

# 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](mailto:storydesk@lamorindaweekly.com) with the subject header In Service to the Community.

## Campolindo's Friend of Education

Submitted by Mary Eggertsen



Chris Banard Photo provided

Campolindo parent Chris Banard was honored as Campolindo's Su Stauffer Friend of Education at Wednesday night's AUHSD governing board meeting. Our students, school and community are indeed fortunate to have had Chris as a supportive and tireless volunteer and basketball coach.

Not only has he put in countless hours as a parent of two Campolindo students—Brett, who now attends Cal Poly and Ryan, a sophomore—but Chris has served as: Parent Advisor for four years to the Class of 2010, Parent

Club Board member and Webmaster, member of the School Advisory Council and a parent representative on the WASC Focus on Learning Assessment and Accountability committee for the past two years.

To this work as a volunteer, Chris has brought a global and business perspective, always looking for better ways of communicating pertinent information and community news with students and parents. As a member of the School Advisory Council and WASC Focus Group, his active and thoughtful voice has shared concerns, insights and ideas on how Campolindo could improve and best serve the needs of students and the greater community.

As if this were not enough time spent supporting our school, Chris is also the Boys' JV basketball coach and overall program manager. He works positively with the administration, athletic department, parents and students and is one of the major reasons why our program has been successful in supporting our student athletes achieving the honorable.

Chris's dedication and passion for Campolindo is greatly valued and appreciated. He sets an example for all of us in finding a passion and interest that benefits the greater good. Chris has been a permanent fixture on the Campolindo campus, and he and his family will be sorely missed when they move later this month to Boston.



## National Charity League Tea at Moraga Royale

Submitted by Clare Varellas



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Residents of Moraga Royale Assisted Living and local high school girls in the Lamorinda chapter of the National Charity League (NCL) gathered on Sunday, October 16 at Moraga Royale for an annual tea.

The event gave the teenagers a chance to sit down with the men and women of Moraga Royale to chat while sipping tea and snacking on finger food. Girls and residents alike enjoyed this opportunity to communicate and connect with members of another generation.

"I enjoyed getting to talk to people from earlier generations, and I had a lot of fun meeting new people and learning new things," said Grace Moran, a member of the NCL tenth grade class.

The tea is put on every year by the sophomore class of Lamorinda NCL, so this year it was the NCL Class of 2014's responsibility to organize and prepare for the event. The sophomore girls arranged food assignments, work shifts, and a fashion show for entertainment in the month prior to the tea.

After the girls set up for the tea and arranged the food on Sunday, Moraga Royale residents entered and were seated and served. The high schoolers spread throughout the room to sit and chat with the attending residents. Following this social time came a fashion show organized by the NCL girls to showcase their high school Homecoming dresses, everyday clothing, and sports uniforms.

"I think it was a great success...it

was very interesting that the girls chose to do a fashion show, and many of the girls participated. It seemed like the residents enjoyed it," said Marcie Schmitz, an NCL mother and Philanthropic Co-Chair for the event.

The tea seemed to be an overall pleasant and fun experience for all who attended. The girls especially enjoyed interacting with the residents and the satisfying feeling that they had done something beneficial for their community.

NCL sophomore members Julia Nishioki and Abby Brzezinski said, "[Our] favorite part was definitely sitting at the tables and being able to hear [the residents'] stories and how they appreciated having us here. It's simple things like that that make NCL all worth it."

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