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KGO Anchor Speaks at Lamorinda SIRS 171

Submitted by Tom Lenz



Phil Arth, Little Sir, and Dan Ashley Photo Bryant King

Sons in Retirement Lamorinda Branch 171 was very fortunate to obtain Dan Ashley, anchor of ABC7 News at 6 & 11 and ABC 7 News at 9 p.m. on Your TV 20, weekdays, as the after-lunch guest speaker at its October 6th luncheon.

Ashley came to ABC7 in 1995 as the weekday 5:00 p.m. news anchor and investigative reporter. He has received a number of awards, including two awards from the Radio Television News Directors Association of Northern California for Best Newscast (60 Minutes) and Best Newscast (30 Minutes). In 1996, ABC7 News at 6:00 p.m. won an Emmy for the

most outstanding single news broadcast in a large market.

Ashley gave a very insightful and entertaining talk on the Ratings and Responsibilities of news reporting over the years and later answered numerous questions from the audience.

Sons in Retirement (SIR) is a non-profit men's organization for retirees or semi-retirees. Its sole purpose is to help retirees enjoy themselves through various group activities. Branch 171 meets the first Wednesday monthly at Holy Trinity Culture Center, Moraga.

For membership information, call Larry at (925) 631-9528.

Holiday Bazaar Returns to Orinda

Submitted by Susan Stephan



Orinda's Jennifer Vigo displays her work at a previous Holiday Bazaar Photo Susan Stephan

The Orinda Community Center Holiday Bazaar is back by popular demand after a one year absence! The Holiday Bazaar is being brought back by Holiday Bazaar Chairwoman Jennifer Robb, and will be put on by the Orinda Community Center Auxiliary (OCCA). The OCCA is an all volunteer non-profit organization dedicated to maintaining and improving the Orinda Community Center facilities and programs. The Holiday Bazaar is the OCCA's primary fund raiser. The OCCA uses 100% of the proceeds to support and benefit the Community Center's facilities, fund the Halloween Parade in the Park, and largely fund the Summer Concert Series in the Park. The OCCA is currently looking for new members. If you enjoy helping the community and like young children, please contact

the Community Center office at 925-254-2445 or email ocbazaar@yahoo.com. (Residents from all areas welcome.)

The Holiday Bazaar will be a one day only event this year, on Saturday, November 6th from 9:30 to 4:30pm. It will take place at the Orinda Community Center at 28 Orinda Way, in Orinda. The Community Center is next to the Community Park and is between the Orinda Library and the Orinda Farmer's Market-both also open that day.

Admission to the Holiday Bazaar is free and there will be a variety of entertainment groups performing throughout the day, with face painting provided by the Orinda Teen Advisory Council. There will be lots of new vendors selling handmade items, several community groups, gourmet goodies, fine

jewelry, art, unique items for the home, fun pet items, and many specialty gifts. The Holiday Bazaar has enjoyed enormous community support over the years, and strives to make an attractive and profitable venue for

the vendors at this historic landmark with its wide promenade outside, several meeting rooms and a large auditorium. Start your holiday shopping early at the Holiday Bazaar and support the Orinda Community Center.

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Moraga Rotary Hosts Students from Leadership Camp

Submitted by Gary Irwin



Judy Wahlander, Nicole Delgadillo, and John Cogswell. Photo Gary Irwin

Campolindo High School seniors Nicole Delgadillo and John Cogswell spoke to the Rotary Club of Moraga recently, each giving a brief summary of their week in late summer with about 140 other high school seniors from north-

ern California at Camp Royal, the Rotary Leadership Camp located near Weaverville that has operated since 1980. Judy Wahlander, a former counselor at Campolindo, also was a guest of Rotary.

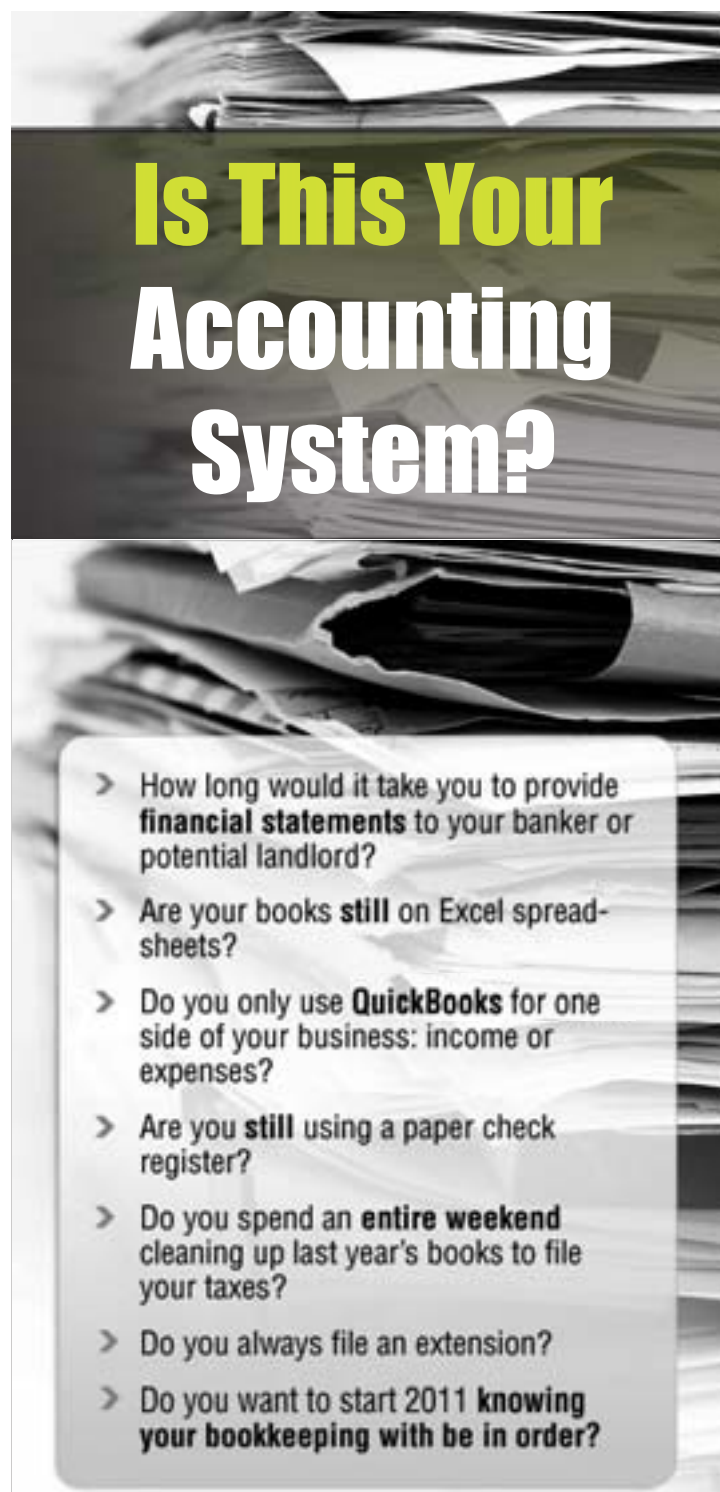
Cogswell and Delgadillo described their experience at Camp Royal as "life-changing," "emotionally very open," and "a family." Camp Royal stresses leadership and teamwork through field exercises, group problems, and motivational and vocational speakers. One exercise required students to use teamwork to climb over a

13' high wall. The wall was also used to represent a student's most difficult and emotionally-charged problem, and scaling the wall was symbolic of conquering this problem. Students were encouraged to speak openly of conquering the problem and to respond to encouragement from the others.

The Campolindo students received scholarships from Moraga Rotary, which has been providing Camp Royal scholarships to two Campolindo incoming seniors each year for 31 years. Judy Wahlander, who retired from Campolindo this past

summer, has worked for the past 20 years with Moraga Rotary Chairman Angelo Costanza to select well-qualified students for the experience. Moraga Rotary also awards a \$1,000 scholarship to a graduating Campolindo senior each year, with the candidates proposed by the Campolindo counseling office.

Moraga Rotary is a local service club within Rotary International that meets most Tuesdays at noon at St. Mary's College. For information, please call Gary Irwin of Moraga Rotary at 925-376-7688.



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