

Community Service

We are pleased to make space available whenever possible for some of Lamorinda's dedicated community service organizations to submit news and information about their activities. Submissions can be sent to storydesk@lamorindaweekly.com with the subject header In Service to the Community.

Moraga Garden Club Salad Luncheon

Submitted by Billie Cummings



Sporting jaunty hats, Moraga Garden Club Members and their guests Carol Larson, Faye Edwards, Helen Frank, Ginger Thompson, and Joann Reid celebrate "A Day at the Races." The table decorations for this table were designed by Phyllis Reed. Photo provided

How about celebrating Halloween, Christmas, Earth Day, and Chinese New Year all at once?

That's what the Moraga Garden Club did recently at its annual Salad Luncheon fundraiser.

The featured speaker for the event was Katharine Stuart, an El Cerrito floral designer of weddings and events whose style favors simplicity. She works with texture, structure and unique materials. Her creations were raffled off along with plants donated by McDonnell's Nursery, Moraga Garden Center, and Orchard Hardware Stores.

Planning for 167 attendees, luncheon chairmen Kathi Balousek and Nancy Comprelli asked members to decorate 22 tables with centerpieces each depicting a different world celebration.

"I was amazed at the variety of celebrations that were honored, said Balousek. Our member's creativity seemed to be truly outstanding this year."

The salad luncheon has been a tradition of the club since its beginning, 41 years ago. The money raised goes to support club activities, which include horticultural speakers, field trips, workshops, and outreach. "We do a lot for the beautification of Moraga by purchasing and planting daffodil bulbs, maintaining four garden sites in Moraga including the Rheem circle, and planting Arbor Day trees." Comprelli said. The club also purchases garden-related books for the library and supports the elementary, and middle school gardens with funds and daffodils.

"Our club is composed of a large wonderful group of friends who all get together to enjoy a love of gardening and gardens," said new president Mardi Potts. "Everyone who shares this love is welcome to join us." The Moraga Garden Club meets the third Thursday in the month, from September through May.

Motorama Returns for Father's Day

Submitted by Tom Black



At last year's inaugural Motorama event. Photo provided

If you like classic and other interesting cars, motorcycles or bicycles, downtown Lafayette is the place to be on Father's Day, June 19. That's because the Lamorinda Sunrise Rotary Club is presenting the second annual "Motorama - World of Wheels" in the parking lot shared by Postino restaurant and the Clocktower on Mount Diablo Boulevard. Dads (and everyone else) are invited. Gates to the public open at 9:00 a.m. Admission is free.

Unlike some car shows, Motorama strives to be big enough to have plenty to see, small enough to make it easy to see it all, and diverse

enough to have something for a wide range of tastes. "This is a fun, low-key, family-friendly display of many different types of cars, motorcycles and bicycles, ones that bring smiles to the faces of both enthusiasts and the general public," said event chair Krysten Laine.

You can also treat Dad to the VIP Tent, where, for a modest fee, massages, Scotch tastings and special surprises await. Food and beverages will be available for all. "This event is a real hit with all ages," said Laine. Turnout at last year's inaugural was estimated at 2,000.

"Rotary is a 106-year-old serv-

ice organization," said club president Thomas Peeks. "Among the many local community service projects we sponsor is our popular HOME Team, started a year ago. Club members volunteer their time in performing minor but important home repair and maintenance chores for seniors who can no longer do them themselves."

Peeks stressed that all net proceeds help to fund service projects. "Not one cent goes to overhead or administrative costs."

For additional information or to register a vehicle, visit www.motorama.us.

Moraga Woman Wins Blackhawk Women's Scholarship

Submitted by Bev Shumate



Pamela Ross and Pam Harris Photo provided

Moraga's Pamela Ross, age 21, was one of six recent winners of the Blackhawk Women's Scholarship Fund (BWSF) college scholarships awarded at a tea held on Sunday, May 1st.

Chairman Pam Harris told the scholarship winners, as she passed out their individual \$5,000 awards, sometime in the future they should recognize someone else who is in need and help them in some way. "It doesn't have to be monetary help. You might have a loved one or friend that just needs some of your time, or a shoulder to lean on. Just take the time to help someone else who is in need. That's all we ask."

Ross attended Diablo Valley College and is headed to UC Davis in the fall as a junior transfer student to study International Relations/Peace and Conflict Resolution.

"We live in a flattened world with all our current technology. We can see, hear and talk to people like they are physically with us. We are all connected in some way. Policies of France affect us in the US, and vice versa. I see issues, conflicts, etcetera, that need resolution and hopefully I can be a diplomat one day and develop resolutions for those problems. I feel I can make a difference, a positive difference, in the world," said Ross.

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