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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.

Shred Fest a Success

Submitted by Peggy Hall



Photo provided

The March 3 Shred Fest sponsored by Hall of Taxes raised \$301 for the Rescue One Foundation which supports the MOFD by purchasing needed equipment. Hall of Taxes joined forces with 5A Rent-A-Space and Neighborhood Computers to help Lamorinda households rid themselves of e-waste and important personal documents. The response to the Shred

Fest was so favorable that Hall of Taxes plans to sponsor the event again on June 3. Picture from left Linda Borelli and Greg Reams (from Rescue One Foundation), Grant Stubblefield (Neighborhood Computers), Peggy Hall (Hall of Taxes), and Brad Noggle (5 A Rent-A-Space). To be put on the notification list, call Hall of Taxes at (925) 388-1040.

Students Talk Their Way to Cash Prizes



Photo Tom Black

Three Miramonte High School seniors talked their way to cash prizes at the recent annual Four-Way Test Student Speech Contest sponsored by Lamorinda Sunrise Rotary. Taking first place and \$300 was Lisa Chang, pictured here with Kristen Plant, public speech teacher at Miramonte. Second-place prize of \$200 went to Alex Chen, far right. Ar-

jang Asadi claimed third place and \$100. For many years public speaking teams from Miramonte have won national acclaim. The event was held at Postino Restaurant in Lafayette, where the Rotary club conducts its weekly 7:15 a.m. breakfast meetings. Founded in 1987, the club is celebrating its 25th year of operation.

National Charity League Class of 2012

Submitted by Leslie Ryder



First row seated: Savannah Ryder, Caitlin Cunningham, Paige Williams. Seated around chairs: Katie DeWitt, Grace Whittom, Hannah Perkins, Kathleen Stanaro. Third row: Meredith Collett, Clare Durant, Shannon Burke, Lindsay Raftis. Fourth row: Samantha Reneau, Kimi Klein, Jenna Haufler, Annie Odell, Caitlin Noll, Daelyn Chase. Fifth row: Annalise Baer, Megan Freeman, Erin Byrne. Sixth row: Kellen Scanlan, Kelly Noah, Lizzie Newman, Kelly Leonard

Photo James Fidelibus

National Charity League, Inc. is a mother-daughter non-profit organization dedicated to serving local communities. Nationally, there are over 168 chapters committed to fostering the mother-daughter relationship through philanthropic, leadership and cultural activities. The Lamorinda Chapter was organized in 1989 and has members from Lafayette, Moraga and Orinda. Participation begins in 7th grade and continues through the senior year, culminating in celebrations at the Claremont Resort and Hotel in the spring. This year's class of 2012 cel-

ebrated on Sunday March 11, 2012. The girls are honored for their many hours of philanthropic work volunteering at The American Cancer Society, California Shakespeare, Youth Homes, Smiley Dog and Special Olympics among others.

For membership information, please visit www.nationalcharityleague.org These volunteer activities initiate a lifelong commitment to community service and deepen the bond between mother and daughter through these shared activities.

Making a Difference

Submitted by Tania DeGroot



Photo Lupe Jimeno

Realtors from the Better Homes and Gardens Mason-McDuffie Orinda office trimmed and pruned trees and bushes, pulled weeds, picked up branches, raked leaves, spread bark chips and painted a bench in the area above the main parking lot at the Orinda Senior Village on March 10 as part of its second annual corporate Giving Day. Pictured from left, Mau-

reen Caldwell-Meurer, Toni Izuno, Teresa Roman, Rena Brown, Rachel Lederman, Tina Van Arsdale, Dana Fillinger, Kathy Wu, Doug Faulkner, Sassa Oznowicz, Tania DeGroot, Regina Englehart, Michael Buuck, Len Cohn, Ben Miller, Camille De Campos, Hollie Felts-Howell, John Fazel. (Missing from photo: Ruth and Bill Eddy.)

Record Number of Lafayette Girl Scouts Celebrate 10 Years

Submitted by Colleen McCarty



Pictured from left: Kathleen Doughty, Adrienne Lee, Anna Hirsh, Lisa Fabbri, Candace Del Valle, Elizabeth Farnan, Arianna Ninh, Katie Olson, Kendall Comins, Emily VanOrmer, Shelly Kwok, Kristen Cervero, Casey Everitt, Jewels Biro, Molly Armstrong, Jenny Gonser, Mollie Nelsen, and Emily LaRoche.

Photo by Duane Nelsen

Young women in this community have many choices about how to spend their time. The following 29 girls chose Lafayette Girl Scouts and were recently honored for reaching the milestone of 10 years in Scouting: Troop 31042 (led by Geni Federas & Linda Bailey): Teresa Lo, Anna Hirsh, Amelia Curry, Casey Lee, Adrienne Lee, Candace Del Valle, & Kathleen Doughty; Troop 32232 (led by Gretchen Higgins): Jenny Gonser, Jacqueline Diede, Meg Kachidurian, Ashley Dubrasich; Troop 33846 (led by: Sue Olson): Arianna Ninh, Casey Everitt, Elizabeth Farnan, Emily VanOrmer,

Katie Olson, Kendall Comins, Kristen Cervero, Lisa Fabbri, Morgan Groover, Shelley Kwok; Troop 31983 (led by Cathy Vandenberghe): Madison McDonald; and Troop 31017 (led by Peg Matson & Colleen McCarty): Mollie Nelsen, Molly Armstrong, Emily LaRoche, Jewels Biro. These girls have enjoyed 10 years of making friends, providing service to others, camping, earning badges, selling cookies, learning leadership skills, and having a lot of fun! The girls were honored at the Lafayette Leader meeting on Feb. 9 by the Lafayette Coordinating Team, Lafayette Leaders and their families.

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