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KIDS, PARENTS & TEENS

Seedling's Preschool 16th Annual Wheel Day for kids who love anything to do with wheels from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 26 at LOPC - Lafayette Orinda Presbyterian Church 49 Knox Dr, Lafayette. The free event promises numerous vehicles from construction, public safety, public transport and local businesses. They will all be there for a viewing, climbing and a horn honking good time! Please consider bringing a non-perishable food item to be donated to Monument Crisis Center.

Moraga Valley Presbyterian Church invites you to its second annual Tea Party from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 26. Moms, grandmas, and preschool-age daughters of the Lamorinda community are invited to enjoy tea, scones, sweets, crafts, story time and more! The event will include a reading by special guest, best-selling children's author, Mitali Perkins. There is a \$10 cost per person to attend. Registration forms will be available online at www.mvpc.today.org until April 21. Moraga Valley Presbyterian Church is located in Moraga at 10 Moraga Valley Lane.

The Orinda Teen Advisory Council is searching for students in 6th to 12th grade who are interested in improving Orinda's quality of life. Applications are being accepted through Monday, May 5 at 4 p.m. for the following 2014-15 leadership positions: Two co-chairs, community involvement and outreach officers, a treasurer and records officer, and various school representatives. OTAC members meet the first Monday each month from 4 to 5 p.m. in the Orinda Community Center to implement community service initiatives and plan fun social activities. Applications are available at the Orinda Community Center front desk or by emailing: tfaulk@city-of-orinda.org. Selections will be announced at the OTAC meeting June 2. For more information call Orinda's recreation coordinator, Troy Faulk: (925) 253-4204.

Lafayette Partners in Education is proud to announce Project LPIE at Acalanes High School, a unique opportunity to recognize the talented Acalanes students for their project-based learning with a unique community twist! The students compete in any of the 13 categories that showcase their skills both within and outside the curriculum. Project judging is done by professional business people with extensive expertise in the various categories. The student project submissions include: Acting, Applied Design, Community Service, Creative Writing, Vocal Music, Photography, and many other categories! All projects will be displayed, and the winning projects will be recognized at the Award Reception from 4 to 6 p.m. Friday, May 16 and an Open House event from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, May 17, both located at the Lafayette Library and Learning Center.

Are you looking for summer volunteer work? Do you enjoy working with kids? Each year, more than 100 junior high and high school students volunteer to spend time reading one-on-one with children at preschools in Oakland and Berkeley with the Community Reading Buddies Program. Find out more about the program and sign up at <http://aspireeducation.org/programs/communityreading-buddies/> or call (510) 658-7500.

OTHER

Lafayette's Restaurant Week, scheduled for April 21-27, is a week-long culinary celebration highlighting Lafayette's Restaurant Row. Participating restaurants are offering week-long special menus, including three-course fixed-price meals for lunch and dinner. For more information, visit lafayettechamber.com/events/restaurant-week.

Assemblywoman Susan A. Bonilla (D-Concord) will be hosting an outdoor reception to honor the 2014, 14th Assembly District Women of the Year from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, April 25 at The Courtyard of Salvio Pacheco Square, 2151 Salvio Street, Concord. Assemblywoman Bonilla will be joined by a group of local community organizations who will recognize and celebrate honorees for their exemplary service to our community. RSVP: <http://www.asmdc.org/members/a14/district-events/14th-assembly-district-women-of-the-year-reception>.

St. Mary's College Guild's 2014 Spring Fashion Show, The Roaring '20s, will showcase clothes from Specialtees of Lafayette, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 26. Enjoy a gourmet lunch, shopping and raffle prizes. For reservations, contact Cyndie Harrison at (925) 820-8002. Cost for show and lunch: \$50 per person.

Join the National Park Service in celebrating 100 years of John Muir's conservation legacy during the annual Earth Day and John Muir's Birthday event from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, April 26 at the John Muir National Historic Site in Martinez. Participate in fun activities for all ages to commemorate Muir's legacy and the 50th anniversary of the park's establishment in 1964. Special guest speaker Bruce Hamilton, deputy executive director of the Sierra Club, will give the keynote address.

Joaquin Moraga Intermediate School is hosting the first annual Peace, Love, and Pancakes Breakfast and Art Sale. It is a student-run pancake breakfast and art sale from 9 a.m. to noon on Sunday, April 27 at JM, to benefit the students at the JBFC schools in Magu, Tanzania. Cost is \$10 per person. In addition to donating funds for scholarships for students there, JM hopes to be able to fund a number of other projects, including installing solar panels, a bio-gas system, windows for new science labs, and a new pig pen. More information about the school in Tanzania can be found at <http://www.jbfc-online.org/jbfcmodel-educationempowerment.html>. For ticket info, visit <http://jm.moraga.k12.ca.us/plp>.

A passionate argument on behalf of the middle class, "Inequality for All" features Robert Reich - professor, best-selling author, and Clinton cabinet member - as he demonstrates how the widening income gap has a devastating impact on the American economy at 4 p.m. Sunday, April 27 at The Little Theater at Bentley School, 1000 Upper Happy Valley Road, Lafayette. The documentary runs 89 minutes. Refreshments and conversation to follow. Cost: \$5 suggested donation. More details? Call (925) 567-3367 or go to www.lamorindademoclub.org.

Lafayette Girl Scout troop 31647 is hosting their Silver Award on animal responsibility from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, April 27 at the Earth Day Celebration at the Lafayette Library. Brownies can work on their pet

animal badge. There will be experts on grooming, safety, and health for animals. Donations of cat-carriers, bedding, and kitty litter will be accepted to benefit Friends of the Formerly Friendless foster cat shelter.

Moraga Citizen of the Year Cliff Dochterman Award Banquet, Friday, May 2 at the Soda Center, Saint Mary's College. Social hour at 6 p.m., dinner at 7 p.m., program at 8 p.m. Flank steak or optional vegetarian on prior request. Tickets: \$45 at the Moraga Chamber of Commerce, Kathe Nelson, executive director. For info, email Kathe@MoragaChamber.org or call (925) 323-6524.

The Women Helping Women group of Orinda Community Church will hold a forum, "The Trafficking of American Girls" including guest speaker Cynthia Peterson of Community Violence Solutions, Contra Costa County at 11:30 a.m. Sunday, May 4 in the Orinda Community Church Fellowship Hall, 10 Irwin Way, Orinda. For info, call (925) 254-4906.

Sleepy Hollow is located in a "Very High" Fire Hazard Severity Zone and has earned the distinction of becoming Contra Costa County's first "FireWise Community." Please come learn about the Sleepy Hollow Evacuation Plan and Sleepy Hollow School's realigned emergency path, from 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday, May 8 in the Sleepy Hollow School's multi-purpose room. Moraga-Orinda Fire District and five other agencies will be present to provide information and solicit feedback. Contact Moraga-Orinda Fire District Emergency Preparedness Coordinator Dennis Rein for details at (925) 698-4575.

Help fight Sudden Oak Death this year in the East Bay - at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 10 come to the Garden Room at the Orinda Library, 26 Orinda Way, for a one-hour session on SOD and the Blitz leaf collection protocol with UC professor and SOD Blitz founder Dr. Matteo Garbelotto, then collect leaves from areas and at times of your choosing through Sunday, May 11. Garbelotto's lab will analyze the leaves for SOD and post the results in the fall on Blitz website map. Visit the site, www.sodblitz.org, for more information and to see the results of past Blitzes. For space and material planning purposes, please email William Hudson at wllhh@gmail.com if you plan to attend.

Lafayette Juniors 15th Annual Kitchen Tour will be from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, May 17. Tour six special Lafayette homes with unique rustic, ranch, Cape Cod, open concept, traditional, and farmhouse style kitchens. The tour benefits First Place for Youth, STAND!, the Lafayette Library, SEED, and Twin Canyon Camp. Tickets: \$40, with a box lunch available for \$15. Purchase tickets online today at www.lafayettejuniors.org or from Douglass Designs and Premier Kitchens in Lafayette.

SENIORS

Sons in Retirement Lamorinda Branch 171 meets the first Wednesday monthly at Holy Trinity Culture Center 1700 School St. Moraga. Social hour 11 a.m.; lunch at noon. The after lunch speaker on May 7 will be Jim Barnett, the television analyst for the Golden State Warriors. Barnett has a huge knowledge of the NBA, the Warriors history and current and past players and will provide his slant on the current state of the Warriors and what the future may hold for the team. For membership information, call Larry at (925) 631-9528.

Sons In Retirement - Las Trampas Branch 116 luncheon meeting. If you are retired or semi-retired and want to make new friends, participate in fun activities and better enjoy your leisure time, come to the monthly luncheon where guest speakers address the branch mem-

bers on topics of general interest at the Walnut Creek Elks Lodge, 1475 Creekside Dr., on the third Monday of each month, except for May and December. For information about SIR activities for retired men, please visit www.Branch116.org. Luncheon guests may make reservations by calling (925) 806-8874 by the preceding Wednesday; cost is \$15.

GARDEN

Moraga Junior Women's Club presents the Moraga Juniors Garden Tour from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, May 3 - a self-guided tour in Lamorinda. The starting destination is listed on the purchased ticket. Five stunning outdoor spaces will be displayed at the garden tour, benefitting Contra Costa Interfaith Housing. Tickets: \$35 at www.moragajuniors.org. For more info, visit <http://www.moragajuniors.org/index.php/garden-tour> or email jennwen001@gmail.com. (See related story page D1)

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 A global volunteer organization working to improve the lives of women and girls through programs leading to social and economic empowerment.

Lamorinda Sunrise Rotary Club
 We meet Friday mornings at 7 am at Celia's Mexican Restaurant, 3666 Mt. Diablo Blvd, Lafayette. For more info, please email us at lamorindasunrise@gmail.com

April 25:	May 2:
David Isenberg, chef instructor at the California Culinary Academy will speak about what's going on in the food world.	Rotarian and past District Governor Ron Sekkel will speak about Ethics in 2014 & Rotary's 4 Way Test.

Please join us for breakfast!

SOROPTIMIST OF 24/680
 Please join us for our next meeting:
WHEN: Wednesday 5/7/14
 Social 5:30-6:00 p.m.
 Meeting 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
WHERE: The Buttercup Grill
 660 Ygnacio Valley Road, Walnut Creek.
 For more information, contact:
 Regina Englehart @925-876-9076
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