

Not to be missed

HALLOWEEN AND HOLIDAY FUN ... continued

Halloween Mixer. Networking and Halloween fun with costumes, drinks, and prizes. This Halloween open mixer is costume mandatory with a contest to go with it! This event will be at Third Workplace from 6 to 8pm Thursday, October 25, 7000 Sunne Lane, Suite 112, Walnut Creek. For more info, call (925) 482-0910 or visit <http://thirdworkplacehalloween-eorg.eventbrite.com/>.

Dark Dreams Haunted House at Rheem Theatre from 7 to 11pm October 26, 27, 28 and on Halloween, October 31. Tickets: \$9 at the door. This is a fundraiser for the California Independent Film Festival.

Trick or Treat at Rheem Valley Shopping Center from 3 to 5pm on Halloween, October 31. Free bags and Halloween candy for children in costume from participating businesses.

Little Shop of Horrors. There will be a Halloween skit from 7

Little Shop of Horrors



to 9pm Halloween, October 31, at 12 Lynwood Place, Moraga. There will be tricks and treats.

Orinda Holiday Bazaar. Come and get a start on your holiday shopping! The Orinda Holiday Bazaar will feature art, crafts, gourmet food, clothing, specialty items, and entertainment and is designed for the entire family from 9:30am until 4:30pm Saturday, November 3 at the Orinda Community Center, 28 Orinda Way, Orinda.

A Harvest Fair and Luncheon. Take time to browse and purchase that distinctive gift for the special people on your shopping list from 10am to 3pm Thursday, November 8 at the Soda Center, Saint Mary's College, 1928 Saint Mary's Road. Enjoy a glass of wine, soda or juice while shopping for holiday decor, stocking stuffers, and hostess gifts. A Traditional Thanksgiving Menu will be served at noon. Cost: \$27. For more info, call (925) 820-8002.

Community Thanksgiving Breakfast. The Lafayette Chamber of Commerce invites you to join city leaders, residents and the business community for breakfast as we have done for 32 years. Breakfast will be graciously provided by Dave's Cuisine from 7 to 8:30am November 15 at Lafayette United Methodist Church, 955 Moraga Road, Lafayette. Cost: \$20. For more info, call (925) 284-7404 or visit www.lafayettechamber.org.

WORKSHOPS & ORGANIZATIONS

Shape Great Kids with Positive Parenting. Louise Hart, Ed.D., a recognized speaker, bestselling author and thought leader in positive parenting, will host an encouraging and uplifting parent education workshop from 6:30 to 8pm Thursday, October 25 at Bentley's School's Student Performing Arts Center, 1000 Happy Valley Road, Lafayette. This research-based approach decreases negative emotions and behaviors, and improves relationships. For more info, contact Melissa Hyde at (510) 843-2512 ext. 2402.

Living with Disabilities Conference Sunday, October 28 at 4pm (dinner and resource fair) and 5pm for the presentation by Dr. Ricki Robinson, pediatrician and autism expert, the Lafayette-Orinda Presbyterian Church. (See article on page B2)

Come attend the Saint Monica Men's Club meeting for fellowship, refreshments and a delicious dinner prepared by Chef Bob Murtaugh and crew on November 5 at 6pm in the St. Monica Peace Center (1001 Canyon Road). Ivy Morrison, Caltrans Fourth Bore Public Information Officer, will speak about the status of the new Caldecott Tunnel. Cost for dinner: \$10 (members); \$15 (non-members).

Sons in Retirement Lamorinda Branch 171 meet the first Wednesday each month. Social hour is at 11am and lunch is at noon. The November 7 after-lunch speaker will be Dan Ashley, anchor of ABC News at 6 and 11. Ashley's presentations have been very interesting and informative. The branch meets at Holy Trinity Culture Center, 1700 School St., Moraga. For more info, call Larry at (925) 631-9528.

Lafayette Garden Club features guest speaker Laurel Ann Winzler, one of San Francisco and the Bay Area's outstanding floral and event designers, who will share her magical ideas for "Fabulous Holiday Décor" at 9:30am November 8, Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 1035 Carol Lane, Lafayette. Contact: sa613and@aol.com.

Montelindo Garden Club Meeting. Janet Sluis traveled the world for 20 years to search for unusual plants. Hear how and why these plants made the cut to become 'Sunset Western Garden Collection' plants November 16 at 9am, Orinda Community Church, 10 Irwin Way, Orinda. For more info, call (925) 254-3906.

OTHER

The 2012 Iron Filmmaker Contest begins October 27. The contest is open to everyone and is free to enter. Contestants will have 24 hours to create a complete three-minute short film. The film must include the secret ingredients that all participants will be given at the kick-off at 9am Saturday, October 27 at The New Rheem Theatre, 350 Park St., Moraga. All films submitted will be shown at The New Rheem Theatre at 9am, Saturday, November 10. Enter your team online at www.caiff.org. The completed movie must be turned in by 10am Sunday, October 28 at www.caiff.org.

Widowed persons support group. The sessions are informal discussions for those in need of emotional support after the loss of a loved one. There will be counseling sessions that continue each Saturday from 10am to noon through November 17. The meetings are at St. Stephens Episcopal Church in the Oak Room, 66 St. Stephens Drive, Orinda.

The Liberal Arts and Educating Citizens for the Common Good. A Saint Mary's College of California symposium on the importance of the liberal arts in educating responsible democratic citizens will be held from 7 to 9pm Tuesday, October 30 at the Soda Center, Saint Mary's College, 1928 Saint Mary's Road, Moraga. For more info, call (925) 631-4222.

Prop 37: Your Right to Know. Sustainable Moraga will host a film "Genetic Roulette" and discussion to support this upcoming initiative from 6 to 8pm October

30 at the Moraga Library, 1500 Saint Mary's Road. Californians overwhelming support this proposition – requiring companies that use genetically modified organisms (GMOs) in their products to label them as such. For more info, call (925) 788-8394 or visit www.sustainablemoraga.org.

The Friends of Orinda Library Book Sale: Thursday, November 1, 10am to 1pm at the Sorting Room and Bookshop, Orinda Library, 26 Orinda Way, Orinda. For info, call (925)254-1358.

Lafayette Juniors 19th Annual Rummage Sale from 7am to 2pm Saturday, November 3 at Lafayette-Orinda Presbyterian Church, 49 Knox Drive, Lafayette.

Healthy Lamorinda Fair from 5 to 7pm Monday, November 5 at the Oakwood Athletic Club, 4000 Mt. Diablo Boulevard, Lafayette. Free. For more info, visit www.healthylamorinda.com.

Artisan Faire. Offering unique, creative gifts, with complimentary wine tasting from 4 to 7pm Thursday, November 15 at the Orinda Country Club, 315 Camino Sobrante, Orinda.

Free Memory Screenings as part of National Memory Screening Day from 1 to 4pm Tuesday, November 15 at Aegis of Moraga, 950 Country Club Drive, Moraga. For more info, call (925) 376-9900 or visit www.alzfdn.org.

Holden High School presents the 2nd in its writer's series from 7 to 9pm Thursday, November 15 at the Orinda Community Church Fellowship Hall. This Meet the Writer event will feature Marine Ecologist Dr. Rod Fujita, author of Heal the Oceans and will include refreshments, a conversation with Rod, sales of his books and an autographing opportunity.

Lamorinda Moms' 15th Annual Preschool Fair. Attendees will receive a comparison of each of the participating preschools and have the opportunity to meet and talk with the directors and parents from each school from 6:30 to 8:30pm Thursday, November 15 at Oakwood Athletic Club, 4000 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Lafayette. Free. For more info, visit www.lamorindamoms.org.

Celebrate the Joy of Remembrance at the 26th Annual Hospice of the East Bay Tree of Lights. Please join any of the commemorative ceremonies to enjoy music, poetry, remembrances by family members and friends of Hospice, and the special moment when the tree lights up. There will be a tree lighting ceremony Saturday, December 1 at 4:30pm at the Orinda Tree in Orinda Village, and at 5:30pm Sunday, December 9 at the Moraga & Lafayette Tree, Moraga Country Club, 1600 St. Andrews Drive, Moraga. There will be a reception following after the tree lighting.

Kindergarten Tour at St. Perpetua School. St. Perpetua School in Lafayette invites all incoming kindergarten-age children and their parents to get a taste of kindergarten and the school's very own Café St. Perpetua from 8 to 10pm Friday, December 7 at St. Perpetua School, 3445 Hamlin Road, Lafayette. For more info, visit www.stpsparenteducation.eventbrite.com.

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