

Volunteers Adorn Downtown Orinda Buildings with Holiday Cheer

Submitted by Janet Pease



Sam Sernett Michael Kreutzelman and Max Kreutzelman from Boy Scout Troop 237 Photos provided



Event co-chairman Jane Wisner (top row) and bottom row, from left: volunteers John Cinderey, Ann Cinderey and event co-chairman Cathleen Sodos.

Undaunted by rainy weather and warmed with coffee, hot chocolate and doughnuts, approximately 30 volunteers, including Orinda Garden Club members and their husbands and Boy Scouts from Troop 237 and their families, gathered in the Bank of America parking lot Dec. 1 before setting out to hang 100 brightly colored Christmas wreaths all over downtown Orinda as part of the second annual "Wreaths Around Orinda" project. The evergreen wreaths, purchased by the Orinda Garden Club from Boy Scout Troop 237 and Miramonte's senior class, were decorated by members and friends of the Orinda Garden Club at a holiday workshop. Senior class treasurer, Grace Barosky, organized the Miramonte students involved in the fund raising project, and several local Boy Scouts from Troop 237 led by Scout Jack O'Melveny, and members of their families hung the 100 wreaths on downtown buildings. "This event warms the hearts of many, especially since it brings together several volunteer groups," said Carole Wolfman, garden club president. The Orinda Garden Club, along with other local garden clubs, provide volunteer workers and resources for many of the city's beautification efforts. Orinda residents Cathleen Sodos and Jane Wisner co-chaired the event.

New Eagle Scout

Submitted by Ron Graydon



Congratulations to Jackson Hu, student, who recently earned his an Orinda Academy straight-A Eagle Scout award. Photo provided

Delivering Good Cheer

Submitted by Rosylyn Stenzel



From left: Helen Clifford, Betsey Young, Ruth Purcell, Frances Perry, and Barbara Riggio. Not pictured, Turi Riksheim. Photo Rosylyn Stenzel

Members of the Suburban Women's Club of Lafayette are continuing an over 15-year tradition of making and delivering Christmas favors to skilled nursing facilities in Lafayette. Though the club has folded, the ladies continue to be philanthropic. The tray favors are filled with candies and delivered just in time for the holidays.

One-of-a-kind Stockings Help Youth Homes

Submitted by Susan Goldie



Photo provided

Bells were jingling and sewing machines were humming as 17 generous volunteers came into the Sewnow studio to sew and embellish stockings for Youth Homes during two free sewing workshops

in November. Sewnow provided instructors, pre-cut stocking kits, felt appliques, buttons, and heat set crystals, as well as a custom monogram for each stocking cuff. Finished designs were entered into a design contest, and the community was invited to vote on Facebook and in the studio for their favorite design. After a flurry of voting and tallying over 100 votes, number 14 was declared the winner and the designer, Mary Bridget Gallagher, was presented with a \$75 Sewnow gift card. The stockings will be presented to the young adults who are part of Youth Homes Aftercare program at a Christmas party Dec. 19.



You found your dream home.

Choose a mortgage to match.

Experience a world of choice with Jumbo Loans from Union Bank®.

When it comes to larger loans, your options can be limited. At Union Bank, we broaden your choices and offer our most competitive rates on larger home loans.¹

Whether you're buying or refinancing, we make our best options available to you:

Variety of Loan Programs—have more choices with an assortment of fixed- or fixed/ adjustable-rate jumbo loan programs up to \$5 million.

Zero Point Options—reduce your out-of-pocket expenses at closing, and still get a great rate on your mortgage.

Interest-Only Payment Option—make lower monthly payments and maximize your potential tax deduction. (Consult a professional tax advisor.)²

Portfolio Lender—receive specialized underwriting on the most complex mortgages and consideration of loan amounts above \$5 million, case by case.

Get personalized service and great rates with a Jumbo Loan.

Karen Weil
VP, Mortgage Consultant
925-362-7107
karen.weil@unionbank.com
unionbank.com/kweil
NMLS ID #765233



¹ Loans subject to credit and collateral approval. Financing available for collateral located in CA, OR, or WA. Restrictions may apply. Terms and conditions subject to change.

² With an interest-only mortgage payment, you will not pay down the loan's principal balance during the interest-only period. Once the interest-only period ends, your payments will increase to pay back the principal and interest. Rates are subject to increase over the life of the loan. Contact your mortgage consultant to determine what your payments might be once the interest-only period ends.



THE HOLIDAYS. ALL SQUARED AWAY.



- ANAHID DESIGNS FLOWERS
- AMFA ART GALLERY
- BARBARCOA
- BONFIRE PIZZERIA
- ENTOURAGE SPA & SALON
- KASPER'S HOT DOG COMPANY
- LAVA PIT
- HAWAIIAN GRILL
- LIVING LEAN
- ORINDA THEATRE
- ORINDA TRAVEL
- SUBWAY
- SWEET DREAMS TOY STORE
- TABLE 24
- VISUAL ENTRÉE OPTOMETRY
- PETRA CAFÉ
- REPUBLIC OF CAKE
- SERIKA
- SHELBY'S
- STARBUCKS COFFEE

SANTA HOLIDAY PHOTOS

FRIDAY 2PM-7PM
SATURDAY 10AM-7PM
SUNDAY 11AM-6PM
DINING & SHOPPING DISCOUNTS WITH PHOTO PURCHASE

AT ORINDA THEATRE SQUARE IT'S ALL GOOD. Casual, yet upscale dining with a menu for every taste. An eclectic blend of boutiques and health & beauty services. And all the latest movie releases at an iconic Bay Area theater. With so many new and exciting restaurants and shops, there are so many reasons to think inside The Square!

FREE GARAGE PARKING WHEN YOU SHOP OR DINE



CHECK OUT ALL OF OUR HOLIDAY SPECIAL OFFERS & UPCOMING EVENTS



orindatheatresquare.com