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Orinda Theatre and CAIFFA Raise Money for Campo and Miramonte Grad Nights

Submitted by Caroline Wood

Celebrate the 30th anniversary of the John Hughes classic

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A fundraiser for Campolindo and Miramonte Grad night.

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The Orinda Theatre is showing the film "Sixteen Candles" at 7 p.m. May 1 in honor of the 30th anniversary of this John Hughes classic. Derek Zembrak, one of the founders of the California Independent Film Festival Association which owns the theater, says that all the profits from this night will go to the Campolindo and Miramonte high schools' grad nights. (Acalanes was contacted, but did not respond). "Over the years I have had conversations with people (who may or may not have had kids in our schools) about the grad nights and the huge amount of effort that goes into them and the reasons for having them," says CAIFFA volunteer Caroline Wood. "Most people have been

supportive but there are those who think it is ... a waste of time. This attitude does not represent the bigger picture of helping to curtail drinking, driving and other not smart, exuberant teenage behaviors. As far as I know, no local organization has had an event to raise money to help defray expenses and I believe this is the first time anyone in the local movie theater business has ever offered to host an event specifically geared to our local high schools." The event will include a special appearance by Debbie Pollack and Gedde Watanabe, two actors from "Sixteen Candles." For tickets and more information, visit lamorindatheatres.com.

Community Service

A Celebration of Service

Submitted by Danielle Miller



Linda Fodrini-Johnson and co-owner husband Bruce Photo provided

Dignitaries and guests recently celebrated the 25th anniversary of Eldercare Services and its founder, Linda Fodrini-Johnson, MA, MFT, CMC, a pioneer in geriatric care management, who is the senior issues columnist for Lamorinda Weekly. In 1989, Fodrini-Johnson saw a need to provide care for families and set out to change the face of advocacy for older adults by

founding Eldercare Services in the kitchen of her own home. Today, the woman-owned agency remains privately held with a staff of more than 250; more than 85 percent of whom are women. Passionate about giving back to her profession and the community, Fodrini-Johnson served as president of the National Association of Professional Geriatric Care Managers and was recognized with

their top award – the Adele Elkind Award. She also received the John F. Kennedy University Laureate Award, was honored as a "Home-town Hero" for community service and most recently was selected to the Contra Costa Commission for Women, Hall of Fame, for leadership in the community. Fodrini-Johnson and co-owner husband, Bruce Johnson, were not only honored with a proclamation from the City of Walnut Creek, but many esteemed professionals who work with older adults publicly addressed Fodrini-Johnson and Eldercare Services for their leadership and commitment to caring and serving, and educating the community on aging issues. Of the hundreds of agencies now in the Bay Area, Eldercare Services is one of only two that are accredited by the nation's oldest and largest standards-setting and accrediting body in health care. For more information on Eldercare Services, visit www.EldercareAnswers.com.

Moraga Garden Club's 'Day at the Movies' a Success

Submitted by Linda Foley



From left, Mardi "Poppins" Potts and Phyllis "Tiffanys" Reed, co-chairs

Photos provided

The theme for the Moraga Garden Club's annual fundraiser luncheon was "A Day at the Movies." Each table and its decorator reflected a particular movie. "The Scent of a

Woman" was incredibly luscious and fragrant in shades of lavender, "Batman" and his bat mobile on a black tablecloth were offset by a yellow centerpiece reminiscent of tall build-

ings in the moonlight, "The Glass Menagerie's" crystal animals sparkled on a mirror, "Memories of a Geisha" had all the classic elements including tiny origami swans on each plate. The co-chairs for this event, Mardi Potts and Phyllis Reed, went all out to implement their themes of "Mary Poppins" and "Breakfast at Tiffany's" respectively and dressed accordingly. Potts looked authentic enough in her garb, members almost expected her to fly through the room, alas, her boots sat on the table next to the umbrella stand. The Tiffany's table and its people were appropriately "blingy" including black cocktail dresses and pearls. Reed had also created another dramatic centerpiece for the coffee table which included a movie reel and red roses. Simply stunning. In addition, dialogue was rife with film jargon and movie posters added to the atmosphere. Speaker Susan Bell of Alameda – a floral designer whose art degree from UC Davis influences her innovative wedding florals, window displays and custom florals for private and corporate clients and churches – captivated a full-house audience. The entire crew on this movie outing was uber creative.

Moraga Rotary and Guests Donate to Eradicate Polio

Submitted by Gary Irwin



Rotary International Director-Elect Brad Howard accepts donation to Polio Plus. From left: Cliff Dochterman, Nora Avelar, and Brad Howard.

Photo Gary Irwin

A donation totaling \$24,000 to Polio Plus, the worldwide campaign to eradicate the disease of polio, was given to Rotarian Brad Howard, a director-elect of Rotary International and past president of Oakland Sunrise Rotary, by Moraga Rotary president Nora Avelar; \$8,000 of this donation was given specifically for this purpose by Rotarians and guests at the recent "A Nite at the Races" dinner/auction held recently in Moraga, and will be

tripled through an arrangement with The Rotary Foundation and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. So far, the Gates Foundation has contributed \$460 million toward the effort.

The Polio Plus program to eradicate polio began in 1979, when the Rotary International Health, Hunger, and Humanity Committee, chaired by now-Moraga Rotarian Cliff Dochterman, worked with local Rotarians to complete the eradication of

polio from the Philippines. In 1987, Rotary began the worldwide project and raised \$240 million from its members; with that sum and the promise of 1.3 million worldwide volunteers, they began a partnership with the World Health Organization, UNICEF, and the U. S. Center for Disease Control. Dochterman continued for several years on Rotary's International Polio Plus Committee, and participated in several national immunization days in various third world countries. He continued his involvement when he was president of Rotary International in '92-'93.

Through these collaborative efforts, polio only exists today in small parts of three countries, and the annual number of new cases has gone from about 400,000 to less than 200. Coincidentally, in March 2014, the nation of India was declared polio-free after three years without a new case. Two of the three strains of polio have been eradicated, and the efforts to complete the job have intensified.

Rotary Club of Moraga is a local service club within Rotary International that meets most Tuesdays at noon at Saint Mary's College. For information, please call Frank May of Moraga Rotary at (925) 376-8195.

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