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Spanish Fiesta Celebrates Orinda Elementary Schools' Immersion Program

Submitted by Jo McKinlay



Kindergartners from the Spanish immersion program at Sleepy Hollow, Del Rey and Glorietta elementary schools participate in the recent fiesta. Photo provided

As part of the Spanish immersion program offered at Sleepy Hollow, Del Rey and Glorietta elementary schools, approximately 200 parents attended the 8th annual Fiesta Jan. 29 to listen to their children sing and fluently speak in Spanish about the Colombian culture. Sleepy Hollow School Principal Kenneth Gallegos, Ed.D., attended the event and said a few words about the significance of this program, which offers classes four days a week with instructors originating from Argentina, Mexico, Colombia, Spain and elsewhere.

Community Service

We are pleased to make space available whenever possible for some of Lamorinda's dedicated community service organizations to submit news and information about their activities. Submissions may be sent to storydesk@lamorindaweekly.com with the subject header In Service to the Community.

Moraga Juniors Celebrate 45 Years of Service

Submitted by Stephanie Becker



From left: alumni Karen Flett (1970), current club president Stephanie Becker, alumni Fay Schoenberger (1974 president) and current member Shirley DeFrancisci Photo provided

Moraga Junior Women's Club celebrated 45 years of service to the community on Jan. 15 at Home/Made Kitchen with a bunco game night. The event included current and former members, some with service to the club dating back to 1970 before the town of Moraga was incorporated. Many of the alumni spoke about their experience with the club and the positive impact it has made on the community and for them personally. Fay Schoenberger, club president in 1974 who led the effort to create Moraga's first children's park says, "Moraga Juniors has always been a valuable addition to our community and to the various outside charities that it supports. I'm so delighted that it is alive and well with over 100 members." Moraga Juniors work to improve the quality of life for women, children and the elderly through volunteer service and fundraising in Contra Costa County and the greater Bay Area. Through their volunteer work, they strengthen bonds in the community and make new friends. They are hosting their annual community egg hunt at the Moraga Commons on March 21 and their Garden Tour on May 3 benefitting the Contra Costa Crisis Center. For more information on the Moraga Juniors, including how to join or how you can help, visit www.moragajuniors.org.

Old Firehouse School

www.oldfirehouseschool.com

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Donation to Rescue One Foundation

Submitted by Greg Reams



From left, FF/PM Lucas Lambert, Battalion Chief Jerry Lee, Rescue One President Gordon Nathan, FF/PM Matt Lopez, Sally and Brad Whittaker, parents of Reed Whittaker, Capt./PM Sean McGee, and Rescue One Director Greg Reams. Photo Gene Gottfried

A memorial donation of \$13,000 was received by Rescue One Foundation from the family and friends of Reed Austin Whittaker, formerly of Moraga, who passed away in December 2013. Reed, who was 29 years old, died in a tragic automobile incident while en route to Highland Hospital, where he worked as an Emergency Room Technician. The donated funds were used to purchase a LUCAS 2 Chest Compression System for the Moraga-Orinda Fire District. The Rescue One Foundation is a volunteer organization supporting the paramedic program of the Moraga-Orinda Fire District. For information, visit <http://www.mofd.org/about/rescueone>.