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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](mailto:storydesk@lamorindaweekly.com) with the subject header In Service to the Community.

## Two Orinda Residents Honored at Contra Costa Council Philanthropy Awards

Submitted by Molly Walker



Kay Aaker  
 Photos Robert Temple Photography



Judy Lazarus

More than 310 people attended the Contra Costa Council's 2012 Contra Costa Philanthropy Awards breakfast celebration Nov. 8 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Concord to honor eight award recipients, including Orinda residents Kay Aaker and Judy Lazarus.

Aaker, who was awarded Outstanding Volunteer of the Year, has been volunteering with Hospice of the East Bay over the past 28 years, clocking more than 750 volunteer hours since 2004. A retired grade school teacher for over 40 years, she has also volunteered for Meals on Wheels, Caring Hands at John Muir Hospital and the American Cancer Society. "She positively and creatively impacts at least one other person's life every day, and she does it with dignity, grace and style," noted the Council at this year's event. Last year, Aaker earned an award from the Culture to Culture Foundation for extraordinary voluntary service within Contra Costa County.

Lazarus, who was presented

with the Lifetime Achievement Award, founded the Xenophon Therapeutic Riding Center in Martinez in 1993, moving to its present location in Orinda in 1996. Serving Alameda and Contra Costa counties, the center offers therapeutic horseback riding for children with disabilities. She started the program at a borrowed barn on borrowed horses, with only two students and herself as the instructor. Through 18 years of commitment and energy, the center now has seven part-time instructors, a licensed physical therapist and five program-owned therapy horses. It serves 48 students each week, with a wait-list for services. More than 120 volunteers work at the center weekly, including many teens whom Judy has recruited from area high schools.

Contra Costa TV will air the awards breakfast program at 8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 22 and Monday, Nov. 26. For more information about the Contra Costa Council, visit [www.contracostacouncil.com](http://www.contracostacouncil.com).

## Kiwanis Installs 2012-13 Officers

Submitted by Stan Holcenberg



Kiwanis Lt. Governor Cherice Gilliam installs 2012-13 officers, from left: Secretary Mike Metcalf, 2nd Vice President Gloria Eive, Treasurer Barbara Van Sickle, and President Graig Crossley. Not pictured - 1st Vice President Jason Evans.

Photo provided

Kiwanis California-Nevada-Hawaii Division 26 Lt. Governor, Cherice Gilliam, conducted the installation of the officers and board members at the Kiwanis Club of Moraga Valley's annual Installation Dinner Sept. 27. The master of ceremonies was early Kiwanis Club of Moraga Valley member, and 1999 Moraga Citizen of the Year, Dan Rego.

Graig Crossley, current Hacienda Foundation president and former Moraga mayor, was installed as president. Other officers include 1st Vice President Jason Evans, 2nd Vice Pres-

ident Gloria Eive, Secretary Mike Metcalf, Treasurer Barbara Van Sickle, and Past President Karen Reed.

Mike Metcalf was presented with the 2011-12 Kiwanian of the Year award by last year's winner, Bob Reynolds. The award is given to an individual who is very active in the club's fundraising and service projects, and who fosters the efforts of Kiwanis in the community. Metcalf has been club secretary for many years. In addition, he has served as mayor of Moraga twice, been on the Moraga Planning Commission, and has

served in many other government and community service organizations.

Many Kiwanis members are very involved in town activities. During the holiday season each year, members manage a See's Candy store in the Rheem Valley Shopping Center, and they recently participated in the building of the Rancho Laguna Park play structure. The local Kiwanis Club contributes a significant amount of money each year for scholarships and to local agencies that focus on improving the lives of children.

## NCL Shares High Tea with Moraga Royal Residents

Submitted by Grace Southwick



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Seventeen members of Lamorinda National Charity League's Class of 2015 and 49 residents of Moraga Royal gathered together and shared a homemade assortment of finger sandwiches, scones, sweet

treats as well as wonderful conversation Nov. 4 at the Moraga Royal assisted living facility. Following high tea, the residents enjoyed a performance and a sing along with songs from the musicals Guys and Dolls

and Annie. The annual tradition and is a special opportunity for the teens to spend time with their Moraga Royal neighbors. The National Charity League is a mother daughter philanthropic organization.