

FREE YOGA CLASS

FREE Introductory yoga class at Lafayette Community Center Sat. June 11 with Howard VanEs, author of "Beginning Yoga: A Practice Manual".

Find out why yoga is so popular! No experience necessary. Class time: 11:00 am - 12:45 pm, wear clothing you can move in.

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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.

A "Home Run" of a Day at Campolindo

Submitted by Kelly Ratchford



Photo provided

On Saturday April 30th, Campolindo High School club "Project Open Hands" hosted an afternoon of fun for all. The Walnut Creek Challenger Giants and Lafayette Challenger Giants worked on skill development with the Cam-

polindo Varsity Baseball and Softball teams followed by a couple innings of scrimmage and award ceremony. Smiles, high fives, and hard warming moments were shared as the Campolindo players worked with the Challenger athletes to improve their

throwing, catching, fielding and batting skills. Everyone hit, ran the bases and scored for their team. Many thanks to Project Open Hands, Karina Hissen, Coach Luckhurst, Ms. Alessandria and all who participated in this day filled with joy.

Lafayette Girl Scouts' Outstanding Leader and Volunteer Awards

Submitted by Chrissa Harley Ventrelle



From left: Tiphonie Ortman, Sharon Evans, Patti McGregor, Lisa Palma, Nicole Carberry, and Renee Sweeney Photo provided

During Girl Scout Volunteer Week April 17-23, which includes Leader Appreciation Day on April 22, we honored the many outstanding volunteers and leaders in our community who make our world a better place by dedicating themselves to building girls of courage, confidence and character. Each gives selflessly her/his time to make Girl Scouting a meaningful and fun learn-

ing experience for girls. We thank you for all that you do! Lafayette Girl Scouts congratulates the recipients of Outstanding Volunteer Awards for 2011: Patti McGregor, Tiphonie Ortman, and Sharon Evans; and the recipients of the Outstanding Leader Awards for 2011: Lisa Palma (Happy Valley Elementary), Nicole Carberry (Lafayette Elementary), and Renee Sweeney (Lafayette Elementary).

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Finally a Permanent Stage at the Reservoir

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Partnering with the Rotary has helped make that change a reality."

Former Rotary Club President Dick Holt, founder of the Concert at the Res, always wanted a permanent stage for student band members at this annual event. Half of the funds raised at the open air concert support local school music programs, with the other half going toward Rotary projects. Earlier this month, Rotary members and friends helped, for the very last time, construct and take down a temporary stage on the west side of the Reservoir - no easy task.

"It was a real pleasure to work with EBMUD," said John Sherry, Chair of Design and Construction on the project. "We got everything we wanted - a location on the east side of the dam and a forty by forty foot stage." The project is expected to cost over \$100,000; Rotary members have already raised \$30,000.

With approvals from the Fire Department, City Planning, and EBMUD, actual construction is just waiting on the final approval from the Building Department. Located in a natural amphitheater on the east side of the dam, the stage will be carefully nestled near the Reservoir's edge, an easy stroll from the parking lot and near the playground and bathrooms. The project is ADA compliant, handicapped users will have a separate path with a gentle incline to reach the stage. It took an army of Rotary vol-

unteers to make the stage a reality: prime mover Dick Holt to spearhead and nurture the project; John Sherry - noted above; Larry Blodgett, design; Terry Ring, construction; Sandra Bonderud, architect; Jay Lifson, public relations along with Larry Duson and Bob Shusta, committee members.

Scott Hill, Manager of the East Bay Watershed for EMBUD fully supports the stage, "It will be a tremendous asset for the community." He, along with a team from EBMUD, worked with Rotary to develop a design. They had to consider the request and analyze current and projected use, "We didn't want to adversely impact the Reservoir - it's possible that it may bring in more people than we can handle."

Another concern is that although the stage is a gift to the community, it's up to EBMUD to manage its use. "We're being cautious, going slow at this point because at one million visitors a year carrying capacity is maxed out. We plan to process reservations just like any other site with associated fees," explained Hill. Rotary will use the stage just one day per year for the annual Concert at the Res, but it can be rented out for a variety of functions - small weddings, birthday parties, family reunions.

The non-profit Lafayette Community Foundation is helping raise funds for the concert budget and for stage construction. Visit www.lafayetterec.org for more information.

Commons Concerts in Jeopardy?

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"We live in a community and we should try to get along," said Park Foundation President, and Town Council member, Howard Harpham, "We want to be good neighbors and make reasonable accommodations for the neighbors of the park, but we would prefer not to lose the summer concerts." Harpham indicated that the Foundation has already signed contracts with all of the bands that are lined up for this

summer's music season and the contracts specify that the Foundation controls the noise level of the concerts, not the bands. The Foundation will meet in mid-June to discuss the issue.

If the Town opts to prepare an EIR the matter will likely take a year to proceed and the outcome would be uncertain. The summer concert series annually attracts hundreds of people of all ages who picnic, mingle and play in the park.

National Charity League Class of 2011

Submitted by Leslie Ryder



Standing: Mita Rittenhouse, Lisa Luckenbach, Elizabeth Landry, Alex Seclow, Jacqueline Garell, Natalie Chan, Meghan Nelson, Casey Reid, Caroline Cook. Sitting: Hannah Borosky, Emily Lindsay, Maddy Cimino, Kaitlyn Stewart, Nicole McCann, Padon Sivesind, Misa Batcheller, Meg Dowley, Lia Kapelke, Morgan DeLuce, Darby Kerr, Haley Rowland. Photo Terry Riggins Photography



From left, first row: Madeleine Godfrey, Gabrielle Gaubert, Nicole Young, Elise Kurkjian, Brittany Anderson, Shannon Garvey. Second row: Alexa Smith, Kathryn Schneider, Emma Smith, Nicole Stanners, Callie Brown, Katrina Kovalik. Third row: Katharine Straughn, Kate Cooper, Amanda Forshay, Chandler Moore, Eleanor West and Danielle Albo. Photo James Brian Fidelibus

The Lamorinda and Acalanes Chapters of National Charity League celebrated their graduating seniors from the class of 2011.

National Charity League, Inc. is a mother-daughter non-profit organization dedicated to serving local communities. There are two chapters located in Lamorinda, with members drawn from all three communities; the Lamorinda chapter was organized in 1989 with the Acalanes chapter following two years later. Participation begins in 7th grade and continues through the senior year. The girls are honored for their many hours of philanthropic work volunteering at The American Cancer Society, California Shakespeare, Juvenile Diabetes, Smiley Dog and Special Olympics among others. These volunteer activities initiate a lifelong commitment to community service and deepen the bond between mother and daughter through these shared activities.

Successful Garden Tour Benefits Tech Trek Camp for Girls

Submitted by Sandy Fox-Sohner



Mary Helene and Deana Davidson of AAUW OML along with John Montgomery of John Montgomery Landscape Architects Photo provided

When Kendall Montgomery was awarded a scholarship to attend the Tech Trek Science and Math summer camp for girls, it was to change her life. The camp, designed to encourage young 7th grade girls to pursue their interests in science and math, inspired Kendall to deepen her resolve to become a veterinarian. These Tech Trek scholarships, awarded by the American Association of University Women

(AAUW), not only provide young girls with a university campus experience with other girls who share their passion for science and math, but also allow them to access exciting activities, classes, and interaction with women scientists and engineers.

Kendall's parents, John and Cynthia Montgomery of John Montgomery Landscape Architects were so thankful that their daughter was able to participate in the Tech Trek

camp experience that they organized a Garden Tour to benefit the Tech Trek program for the Orinda-Moraga-Lafayette (OML) branch of AAUW. All proceeds from AAUW ticket sales went directly to the Tech Trek program. This very successful garden tour, which took place on Saturday May, 14, raised more than \$5,000 for the Tech Trek program.

The garden tour, "Life in the Lafayette Garden" brought out many attendees on a chilly Saturday, from 11 am until 4 pm. Supporters from all parts of the Lamorinda area, girls who attended Tech Trek in the past and their parents, as well as current Tech Trek scholarship winners and their families turned out for the event.

Five beautiful gardens, all designed by John Montgomery Landscape Architects, were featured in the Garden Tour. John Montgomery was on hand to discuss the plans, the plants, and the exceptional landscaping. The Montgomery's generous donation will allow AAUW OML to send five girls to Tech Trek camp next year.