from PBS. Fantasy presents four artists - Cao Fei, Mary Heilmann, Jeff Koons, and Florian Maier-Aichen - whose hallucinatory, irreverent, and sublime works transport us to imaginary worlds and altered states of consciousness. Loosely organized around the theme Fantasy helps audiences analyze, compare and juxtapose the artists profiled. Wednesday, October 7, at 7pm, Soda Activity Center, Saint Mary's College, 1928 St. Mary's Rd., Moraga. Free and open to the public.

### OCTOBER FAMILY FESTIVALS & EVENTS

**Oktoberfest on Sunday October 11** - 2-6p.m. The Hacienda de las Flores, 2100 Donald Drive, Moraga. Family Fun, Live Music, Bavarian Dancers, Waltzing, Games, Activities, Sidewalk Art, Food and Drink at Affordable Prices, European sausages, potato salad, Kraut, Strudel, Ice Cream, Beer & Wine, Juice, Soft drinks. Sponsored by the Hacienda Foundation and Moraga Park and Recreation Department with assistance from Moraga service groups. See story page 10

**St. John Orthodox Church** is presenting its 16th annual Middle Eastern Festival on October 10th and 11th, from 10am to 8 pm on Saturday and 11am to 7pm. on Sunday. Enjoy a variety of Middle Eastern delicacies from our outdoor grill, indoor buffet and dessert booth. Don't forget to visit our pumpkin patch and pick up a few pumpkins to take home for the season. Exhibitors will have diverse merchandise for sale. Free entertainment will be provided throughout the 2 days, an astrojump as well as games will be available for children of all ages. Everyone is welcome, Saint John Orthodox Church is located 501 Moraga Way in Orinda.

**The Moraga-Orinda Fire District** would like to invite you to attend our Open House event on Saturday, October 10th, from 10am - 3pm, at Station 41 - 1280 Moraga Way. Join us in recognizing Fire Prevention Week. Pick-up information, watch the live demonstrations, learn how to use a fire extinguisher, and talk with the firefighters about how to keep your family safe. Take a look at the emergency vehicles, firefighting and EMS equipment used to protect the citizens of Moraga and Orinda. We're having a carved pumpkin contest too! Bring in a carved pumpkin (no carving onsite) to

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enter the contest. Prizes will be awarded to the scariest, funniest, and most original looking pumpkins.

**Sleepy Hollow Elementary School** Invites Local Families to spend a fun-filled Day at its Annual Pumpkin Patch on Saturday, Oct. 17 from 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Head over to the school's grounds, located at 20 Washington Lane in Orinda, and enjoy a day of old-fashioned fun and games with family and friends. This year's attractions and festivities include a haunted house, pumpkins, carnival games, jump houses, home-made treats, a cake walk and more.

**The Moraga Junior Women's Club** will hold its 33rd Annual Halloween Carnival on Sunday, October 25th from 10am to 2pm at Campolindo High School, located at 300 Moraga Road in Moraga. The annual Carnival is a fun and fanciful event perfect for children ages 2 to 8 years. Participants will be able to choose a pumpkin from the pumpkin patch, enjoy carnival games and hands on crafts. Pizza, snacks, refreshments and various homemade ghoulish goodies will be available to purchase. Admission is \$5 per child. Come in costume. Bring your own trick-or-treat bag and receive 3 free game tickets. For more information and online ticket sales, go to [www.moragajuniors.org](http://www.moragajuniors.org).

**Haunted House.** Please join us at the Lafayette Community Center in the Live Oak Room for a ghoulishly good time! Friday, October 23 and Saturday, October 24 from 5:00-7:00pm (not too scary; parents accompany children 7 and under); 7:30-9:30 (very scary - for children 8 and over). Ages 7 and under \$3. Ages 8 and over \$5. Sponsored by the Lafayette Youth Commission.

**17th Annual Lafayette Reservoir Run** will take place on Sunday, October 25th. The start location is on Mt. Diablo Blvd. between First St. & Moraga Rd. Registration Opens at 6:30am. Staggered Start Times: 5k 8:30am, 10k 8:45 am, 2mi run/walk(dogs and strollers ok) 9:00am. Adult registration fee: \$28; Race Day fee: \$33. Elementary school fee: \$20; Race Day fee: \$25. Register on-line at [www.lafayettechamber.org](http://www.lafayettechamber.org) or at the Chamber offices at 100 Lafayette Circle, Suite 103.(925) 284-7404.

### POLITICAL GATHERINGS

**Assemblymember Nancy Skinner** (D-Berkeley) will host a Community Forum on "The Cost of Corrections: Impact on our Communities, State Budget, and Public Safety" at Saint Mary's College on Thursday, October 1 from 7 -9pm. Panelists include Jeanne Woodford, former director of the California Department of Corrections and former warden at San Quentin Prison. This event is free and open to the public. Soda Center, Saint Mary's College, 1228 St. Mary's Rd, Moraga.

**Ygnacio Valley Republican Women** Federated meets at the Oakhurst Country Club, 1001 Peacock Creek Road, Clayton, and welcomes Laurie Firestone, the former White House Social Secretary to President George H. W. Bush to their Wednesday, October 21, 2009. Dinner Meeting. No-host Cocktails 5:30 P.M. Speaker 6:30 P.M. Dinner and Brief. Business/Legislation/Americanism 7:15 P.M. \$35 RSVP: Barbara Allen (925)672-5061 or [jngcabot@pacbell.net](mailto:jngcabot@pacbell.net). Please assist our Hospitality Ladies with payment by check or exact amount when possible (no credit cards).

### CLUBS

**Hearing Loss Association of America-**Diablo Valley Chapter, a volunteer non-profit organization, has monthly meetings that provide information, education, support and advocacy for people who suffer from hearing loss. Join us at 7:00 p.m. on first Wednesdays of the month. Walnut Creek United Methodist Church, 1543 Sunnyvale Ave., Walnut Creek; Education Bldg., Wesley Room. Meeting room and parking at back of church. All ages welcome. Donations accepted. Assistive listening system available for T-coils and most meetings are captioned. For more information, visit [www.hearinglossdv.org](http://www.hearinglossdv.org) or email [HLAADV@hearinglossdv.org](mailto:HLAADV@hearinglossdv.org).

**Come play cribbage!!!** A new cribbage club is being formed at the Sports Basement in Walnut Creek (1881 Ygnacio Valley Road). We'll play nine games every Monday evening starting at 6:00. The Sports Basement provides snacks, drinks and member discounts. This new club will be affiliated with the American Cribbage Congress (<http://cribbage.org>). Call (925) 284-3309 for further details.

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**Montelindo Club general meeting** will be on Friday, October 16. The speaker will be Glen Schneider, native plant enthusiast and garden designer whose topic will be "How to Create a Wildlife Habitat Garden Using Local Native Plants." Orinda Community Church, #10 Irwin Way, Orinda, CA

94563. Refreshments and plant sale at 9 a.m., meeting at 9:30, speaker at 10:30. The meeting is free and welcomes guests and new members. Web Site: [www.montelindogarden.com](http://www.montelindogarden.com). Email contact: [montelindogarden@aol.com](mailto:montelindogarden@aol.com).

Please submit events to: [calendar@lamorindaweekly.com](mailto:calendar@lamorindaweekly.com)



**Ægis of Moraga invites you to our "Where To Go To Know" seminar event**

**"Education - The Gift that Lasts Forever"**  
How grandparents can make this their legacy.

**Saturday, October 10th**  
10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Join us as Deana Davidson, financial advisor with Waddell & Reed, discusses how grandparents can help finance a college education for their grandchildren. Special attention will be given to the strengths and shortcomings of each method.

*Refreshments will be served*

Please RSVP to Virginia Sargent at 925-377-7900 or [Virginia.Sargent@AegisLiving.com](mailto:Virginia.Sargent@AegisLiving.com).

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### OPENING EVENTS:

**Sun., Oct. 11, 2 - 3:30pm**

**"Top Tourist Attractions in Our Solar System!"**

Featuring astronomer Andrew Fraknoi, Ph.D., an illustrated tour of the 4,000 mile lava channel on Venus, the towering Mount Olympus volcano on Mars and the awesome Verona Cliffs on the moon Miranda. Reception following. **Free.**



**Tues., Nov. 17, 7 - 8pm**

**"Exploring the Cosmos by Spacecraft and Paint Brush"**

With astronomer, artist & author William K. Hartmann, Ph.D. followed by Stargazing & Meteor Shower Watch **Free.**

**Gallery open 6:30 - 7pm** (Stargazing subject to weather condition cancellation; email [hdonner@stmarys-ca.edu](mailto:hdonner@stmarys-ca.edu) or check [www.hearstartgallery.org](http://www.hearstartgallery.org) to confirm & RSVP before Nov. 17)

[www.hearstartgallery.org](http://www.hearstartgallery.org) 925.631.4379

**Saint Mary's College of California**

On view until Dec. 13, Wed-Sun 11 am - 4:30 pm, \$3 adult admission, kids free, members free, parking free

## Big Band Ball Room Dance (again!)



*Listen, watch and dance to the sound of The Big Band of Rossmoor*

**Friday, October 2nd, at the Art Deco Rheem Theatre in Moraga.**

Doors open at 7:00 pm and the dance runs from 7:30pm through 10:00pm.

**Tickets \$10 per person**

available at the Lafayette Chamber of Commerce & Rheem Theatre in Moraga

**Call 284-7404 for reservations** [www.lafayettechamber.org](http://www.lafayettechamber.org)

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