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### History Warms Hearts, Spurs Smiles

*Annual Historical Society Dinner offers trip down Memory Lane*

By Laurie Snyder



Brooks and Brad Stubblefield, co-owners of Loard's ice cream parlors in Orinda and Moraga, share their memories at the Orinda Historical Society's annual holiday dinner on December 7th. Photo Laurie Snyder

Goodwill abounded in the Fellowship Hall at the Orinda Community Church on December 7th when 80 friends of the Orinda Historical Society gathered together for the organization's annual holiday party.

Guests were greeted by images of

the Orinda Theatre and a pink-cushioned chair and bistro table from Loard's, and dined on Filet Mignon with Bordelaise Sauce, Butternut Squash Lasagna, and Chicken with Tarragon Dijon Sauce as Lucy Hupp Williams, the Historical Society's

President, welcomed the crowd. The sweetest treat of the entire evening, for many, came as memories of times gone by were shared by the event's honorees and those in attendance.

Brooks and Brad Stubblefield, co-owners of the Loard's Orinda and Moraga ice cream shops, were the first to speak. "It's a lot of work and a lot of fun," said Brooks, as she talked about life and work.

Born and raised in Orinda, the Stubblefields attended and fell in love at Miramonte High School. Brooks' first job was at the Orinda Theatre; Brad worked there, too. Later, when one daughter landed an after-school job at a local Loard's, they realized they wanted to be part of a much-loved Bay area tradition.

Generations have stopped by Loard's parlors scattered across the Bay Area to sample the now nearly 40 flavors, the three most popular of which are chocolate mint, chocolate showers, and mocha chip.

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