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**business briefs**



Orinda winners of the Small Business Award, Republic of Cake co-owners Peter McNiff and Chih-Chung Fang Photo provided

County celebration. "Brad has been so intricately involved in the Chamber activities for the past four years," said Moraga Chamber's Kathe Nelson. "He has run the Community Faire Car Show single-handedly for the last two years, he consistently reaches out to other businesses and fosters business-related networking, and he serves the community in many ways, with the Lions, with e-waste recycling events, with the Santa event."

Shelby's AIDS Foundation Fundraiser on May 17  
 2 Theater Square in Orinda, Suite 152  
 (925) 254-9687, www.shelbyseatbetter.com

From June 3rd through June 9th Shelby's Carlos Rangel will be riding his bike 545 miles, from San Francisco to Los Angeles in the AIDS/ LifeCycle 11. "I've committed to raising \$10,000," he says. In support to Rangel's big challenge, Shelby's is organizing a fundraising event May 17 from 6 to 9 p.m. where art pieces, wine and gift certificates from Theater Square merchants will be silently auctioned at the restaurant. Additionally, 25 percent of the restaurant's sales that day will go to sponsor Rangel's ride. "The funds raised will enable the San Francisco AIDS Foundation help those impacted by HIV to get the treatment and care they need and provide targeted prevention efforts," says Rangel.

Nifty E-Waste Recycling Center Opens in Lafayette  
 3467 Golden Gate Way, Lafayette  
 (925) 294-9086

Futures Explored, Inc., a non-profit corporation that provides life skills and work-related training to adults with developmental disabilities, announced that it has opened new Nifty E-Waste Recycling Centers in the East Bay, including one in Lafayette. The new centers offer individuals and businesses a convenient way to recycle unwanted electronics safely and responsibly. The recycling service is free of charge, and drop-off centers are located next to Nifty Thrift. "Nifty Thrift stores have always been about the concept of 'shop and drop', where anyone can shop for household and personal items, and also conveniently donate items of their own, including books, furniture, jewelry, clothing and collectibles," said Will Sanford, Executive Director, Futures Explored, Inc. "And now with Nifty E-Waste, we've expanded that concept to include recycling of electronic items. It's all part of a broader effort to help the community reduce, reuse and recycle." Nifty E-Waste Recycling Center is open Mondays, noon-5 p.m. and Tuesdays-Saturdays, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

News from the Three Chambers of Commerce  
 Lafayette Chamber of Commerce

Tonight! May Mixer, Wednesday, May 9, 5:30 to 7 p.m., Round Table Pizza, 3637 Mt. Diablo Blvd.

Taste of Lafayette. A tour of Lafayette's finest dining establishments and the opportunity to sample the signature cuisine of each restaurant, Tuesday, May 15, 5:30 to 9 p.m. The tour begins at Elam and Margaret Brown Plaza (corner of Moraga Road and Mt. Diablo Blvd.) From there, ticket holders will go at their own pace to any, or all,

of the participating restaurants. The evening wraps up back at the Plaza with dessert and coffee, more music, raffles, silent and live auction. The Taste benefits the Lafayette Community Foundation and the programs and services of the Lafayette Chamber of Commerce. Cost is \$45 per person, reserve by mail to Chamber Office or register online at [Lafayettechamber.org](http://Lafayettechamber.org)

Social Media Strategies Workshop, Wednesday, May 16, 8 a.m., Lafayette Library & Learning Center, 3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd. Learn steps to create and Optimize online business profiles. Free to Lafayette Chamber members.

Moraga Chamber of Commerce

Moraga Community Faire, May 12 (see page B1), 11a.m. to 4 p.m., Rheem Center.

Orinda Chamber of Commerce

Chamber Ribbon Cutting Event for Orinda Florists, May 4, 3:30 p.m.,  
99 Brookwood Road #2, Orinda.

Chamber Ribbon Cutting Event for All-In-Fitness, May 18, 4 p.m.,  
1 Orinda Way Suite #2, Orinda.

Heads up for the most patriotic 4th of July parade ever to be held in Lamorinda. Orinda Chamber is inviting businesses in the three communities to join a friendly 4th of July Lamorinda decorating contest. The winner will be honored with a banner on a float or car in the parade and will win a free ad in the Lamorinda Weekly and the Orinda News. "We want the businesses to go all out, honoring our soldiers and our vets," said Chamber Executive Director Candy Kattenburg. Decorations should be up from June 27 to July 4 and will be judged on June 30. Only one business from the three cities will be selected. "We want to have an inclusive parade, and get everybody in Lamorinda into the spirit," she added.

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