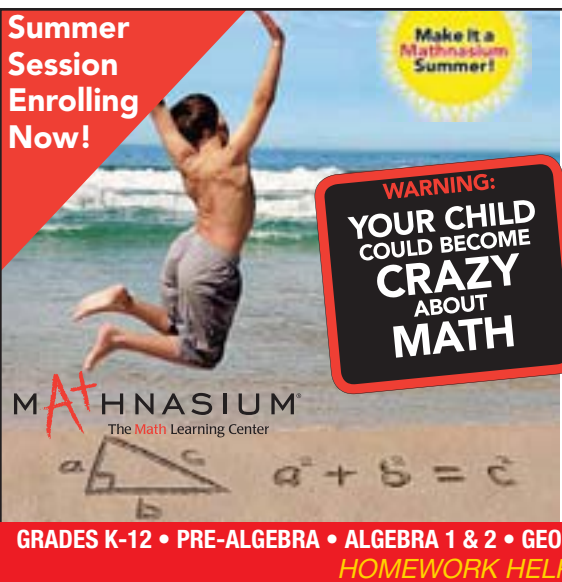


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## Community Service

### National Charity League Class of 2012

Submitted by Carrie Dern

The Acalanes Area Chapter of National Charity League – a mother-daughter non-profit organization dedicated to serving local communities – once again celebrated their graduating seniors during the 2012 Senior Celebration Program March 3 at the Claremont Hotel.

Nationally, there are over 168 chapters committed to fostering the mother-daughter relationship through philanthropic, leadership and cultural activities. Membership in the Acalanes Area Chapter is drawn from the Lamorinda communities of Lafayette, Moraga and Orinda. Participation begins in seventh grade and continues through the senior year of high school. The girls are honored for their many hours of philanthropic work volunteering at Foster-A-Dream, Lafayette Library, California Shakespeare, Juvenile Diabetes, Smiley Dog and Special Olympics, among others.

These volunteer activities combined with activities focused on leadership development and cultural awareness, form the three pillars of National Charity League, and help to initiate a life-long commitment to community service and deepen the bond between mother and daughter. For membership information, please visit [www.nationalcharityleague.org](http://www.nationalcharityleague.org).



Standing from left: Alicia Macler, Carlyn Wright, Erin Furay, Kit Koelzer, Brittany Preston, Nicole Forbes, Mallory Loomis, Rachael Oczkus, Katie Thompson. Sitting: Gabriela Blum, Jamie Fiero, Jessica Zischke, Audrey Vogel, Courtney Neff, Shelby Dern, Gwendolyn Tom, Emily Davis, Kelsey Figone, Barbara Lanier, Nicki Bartak, Tamar McCollum  
Photo Terry Riggins Photography, Moraga

### National Girl Scout Awards Announced

Submitted by Linda Bailey Wurgley, Senior School Organizer, Events Coordinator



Geni Federas Photos provided

of the requirements, and assuring them that it will get easier, one fellow leader noted. "This important skill of reassuring the new troops is important. The new leadership is not scared off by the mountain of forms and paperwork.

"When Federas first started the volunteer position she was a stay-at-home mom. She has continued the position, worked full time, attending to the Service Unit Registration details in the evenings. She attends each Fall and Spring Leader Meetings to teach leaders, old and new, the updated registration procedures. She does it in an entertaining style with handouts for easy reference later."

Sandra Patterson, who was awarded the Honor Pin, is unwavering in her forward-march attitude and problem-solving abilities. Through her ability to structure activities, she makes it seem easy to jump on board. She possesses a rare combination of being detail-oriented and having a broad, clear vision for the organization. She is masterfully organized and truly cares that everyone feels able to effectively carry out their jobs and motivates fellow leaders to take on new challenges.

As the interim school organizer for Happy Valley Elementary she learned about eight second-grade girls who had been on a waiting list for a troop, and she committed to starting a second-grade troop so that the parents could see how a troop runs. Sandra was also interim Membership Coordinator and SUD while working full-time.

Both of these role models recognize, understand, and practice the values of inclusive behavior. The 1,443 girl and adult members are proud and thankful for these women's service to our community. As a small token of Lafayette Girl Scouts' appreciation, both of these outstanding women will be honored at a special lunch with Girl Scout Northern California CEO Marina Park.

If you really want to fight poverty, fuel growth and combat extremism, try girl power. Two Lafayette women exemplify this edict and contribute to the Girl Scout goals of the three C's: courage, confidence and character.

Geni Federas, who was recently honored with the Appreciation Pin, patiently attends to each and every leader, making them feel that it is okay to be a bit overwhelmed by all

### Bears Pick Up Litter in Moraga

Submitted by Catherine Becker



Photo Catherine Becker  
Pack 505 Cub Scout Bears were up bright and early on Sunday, April 15 to pick up litter in Moraga. The boys met at 8 a.m. to pick up many bags of litter on the walking/running corridor beside the Safeway to help keep our community beautiful. Bears shown from left: Cooper Alford, Jack Keough, Graham Becker and Keith Millar,

### Brownies Clean Up Day Camp, Donate to Campsite

Submitted by Linda Murphy



Photo Linda Murphy  
Lafayette Brownie Troop #31881 (Burton Valley, second grade) donated their troop's proceeds from this year's Girl Scout Cookie sales to the Girl Scout Twin Canyon campsite in Lafayette. The troop members also volunteered their time and energy at the Diablo Day Camp Twin Canyon clean-up day on Saturday, April 14. The girls cleared campsites and the Brownie trail to ready the camp for 10 sessions of day camp this summer. Troop members are

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.