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KIDS, PARENTS & TEENS

Teen Art Session for teens ages 13-19 at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 20 in the Arts and Science Discovery Room at the Lafayette Library and Learning Center. Come and create art to be publicly displayed at the library or to take home. Supplies, food and art examples will be provided.

Young Adult Author Talk. Local author Corina Vacco, winner of the 30th Annual Delacorte Prize for a First Young Adult Novel, will discuss "My Chemical Mountain" at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 21 in the Community Hall at the Lafayette Library and Learning Center.

Jingle Festival. Everyone is invited for an afternoon of family fun from noon to 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8 at 451 Moraga Way, Orinda. Come decorate gingerbread houses, sing holiday karaoke, and make ornaments and other crafts. There will be a holiday bazaar for your shopping pleasure featuring handmade scarves, crafts, jams, jewelry, baked goods, and books. After the festival stay from 3 to 4 p.m. for the Jingle Festival Holiday Concert. For more info, contact (925) 254-5965.

HOLIDAY TREE LIGHTINGS

Refuge Community Church Christmas Tree Lighting at 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 1. Dress warm for this outdoor celebration featuring hot apple cider and cocoa, catered hors d'oeuvres, children's activities, Christmas carols with the Refuge band and the lighting of the 25-foot Blue Spruce Christmas tree at 155 Moraga Rd.

Moraga Commons Park Christmas Tree lighting. Music, cookies, and cocoa begin at 6:30 p.m., tree lit promptly at 7 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 6 at the Commons.

Hospice of the East Bay invites the public to participate in its 27th Annual Tree of Lights Ceremonies to be held in Contra Costa County throughout November and December at 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7, 31 on Orinda Way, Orinda (by Bank of America) and at 5:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8 at the Moraga Country Club, 1600 St. Andrews Dr. The tree lightings offer community members a way to honor the lives of their friends and loved ones. Funds raised allow Hospice of the East Bay to provide essential programs and services such as the Vigil Program which ensures no one has to die alone. For light dedications, donations, sponsorships and event questions, call (925) 887-5678 or visit www.hospiceeast-bay.org.

The first-ever "It's a Wonderful Life in Lafayette" community celebration is scheduled for 4 to 7 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 6 in Lafayette's Plaza Park, located at the corner of Mt. Diablo Blvd and Moraga Rd. in Lafayette. Free admission. Arrive early and plan to stay! This fun and festive event includes visits with Santa, one-of-a-kind photo ops, live musical entertainment and a holiday sing-a-long. Santa will be arriving at Lafayette Plaza at approximately 4:30 p.m. and the official lighting of the Lafayette holiday tree is planned for 6 p.m.

OTHER

Celiac/Gluten-Free Discussion Group from 9:30 to 11 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 21 in Meeting Room 3 at the Rossmoor Creekside Clubhouse. Guest Speaker: Jody Dragon, R.D. - Clinical Dietician at John Muir Medical Center. Guests welcome. For info, call Walter at (925) 930-8875.

Due to Thanksgiving the "Lafayette-Orinda Presbyterian Church Taize" service will be on Thursday, Nov. 21. Come as you are and refresh your spirit. The candle-lit Sanctuary, quiet songs, silence, and scripture reading (but no sermon) invite you to rest at this non-denominational service. Child care is provided if there are at least three children and two business days notice. Email Susan Wentworth at childcare@LOPC.org. Other questions? Contact rlspadding@earthlink.net.

The 35th annual Community Thanksgiving Breakfast will be held

from 7 to 8:30 a.m. Friday, Nov. 22 at Our Saviors Lutheran Church, 1035 Carol Lane, Lafayette. Cost: \$20 per person. Begin the holiday season in a significant and meaningful way. Register online at www.lafayettechamber.org or call (925) 284-7404. Keynote speaker will be Semifreddi's CEO and president Tom Franier.

For the 16th year Bobbie and Tom Preston will be holding the Cycle Recycle, collecting repairable bikes to be refurbished and given to charitable groups to distribute at Christmas. New and/or used bikes and trikes—in working order or repairable – or useable bike parts may be delivered to the side driveway of the Preston's home at 1307 Larch Avenue in Moraga throughout the month of November only. No skateboards please; no need to call beforehand. For info, contact Bobbie or Tom Preston at (925) 376-8474.

Annual Holiday Dinner, Orinda Historical Society. Be there or be square for what is sure to be one of the community's most enjoyable and memorable evenings this holiday season! Laugh and learn while dining on scrumptious salmon, chicken or vegetarian delights. Presentations: History of Holden School (Joel Weber and Caroline Cogan); What's New at the Old Yellow House (James Wright). Social hour begins at 6 p.m.; dinner begins at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 4 at the Orinda Community Church. Cost: \$40; mail checks to Orinda Historical Society, P.O. Box 82, Orinda, CA 94563. For more info, call the Orinda Historical Society at (925) 254-1353.

The Orinda Arts Council board's annual holiday luncheon will feature holiday songs by Lamorinda Idol singers and the "Trial of Robin Hood" highlights by the Orinda Intermediate School Theater Company actors from noon to 2 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 3 at the Orinda Country Club. Cost: \$22 per person. RSVP by Nov. 27 to OrindaArtsCouncil.org/holiday/or Contact Myrna Witt at keyofm@aol.com.

Family Science Night Inventors Festival. Kids ages 4-12 can step into the shoes of an engineer as they investigate, experiment, and problem solve solutions to real world problems at this free event from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 4 at the Lafayette Library and Learning Center Community Hall, sponsored by the Lawrence Hall of Science.

A community sing of Handel's Messiah will be held at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 6 at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 66 St. Stephens Dr., Orinda. The Messiah Sing will be directed by Minister of Music Robert Train Adams, with Festival Choir, professional soloists and chamber orchestra with harpsichord and organ to benefit the Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano Counties. Childcare is available by reservation. A free-will offering will be taken. For more information contact Brenda Free, office@ststephen-sorinda.org or (925) 254-3770, ext. 10.

Santa's Bag Boutique - A Lafayette tradition from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 6, and from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7 at the Lafayette Community Center. Don't Miss the annual Celebrity Gift Baskets at the boutique. All sales benefit the Lafayette Community Center Foundation. For more information, call Judy Gregerson at (510) 918-2280 or email santasbag@comcast.net.

The LLLCF Distinguished Speaker Series welcomes noted travel expert and TV personality Rick Steves at 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 6 at the Orinda Theatre. Steves, host of the PBS series Rick Steves' Europe and best-selling author of over 50 European travel books, will share tips on becoming a "temporary local" and connecting with your destination more intimately and authentically. Post-presentation book signing; books available for purchase at the event. For info, visit www.lllcf.org.

The White Kitty Foundation is hosting a holiday photo session with esteemed photographer Michael Tedesco from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7 at Danville Paw Spa, 581 San Ramon Valley Blvd. Plan for your holiday photo

session with your furry family members today! All proceeds will benefit the White Kitty Foundation to help needy cats and dogs. Appointments are encouraged, but walk-ins welcome! Cost: \$40, which includes one full-size digital image emailed to you. All images will be posted online and available for separate purchase. For info, contact Cris at (925) 837-2411.

POLITICAL GATHERINGS

Two distinguished panelists, professor Ronald Ahnen and Aaron Owens, will be discussing capital punishment from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 20 at the Saint Mary's College Soda Center.

Join the Town of Moraga for the annual Moraga State of the Town Address and Volunteer Recognition Night on Thursday, Nov. 21 at the Moraga Country Club, 1600 Saint Andrews Drive, Moraga. Doors open at 6 p.m. with appetizers and refreshments. Meet your local elected officials and socialize with community groups, residents, and neighbors as Mayor Trotter reports Town achievements from the past year and recognizes all of the volunteers who have completed their terms on town committees, commissions and boards. Email mbeasley@moraga.ca.us or call (925) 888-7021 to RSVP or for more information.

GARDEN

Moraga Garden Club meeting will feature Dr. Anthony O'Geen, soil specialist at UC Davis, who will discuss "Fascinating Information about Soil and Its Ecosystems" at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 21 at Holy Trinity Cultural Center, 1700 School St., Moraga. Guests are welcome.

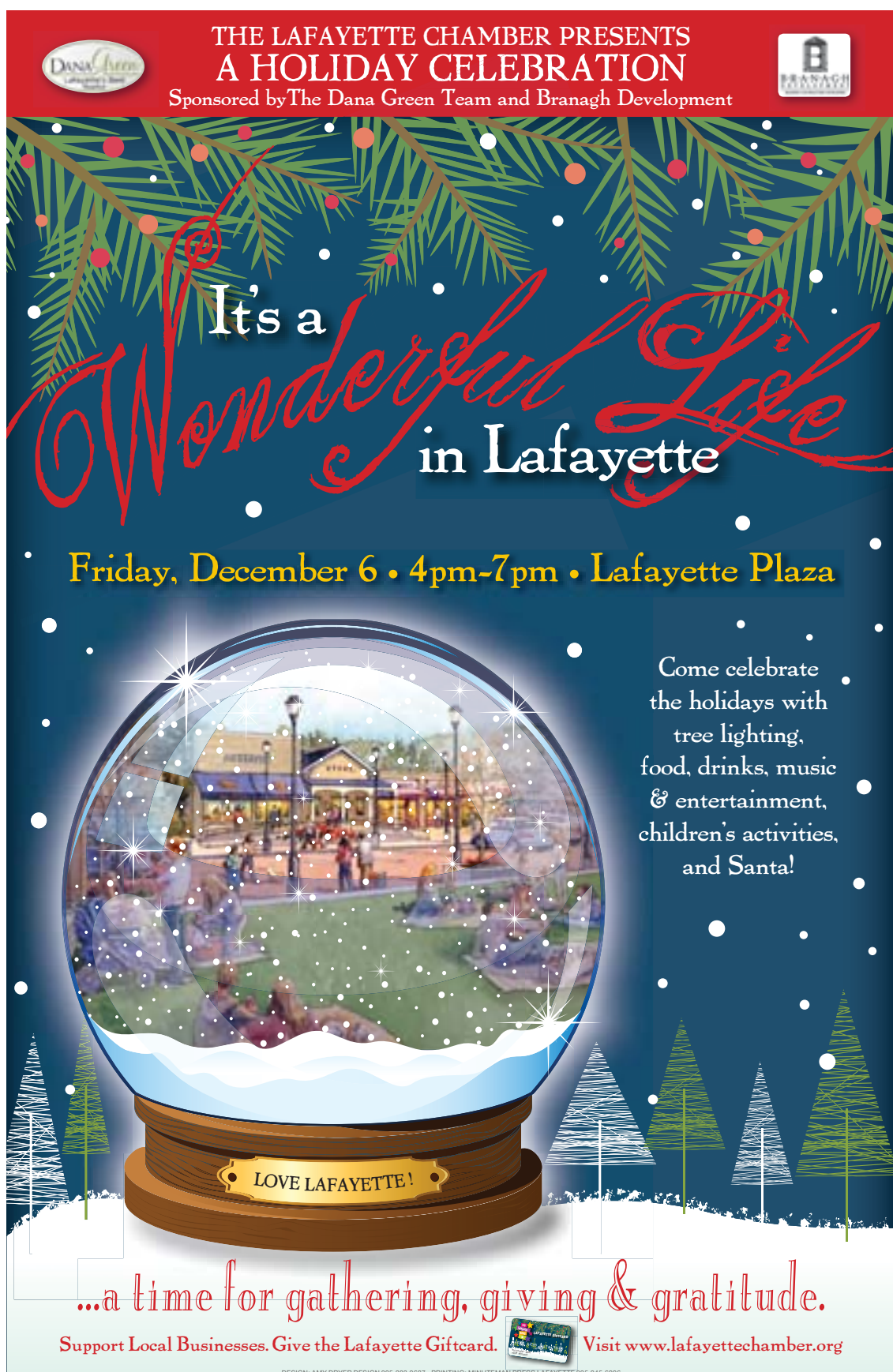
Please submit events to: calendar@lamorindaweekly.com



a Night in Bethlehem
Wednesday, December 11
 Anytime between 4:00 and 7:00 p.m.
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