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OTHER ... continued

How would you like to be part of a new organization of businesses here in Orinda and be a charter member of an international service organization? We are looking for the movers and shakers in our business community to join an informal meeting to determine the best time and place for a new club to meet that is convenient for current business owners and managers. The first meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 9 at First Republic Bank in Orinda. If you have questions or want to be put on the mailing list please contact Dick Burkhalter at (925) 254-2222.

Burton Valley Elementary PTA-sponsored Red Cross Blood Drive from 8:15 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. Friday, Oct. 10 in the multi-purpose room. Walk-ins are welcome; appointments are recommended and minimize wait-time. To make an appointment visit www.redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code: BURTON or contact Becky Bearce at rebeccabearce@gmail.com.

The Alzheimer's Association's Walk to End Alzheimer's is a united movement to reclaim the future for millions. Walk to End Alzheimer's will take place on Oct. 18 at Heather Farm Park in Walnut Creek. Nearly 1,400 people from Contra Costa and Alameda County are expected at this year's event to raise awareness and funds to fight Alzheimer's disease.

Contra Costa County AARP Tax-Aide is looking for volunteers to become members of a team providing free tax preparation for individuals of all ages. Tax-Aide volunteer positions include Tax Counselors who are trained by Tax-Aide and certified by IRS and

Client Facilitators who schedule appointment and assist clients at tax sites. Orientation is in Nov. 2014 and classes for tax counselors start in Jan. 2015. If interested, call LaVerne Gordon at (925) 726-3199 for information and to apply.

POLITICAL GATHERINGS

Moraga Candidates Night at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 1 at the Holy Trinity Cultural Center, 1700 School St., Moraga. Hear the Town Council candidates: Dave Trotter, Ken Chew, and Teresa Onoda. Bring your questions!

If you strive to be an informed voter you will want to participate in the program hosted by the Orinda-Moraga-Lafayette branch of American Association of University Women (AAUW). At this meeting, the League of Women Voters will present the pros and cons of the propositions that are on the ballot, and provide materials with more specific information about each issue so you can make an informed choice at the polls from 9:30 to 11 a.m. on Oct. 21 at Holy Trinity Serbian Orthodox Church, 1700 School Street in Moraga. Free coffee and tea will help you wake up and think clearly! For info, contact Diane Bell-Rettger at dbellrettger@gmail.com. For info about the AAUW-OML Branch, go to <http://oml-ca.aauw.net/>.

SENIORS

Sons In Retirement - Las Trampas Branch 116- luncheon meeting at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday Oct. 15 at Walnut Creek Elks Lodge, 1475 Creekside Dr. featuring guest speaker Barbara Casados, a tri-valley native, mother of three young boys and the founder of

Capes4Heroes. Guests are welcome. Lunch: \$15. Reservations can be made by calling (925) 322-1160.

GARDEN

The Lafayette Garden Club October meeting will be held from 10 a.m. to noon Thursday, Oct. 9; coffee at 9:30 a.m. Janet Miller will be speaking on the subject of "Winter Gardening." Janet has been a Master Gardener since 2008 and has an extensive background in the Biointensive method of small-scale farming and backyard gardening. The meeting will be held at the Lafayette Veterans Memorial Hall, 3780 Mt. Diablo Blvd and is open to guests. For info, email cpoetzsch@gmail.com.

Gardening for Native Bees - 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 4 at the East Bay Wilds Native Plant Nursery, 1972 A 36th Ave., Oakland. Would you like to find out how to attract native bees to your garden, and to learn about, and be able to purchase, beautiful native bee-attracting plants? This workshop will be led by native bee expert Sarah Leon-Guero and native plant expert Pete Veilleux. Cost: \$30 and registration is required.

The Walnut Creek Garden Club will hold its monthly meeting at 9:30 a.m. Monday, Oct. 13 at the Gardens at Heather Farm, 1540 Marchbanks Road, Walnut Creek. Business Meeting at 9:30 a.m.; 10:30 Social Time; 11 a.m. program featuring Alexander Lindsay Museum staff member who will talk about the importance of bats in our neighborhoods and what we can do to sustain the bat community. You do not need to be a gardener to join the WCGC. For info, email mlittle44@gmail.com.

Noted Film Critic Screens Top Docs in Lafayette

By Franette Armstrong



Michael Fox lecturing last semester. Photo provided whenever Michael Fox comes to town, movies are bound to follow and that will be the case in October as he once again brings the Academy Award nominees for Best Documentary to Osher Lifelong Learning Institute students at the Lafayette Library and Learning Center.

Each week beginning Oct. 2, participants will watch, and then discuss one of the five 2014 "top doc" finalists - "The Square," "Cutie and the Boxer," "20 Feet from Stardom," "The Act of Killing," and "Dirty Wars."

Wherever Michael Fox teaches, he screens to full classes, which begs the question: Why take a film course when we can just wait for the movies to come out on streaming video?

"There's great power in viewing films with others you know you'll be discussing them with," he said. "We all bring our own experiences and that can help others see aspects of a film that we might not notice on our own."

"Documentaries let us see how a message can be delivered via the felt presence of the camera or lack of it, the music, the point of view, and the editing - what is left out visually and factually and what's included," Fox said. "Every film uses different techniques. The director might begin with an intention, but once the film is in the cutting room, that can fall away and the only thing that matters is the storytelling - the need to balance informa-

tion, emotion, and entertainment." Some films are so powerful the content can't help but drive the discussion, Fox said. "We try to get past that and look at what the filmmaker did to provoke us, how the way the story is told affects how we react to it."

It's perhaps unsurprising that Fox focuses on "reality" films - he has a degree in finance and a master's in business administration. "When I was in college I fell in love with foreign films and eventually it became clear to me that my career would somehow involve movies."

Fox began writing reviews for a free paper when he first moved to San Francisco from Chicago, and now he can look back over 25 years as a film critic for more than 50 regional and national media outlets including KQED, The San Francisco Chronicle, and Variety. He juries film festivals and is a member of the San Francisco Film Critics Circle. He lives in San Francisco with his wife and their film-savvy cat and, in addition to reviewing movies, teaches OLLI film classes around the Bay.

For more information about the Top Docs class, go to olli.berkeley.edu or call (510) 642-9934.

Fall 2014 OLLI Classes in Lafayette

Three new courses from UC Berkeley's Osher Lifelong Learning Institute begin Sept. 30 at Lafayette Library and Learning Center, 3491 Mount Diablo Blvd., Lafayette. For more information, go to olli.berkeley.edu or call (510) 642-9934.

History of the Symphony, Part 2 continues John Prescott's popular course in classical music exploring composers from Mozart to Sibelius. Part 1 not a prerequisite. Tuesdays, 1 to 3 p.m., Sept. 30-Nov. 4.

The Good Fight—The Spanish Civil War examines the influence of the war from 1939 to present through literature, art, film, and historical record with UC Berkeley's Alex Saragoza. Thursdays, 10 a.m. to noon, Oct. 2-Nov. 6.

Top Docs: The 2014 Academy Award Nominees. Film Critic Michael Fox screens the top five documentary films of 2014 and leads class discussion. Thursdays, 1 to 3 p.m., Oct. 2-30.

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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

September 26:
Lamorinda Sunrise member, Marty Cryan and his family will share their journey as they 'Expose Themselves'!

October 3:
Shari Blindt, Executive Director of Common Hope will share their mission to promote hope and opportunity in Guatemala

Please join us for a great speaker and breakfast!!

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