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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.

Working Together to Clean the Creeks

Submitted by Elizabeth O'Shea



Volunteers from the Friends of the Orinda Creeks and the Orinda Academy clean the creek.

Photo Adriane Bosworth

Friends of Orinda Creeks and Orinda Academy worked together March 23 to remove trash and invasive weeds from the banks of San Pablo Creek in downtown Orinda. Fourteen creek advocates formed teams with 38 students and four staff members from the Orinda Academy. After removing seven bags of trash and some large debris, the teams began digging out non-native black-

berry, broom, and ivy. After several hours, a full truck of weeds had been removed. The Friends of Orinda Creeks will continue to lead work parties to improve the creek banks in the coming months. Announcements of these work parties and other events can be found on the Friends website: www.OrindaCreeks.org.

Four Miramonte Seniors Receive Gold Award

Submitted by Gretchen Latimer



Ashley Juarbe Alicia Macler Cecily Schmidt Katherine Latimer

Girl Scout Troop 30662 members and Miramonte High School seniors Katherine Latimer, Cecily Schmidt, Alicia Macler, and Ashley Juarbe each earned the Girl Scout Gold Award. The four completed projects involving more than 100 hours. Katherine Latimer started a pilot art program teaching photography classes in an after-school enrichment program. She taught the classes for eight weeks and finished up the class with an art show. Cecily Schmidt created a neighborhood disaster program, creating a preparedness video and

manned an informational booth on disaster preparedness at the Orinda Farmers' Market. Alicia Macler taught cooking and nutrition classes at Shelter Inc. in Antioch. Her classes emphasized healthy meals on a limited budget. Ashley Juarbe created a week-long summer camp for the children at Shelter Inc. The camp included crafts, sport activities and a family barbecue. This fall Katherine will attend Villanova University, Cecily will attend UC Berkeley, Alicia will attend UC Santa Barbara, and Ashley will attend University of Redlands.

OIS Students Raise Funds for Shoes

Submitted by Blake Sharp



Orinda Intermediate School (OIS) students and social entrepreneurs Katherine Cane and Blake Sharp, age 13, are raising funds to help provide shoes for 4,000 homeless and low-income children in the Bay Area as part of OIS's Take Action Project. The two are selling neon shoelaces, bracelets and baked goods, and donating the money to the non-profit My New Red Shoes. With every \$12 donation, Blake and Katherine will donate a brand new pair of shoes directly to the cause (they found a great deal on lace-up sneakers). They've also teamed up with Table 24 in Orinda which will donate 10 percent of dinner proceeds May 15 to My New Red Shoes; simply mention the fundraiser "My New Red Shoes" or say, "This is for the fundraiser," or "This is for Blake and Katherine." The students will also be out front selling shoes that evening with a goal of selling 24 shoes in honor of Table 24. (A big thank you to Table 24 for its generosity.) For more information - you can email Blake or Katherine at blakeandkatherinesnewshoes@gmail.com.

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Junior Girl Scouts Complete Bronze Award Project

Submitted by Lisa Lindquist



Front row, from left: Olivia, Maddy, Catherine, Joelle, Tori and Lily. Back row: Sara, Carissa, Sabrina, Elizabeth, Annika, Mackensie, Isabel and Sophie

Photo Zunilda Ramos

Moraga's Junior Girl Scout Troop #30550 spent the last year planning and executing various activities for the residents at Moraga Royale and completed its Bronze Award Project April 29. The troop made scarves at Christmas, put together a book of illustrations and poems for their library, wrote letters to all of the residents, and put on a show (singing, music and skits).