

# 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.

## Local Cub Scouts Help Out During Community Service Day

Submitted by Mylinh Paolieri



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The boys from Rheem Elementary Cub Scouts Pack 351 came out for a second year on a Saturday morning to lend a hand at the Walnut Creek Community Service Day. This group of first- through fifth-graders spent all morning cleaning up and revitalizing Lar Rieu Park. The boys raked leaves, pruned trees and bushes, composted and mulched trees that

had not had much attention in years. By the end of the morning all of them had put in a good day's work and learned how it feels to give back to the community. The neighbors and organizers of the event were very grateful and impressed with the hard work and dedication the Cubs displayed.

## Lafayette Safety Fair and CERT Exercise on Saturday

Submitted by Carol Yates



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Fire, police, Emergency Management Services, the Red Cross, the East Bay Regional Park District, and CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) will be at Stanley Middle School from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 12 as part of a free Lafayette Safety Fair and CERT Exercise. Helicopters will be landing on the field. A bike rodeo with an obstacle course to teach kids how to ride safely to school will be offered by police. Child car seat installation check will be offered by police. There will also be hands-on fire extinguisher training with fire department personnel, and the Red Cross will be there to demonstrate a simulated sheltering of residents and pets during a large emergency. CERT members will show how to secure items in your home for earthquake resistance, and demonstrate disaster medical operations and radio communications. Psychologists will talk with parents about disaster psychology and how to deal with children following an earthquake or wildfire. Medical triage, moulage, and treatment stations will be demonstrating CERT skills. A sample of Personal/Family Cache and a Neighborhood Cache display will be available for viewing. Come early and enjoy free donuts and coffee between 8 and 9 a.m.

## Troop 237 Announces New Eagle Scouts

Submitted by Carolyn Palmer



New Troop 237 Eagle Scouts, from left: Chris Berg, Neil Weikert, Daniel Hogan and Mark Palmer. Photo provided

Boy Scout Troop 237 of Orinda announced that four new Scouts have joined the Troop's Eagle family. Christopher Kinney Berg, Daniel Liam Hogan, Mark Drury Palmer, and Neil Hays Weikert were honored at the Troop's Eagle Court of Honor Sept. 22 at the Orinda Community Church. For their Eagle Scout projects, Berg led a team of Troop 237 Scouts on a used sports-equipment drive, Hogan

refurbished 12 signs along a 4.5 mile stretch of the Bear Valley to Lake Alpine Trail, which is part of the Mokelumne Coast-to-Crest Trail, Palmer planned and created a picnic area near the Pony baseball diamond at the Orinda Sports Field, and Weikert built a display case for the Miramonte High School Men's and Women's tennis teams.

## Hands-On Workshops Benefit AAUW Scholarship Fund

Submitted by S. Lucacher

iPhone for Technologically Challenged Hands on Step by Step Workshop



SAT? or ACT?



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The American Association of University Women (AAUW - Lamorinda branch) has adopted a new strategy to raise money for its scholarship fund: two workshops – one on Oct. 18 for 'technologically challenged' people who want to make the most of the advanced functions of an iPhone; and one on Oct. 20 for high school students who wonder whether they should focus on the SAT or the ACT test for their college applications.

contacts, send emails, take and manage pictures, use the calendar, access Wifi, and navigate the Internet. An advanced class will help participants learn bells and whistles such as identifying contacts by ringtone, cropping pictures, taking videos, Skyping or using Viber, adding bookmarks, adding apps, changing font size and much more. "People can come to the first session, the second or both," Olmer says.

"More and more colleges are accepting either the SAT or the ACT [results] when assessing candidates," says Ksenija Olmer of AAUW. "The two tests are differently structured and some students perform better on one than the other." The high school student workshop allows students to take a combination of both the SAT and ACT tests, compare the results and decide if they should focus on one test or the other.

The basic iPhone workshop will be from 9 to 10:30 a.m., the advanced from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., on Oct. 18 in Orinda. "Bring your iPhone fully charged, your apple ID number, a bag lunch and your checkbook!" says Olmer. The cost is \$35 per workshop. To register, email at [xenija@aol.com](mailto:xenija@aol.com) or call (925) 708-0770.

AAUW has partnered with the Princeton Review Assessment (PRA) to conduct the four-hour-long 'real life' combo test. "AAUW will provide the staff and Princeton will analyze the results and advise students on their strategy," Olmer says.

The PRA SAT/ACT combo test will be held from 8:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. Oct. 20 on the upstairs level of the Moraga Country Club. Individual assessments will be provided to students and parents on Nov. 3. The cost is \$35 per student. To register online, visit <http://sat-act.aauwoml.org/>. The test is for all high school students thinking about college. Arrive on time and bring a #2 pencil, a calculator, water and snack.

The iPhone workshop will have two levels: a basic class will teach how to text, manage the

## Three Local High Schools Donate Gently Used Clothes to 1 Closet

Submitted by Sue Graham



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Founder of 1 Closet, Laura Graham (left) and Acalanes High School senior Lauren Witt (right) smile in front of bags of approximately 200 garments donated by AHS students during its recent clothing drive. Miramonte High School and Bentley School will also be participating in 1 Closet clothing drives this month. Last year, the three schools collected more than 400 garments for the charity that gives these gently-used items to teens in need. Since starting the charitable organization in 2011, Graham has collected, boxed and distributed more than 15,500 garments for low-income teens in the East Bay. For information about 1 Closet, visit [www.1-closet.com](http://www.1-closet.com).

## Assistance League Receives \$1,000 Grant from Westamerica Bank

Submitted by Betty Miller



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Assistance League of Diablo Valley Grants Committee Chair Susan Angle recently accepted a \$1,000 check from Westamerica Bank Assistance Vice President/Financial Sales Officer Theresa Fortier to benefit the R.E.A.D. program, which stands for Read, Enrich, Achieve, and Discover. The program has helped member volunteers instill the love of reading in elementary school children since 2003 and, in later years, has donated books to their respective classrooms and school libraries.

Assistance League of Diablo Valley is a non-profit, member volunteer organization dedicated to improving lives in the community through hands-on programs. R.E.A.D. is one of Assistant League of Diablo Valley's eight philanthropic programs. All of the books donated in 2012-13 boast a sticker that states, "I LOVE TO READ!" -- a statement that sometimes begins the monthly sessions. For more information about the organization, please visit [diablovalley.assistanceleague.org](http://diablovalley.assistanceleague.org).

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