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Sons in Retirement Lamorinda Branch 171 meets the first Wednesday monthly at Holy Trinity Cultural Center, 1700 School St., Moraga. The social hour begins at 11 a.m. and lunch at noon. The Aug. 6 after-lunch speaker will be Alexander Coate, general manager of EBMUD, who will speak about the District's service area, history and growth as well as the chal-

lenges in providing reliable, safe drinking water to 1.3 million people. He will also be addressing the current water shortage problems and future plans for meeting our future needs. For attendance and membership information in SIR, call Larry at (925) 631-9528.

Sons In Retirement - Las Trampas Branch 116 – luncheon meeting at 11:30 a.m. Aug. 18 will feature a per-

formance by SIR, Paul King, and his singing partner, Mr. Terry Shields at the Walnut Creek Elks Lodge, 1475 Creekside Dr. They perform locally as members of the Jump-In band with music from the '50s and '60s, similar to that of the Kingston Trio and the Limelinters. Cost of lunch is \$15. Guests are welcome and may make reservations by calling (925) 322-1160 by Wednesday, Aug. 13.

The SIRs Branch 116 Hiking and Walking Group, also known as the Amiable Amblers, meets the second and fourth Fridays of most months. This is a couple's event to promote good health and friendship among the members. Each walk is coordinated by one of the members, to whom reservations are made. These one-hour walks generally start at 8:15 a.m., and are followed by coffee and/or breakfast at a convenient local

spot selected by the coordinator. Most of the walks follow an "out and back" route so that people of all levels of physical ability may participate at their own pace. For information about SIR activities for retired men, please visit www.Branch116.org.

Please submit events to: calendar@lamorindaweekly.com

Out and About

Some great entertainment offerings outside Lamorinda

By Lou Fancher

Lamorinda residents live in heaven on earth, right? We have sports, art, film, live theater, restaurants, dance, music, lectures, garden workshops, outdoor festivals, fireworks, annual fundraisers, civic events and more. But part of the beauty of living in Lamorinda is its proximity to some great venues in San Francisco, through the tunnel in Berkeley, or in towns a bit east just off the highway.

Here are a few great options for August:

Presented as a special event by Berkeley's CAL Performances, **Yo-Yo Ma** will perform Bach's solo cello Suites Nos. 1, 5 and 6 at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 12 at the outdoor Hearst Greek Theatre (2001 Gayley Rd.,

Berkeley). Ma is a generous performer, known for his engaging manner. Heralded for his string-busting performances – and a contrasting subtlety that makes single notes shine, like pearls embedded in lace – the 17-time Grammy winner first recorded Bach's unaccompanied cello suites 30 years ago. Ma will be back at Zellerbach Hall Dec. 10 as part of CAL Performances inaugural "Berkeley Talks" lecture series, speaking about culture and the arts and sciences in society and illustrating his talk with music. For tickets, email ticketscalperformances.org or call (510) 642-9988.

There are two chances to catch an **Oakland A's game and post-game fireworks display**: Friday, Aug. 1 as

part of Italian Heritage Night (special ticket required; game starts at 6:35 p.m. against the Royals); and Saturday, Aug. 23 as part of the Disney/Pixar "The Incredibles" Fireworks Show (game starts at 6:05 p.m. against the Angels) at the O.co Coliseum, 7000 Coliseum Way in Oakland. If you have to ask why watching a local professional ball team that's at the top of the American League West is worth the 25-minute trek, here are three good reasons: (1) They're leading their league; (2) They have Samardzija, Céspedes, Donaldson, Crisp, and a kid with a wicked 95-mph fastball, Sonny Gray; (3) Did we mention they are leading their league? OK, so it's not really three reasons, but who's counting?

A's fans are: they're counting the days to the 2014 World Series come October. For information, visit http://oakland.athletics.mlb.com/schedule/promotions.jsp?c_id=oak&y=2014.

Choices are as American as, well, rock and roll. And August brings two great double-header concerts to rock on to at the Concord Pavilion, with **Aerosmith and Slash** Aug. 13, or **Fall Out Boy and Paramore**, Aug. 17, both at 7 p.m. The first show holds all the promise of a well-contained sonic riot (on the guitar strings, not on the ground) and Guns and Roses guitarist Slash is hot (on the guitar, but maybe in general). The second show, perhaps slipping dangerously close to "pop," sports a gen-

eral seating option, allowing music fans to dance and get up-close to Paramore's Haley Williams. And if these reasons alone are not compelling, think of it as a warm-up for a hometown concert in October when Moraga resident Sandy Preto's Notes4Notes presents another likely-to-be-sold-out Breast Cancer Benefit Concert Saturday, Oct. 18 featuring Mat Kearney, LUCE and special guest Michael Logen at Orinda's Bruns Amphitheater. But you already have your tickets for that show, right? For Pavilion tickets, visit <http://www.theconcordpavilion.com/concord-pavilion-tickets/>. For Notes4Notes: visit <http://www.ticketfly.com/event/619285-mat-kearney-breast-cancer-orinda/>.

Lamorinda in Hollywood's Shoes

By Derek Zemrak



Filming of "My Brother's Shoes" at Shelbys in Orinda Photo provided



Filming of "My Brother's Shoes" at the Rheem Theatre went until 3 a.m. on Friday, July 18. Photo Lee Borrowman

You may have noticed that over the past few weeks Hollywood has taken over parts of Lamorinda. Not only is there a buzz in the air about the 17th Annual California Independent Film Festival slated Sept. 11-14 but there was also a feature film being shot in Orinda and Moraga. Two Lamorinda landmarks, Shelbys Restaurant in Orinda and the Rheem Theatre in Moraga experienced the magic of filmmaking in the feature film "My Brother's Shoes."

Directed by Adam Reeves, "My Brother's Shoes" is a fish-out-of-water zany comedy that borders on fantasy and reality. Dallas, portrayed by country singer Peter Stringfellow, is a successful executive with a beautiful wife (Gretta Sosine) and a lovely home. He has dreams of having a family and leading a rich, conservative life. Austin (Jacob Ellis) is his younger gay brother who is always in trouble financially and romantically. He has dreams of winning first place in the local drag queen contest and then using the money to start a new life.

Each brother thinks the other "has it so good" and wishes that they could experience what the other one's life is really like. By a strange twist of fate, they switch places. The world around them sees no difference but Dallas and Austin realize they have been switched.

Now Austin must handle the office for Dallas as Dallas spends the day getting ready for the upcoming drag contest with the help of Austin's sidekick, Jackie.

The hilarity reaches new heights as evening comes and Austin goes home to Dallas's wife Katelyn, who is ready to start making a family with him. Dallas goes to the theater to perform on stage in drag and win for Austin! How far will they go?

Carlos Rangel of Shelbys has a new admiration for the art of filmmaking after experiencing the detail and time it takes to shoot just one scene. "After being an extra in the scenes shot at Shelbys I will never watch a movie in the same way. It is amazing how locations can be transformed with lighting and few added props. It will be exciting to see the completed film on the big screen at the Orinda Theatre premiere."

Over 50 Lamorinda residents experienced filmmaking firsthand as audience members and judges

for the drag scene shot during one long night at the Rheem Theatre where the theatre was altered into a Cabaret lounge club.

Donna Sachet, the very talented host of the popular show "Sunday's a Drag" that is performed each Sunday at the Starlight Room in the Sir Francis Drake Hotel in San Francisco hosted the contest. Moraga resident Caroline Wood summarized her experience as "Exhilarating! I agree with Carlos in how I will watch movies in the future. I want

to thank the people who stayed until the early morning hours as we all participated in this unique and highly entertaining experience. Moraga really does have many people who give willingly of their time for all the adventures at the Rheem."

The tagline for the film is: "Family is everything, but how far would you go for yours?"

Listen to Derek every Saturday morning at 8 a.m. on Real to Reel, 1450AM KEST.

Service Clubs Announcements



Explore Lamorinda Rotary clubs The heart of Rotary is our clubs- dedicated people who share a passion for both community service and friendship. Learn about Lamorinda's Rotary clubs.



Please join us at our new location **THE LAFAYETTE PARK HOTEL** on Friday mornings at 7am. For more info, please email us at lamorindasunrise@gmail.com

August 1:

Tom Lindemuth will speak about how desalination technologies really work and their future promise.

August 8:

Garry Grant, former CC Superior Court Presiding Judge will discuss the program moving state prison inmates to county jails.

Please join us for breakfast and a great speaker!

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