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## Lafayette Rotary Hosts Russian Realtors

Submitted by Bob Shusta



Lamorinda Realtor Elena Hood speaks to the Russian delegation

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As part of its international service project, members of the Lafayette Rotary Club recently hosted Russian realtors during their educational visit to the Bay Area. Local firms Coldwell Banker and J. Rock-cliff offered seminars for the visiting Russians.

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Elena Hood of Coldwell Banker in Orinda, a Russian-born American citizen, explained home-buying in the USA and how to market a real estate business.

In addition to the business seminars the delegation toured the Bay Area.

As a sign of their appreciation, the visitors donated \$700 to the Rotary Club which will be used to support local projects.

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## Brownies Help Food Bank

Submitted by S. DeCarlo



Members of Troop 32851

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Lafayette Elementary 3rd grade Brownie Troop 32851 collected over 200 pounds of food for the Contra Costa Food Bank. They delivered the food on Saturday, October 23rd and were promptly put to

work bagging potatoes and preparing boxes for donated eyewear. They also received a tour of the facilities and learned how important it is to care for your neighbors in times of need.

## Kiwanis Installs Officers for 2011/12

Submitted by Stan Holcenberg



Past Kiwanis Lt. Governor Ray Horton presents gavel to 2011/12 Kiwanis Club of Moraga Valley President Karen Reed

Photo provided

The Kiwanis Club of Moraga Valley held its annual Installation Dinner at the Orinda Country Club on October 6. The Club was formed in 1974, and the first President, Lafayette resident Charlie Toll, attended the event.

library books to the elementary schools, and is very involved in the Club's holiday season See's Candy fundraising campaign. In addition, Bob has been VP of the Moraga Park Foundation and a Board Member of the Contra Costa Food Bank.

The Master of Ceremonies for the event was early Kiwanis Club of Moraga Valley member, and 1999 Moraga Citizen of the Year, Dan Rego. Past Kiwanis Lt. Governor, Ray Horton, conducted the installation of the officers and board members.

Mike Metcalf presented outgoing 2010-11 Kiwanis President John Haffner with the very prestigious William Dunlap Award, awarded by the Kiwanis California-Nevada-Hawaii District Foundation.

Karen Reed, 2011 Moraga Park Foundation Board Member, was installed as President. Other officers include 1st Vice President Graig Crossly, 2nd Vice President Jason Evens, Secretary Mike Metcalf (Moraga's Vice Mayor), and Treasurer Barbara Van Sickle.

Members of the Kiwanis Club of Moraga Valley recently installed a new irrigation system at Joaquin Moraga Intermediate School, restored the U.S.A. mural at Camino Pablo Elementary School, and cleared the brush on Mulholland Ridge. Many members are very involved in Town activities, and the local Kiwanis Club contributes a significant amount of money each year for scholarships and with local agencies that focus on improving the lives of children.

Bob Reynolds was awarded the 2010-11 Kiwanian of the Year award from 2009-10 winner Dick Ayres. The award is presented to an individual that is very active in the Club's fundraising and service projects, and fosters the efforts of Kiwanis in the community. Bob chairs the contributions committee for the Club, leads the effort for the Club's donation of

Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world one child and one community at a time. To learn more about Kiwanis, visit the local website - [www.moragavalleykiwanis.org](http://www.moragavalleykiwanis.org).

## As Seen in Lafayette...



Well known Lafayette Rotarians dressed up for the Halloween costume contest at their weekly luncheon. Standing, from left: Tom Henry, Jesse Wellen, Bob Shusta, Tom Courtright, Chuck Vogel, Bob Aguilar, Alicia Cragholm, Bill Eames (bear), Anna Stevenson, Jay Lifson, Mike Henn, Tom Sullivan, Don Anderson; sitting: Troy Feddersen, Greg Vaisnor

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