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**Oakland Museum of California** presents "Bees: Tiny Insect, Big Impact" from Jan. 31 to Sept. 20, 1000 Oak Street, Oakland. A new family-friendly exhibition on the intricate world of one of the most important creatures to human agriculture and the natural environment. Cost: \$15 adults; \$10 students and seniors with valid ID; \$6 youth ages 9-17; free ages 8 and under. OMCA Members always get in free. For more info, specific days and hours, visit <http://museumca.org/bees> or call (510) 318-8400.

**Crab Feed and Dance from 6 to 11 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 7** at the Holy Trinity Cultural Center, 1700 School Street, Moraga. Bring your appetites and dancing shoes. Dinner and Dance: \$50; Dance only: \$15. For non-crab lovers, chicken is available by special advance order. Dinner tickets must be purchased in advance. For tickets and reservations, call (925) 672-6799.

**Vote for Summer Movies Now - Enjoy the movie** choices from last summer? The City of Orinda will be selecting the movie picks for this year and would like the community to help. For those interested in ranking their top movie

## Not to be missed

choices from a pre-selected list for the Summer Movie series, a survey has been created and posted online. To complete the survey, visit the Parks and Recreation webpage on the city's website at [www.cityoforinda.org](http://www.cityoforinda.org). The survey will conclude on Feb. 9.

**The Saint Mary's College Guild will celebrate** its traditional "Fun and Games Day" scholarship fundraiser from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 19 at the Soda Center on campus, 1928 St. Mary's Road, Moraga. Everyone is invited to attend this Bridge and Bunco event; a buffet lunch will be served. Call Shirley at (925) 376-6588 for details.

**Orinda Woman's Club is accepting applications** for the major beneficiary awards of 2015. Accepted applicants will reach the criteria: Serving youth and women and children primarily in Contra Costa and Alameda Counties, and is a 501c-3 organization with an income of no greater than \$2 million annually. Application forms can be acquired from Orinda Woman's Club, Beneficiary Chair, at (925) 254-1162 or [adeline@mcclatchie.com](mailto:adeline@mcclatchie.com). Applications are due by 7 p.m. March 2.

### SENIORS

**Free Computer and eReader Help from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.** on Wednesdays for seniors and other adults ages 18 and up. Are you new to computers? Do you need help setting up an email account? Would you like to learn how to write a letter on the computer? Would you like help downloading library ebooks and audio books onto your eReader or mobile device? Visit the Information Desk at the Orinda Library, 26 Orinda Way to set up your appointment, or contact Melanie McCallum for information at (925) 254-2184.

**Sons in Retirement Lamorinda Branch 171 meets** at 11 a.m. the first Wednesday monthly at Holy Trinity Culture Center 1700 School Street, Moraga. The after-lunch speaker on Feb. 4 will be Thomas S. Marnane, president of Targeted Solutions LLC and sr. vice president of Steamguard LLC. Marnane will address the energy challenges facing the United States. He has had more than 30 years of firsthand experience in his field and his discussion should be

very informative. For attendance and membership info, call Larry at (925) 631-9528.

**Cultivating Your Creativity - facilitated by Ted Fuller**, Lafayette author and editor. This 5-week course will include exercises and challenges that generate ideas, creations of innovative, even quirky, individuals and problem-solving guidelines. Field trip - a guest speaker or two and myriad resources are all part of this innovative class. Limited to 15 participants. Please call Lafayette Senior Services at (925) 284-5050 to sign up. Classes are held from 10:30 a.m. to noon on Wednesdays from Feb. 25 to March 25 in the Toyon Room, Lafayette Community Center. Members: free; non-members: \$10 per meeting.

### GARDEN

**The Walnut Creek Garden Club will hold its** general meeting at 9:30 a.m. on Monday, Feb. 9 at the Gardens at Heather Farm located at 1540 Marchbanks Road in Walnut Creek. The topic of the program is The Mission Blue Butterfly Project. Price Sheppy is the Community Manager of Golden Gate Park and he will speak about the effort to protect the endangered Mission Blue butterfly. For more info, visit [mslitle44@gmail.com](mailto:mslitle44@gmail.com).

**The Lafayette Garden Club will meet from 9:30 to noon** on Thursday, Feb. 12 at Lafayette Veterans Memorial Hall, 3780 Mt. Diablo Blvd, featuring Rebecca Sweet, who will discuss "Refresh Your Garden Design with Color, Texture, and Form." Sweet has been featured in numerous publications and shares her many secrets in her popular blog, Gossip in the Garden. She is owner of design firm Harmony in the Garden and author of two wonderful garden books, both of which will be available for purchase. For info, email [cpoetzsch@gmail.com](mailto:cpoetzsch@gmail.com).

**Montelindo Garden Club Meeting will meet** at 9 a.m. Friday, Feb. 20 at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 66 St. Stephens Drive, Orinda. Visitors welcome. Speaker Susan Morrison, a landscape designer, master gardener and co-author of Garden Up will discuss Smart Space. For info, visit [www.montelindogarden.com](http://www.montelindogarden.com).

Please submit events to:  
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## 'Strange Magic'

By Derek Zemrak



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"Strange Magic" is a musical movie fairy tale based on "A Midsummer Night's Dream" by William Shakespeare - and created by master moviemaker and storyteller George Lucas. It should be noted that while George Lucas created the story, three creditable screenplay writers - David Berenbaum ("Elf," "Haunted Mansion"), Irene Mecchi ("Brave," "The Lion King") and Sound Designer Gary Rydstrom ("Finding Nemo," "Saving Private Ryan") - wrote a skimpy screenplay.

"Strange Magic" is saved by the visually illustrated animation and voiceover talent in this mystical kingdom that is divided by good and evil. Of course the "good" are beautiful creatures while the "bad" are ugly, but cute. When Princess Marianne, voiced by two-time Golden Globe nominee Evan Rachel Wood ("Mildred Pierce," "Thirteen") is

two-timed by her vain fiancé, she finds herself falling in love with the ugly Bog King, voiced by the multi-talented actor Alan Cumming ("Spy Kids," "X-Men 2"). Cumming recently received a Golden Globe nomination for the role of Eli Gold in the hit television series "The Good Wife." The message of "don't judge anyone based on looks" is delivered loud and clear, which is a positive message for everyone attending the movie.

The musical score will have you tapping your feet with familiar songs from San Francisco native Michael Franti and The Temptations. "Strange Magic" is rated PG with a total running time (TRT) of 99 minutes.

Check out the Bay Area's new entertainment show, *Real to Reel*, every Sunday at 2:30 p.m., hosted by Derek Zemrak and Leonard Pirkle on KOFY TV20.

# 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.

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**January 30:**  
Rotary District 5160 Governor Pam Gray will update us on Rotary events and activities in the district.

**February 6:**  
4 WAY SPEECH CONTEST. The best students from Miramonte's Public Speaking class will give a talk developed around Rotary's 4 Way Test.

Please join us for a great speaker and breakfast!!

### SOROPTIMIST OF 24/680



"Improving the lives of women and girls through programs leading to social and economic empowerment"

Please join us for our next meeting:

**WHEN:** Wednesday, February 4<sup>th</sup>  
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  
or go to: [soroptimist24-680.org](http://soroptimist24-680.org)

## Lafayette Rotary Club

**Step in on a Thursday.** If you are interested in joining Rotary we welcome you to join one of our lunch meetings. Thursday at noon Oakwood Athletic Club, 4000 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Lafayette.

**February 5:**  
Mark Heptig, Director of Golf  
Rossmoor Golf Course

**February 12:**  
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