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## In Memory

### Ethel Wentworth Lazaroff May 15, 1921 – Dec. 25, 2014



Ethel Wentworth Lazaroff, beloved mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and friend, died peacefully on Dec. 25, 2014, in Tucson, Ariz.

Ethel was born in Gardiner, Maine, on May 15, 1921. Her mother, Ethel Kelsey Wentworth, an artist, was a great-granddaughter of Cadwallader C. Washburn, who served as a Major-General in the Union Army and as Governor of Wisconsin. Ethel's father, Bertrand Hebron Wentworth, was a fervent naturalist and a nature photographer who traveled in the west with William Henry Jackson. From her parents, the Maine woods, and the rocky coast, Ethel learned a love of nature that lasted throughout her life.

After graduating from Smith College in 1942, Ethel studied statistics at Columbia University. She worked for the National War Labor Board in Washington, D.C.; as Chief Statistician for the Richmond, Va., Army Depot; and later as a freelance writer and editor.

Ethel married Louis Lazaroff in 1943, and Lou's career in foreign aid eventually took them around the world. They lived for a time in Colombo, Sri Lanka, and in New Delhi, India. When not overseas they made their home in Orinda, Calif., where Ethel was active in the American Association of University Women, the League of Woman Voters, and other organizations, as well as an English Reader for Del Valle High School.

Ethel and Lou remained a devoted couple for more than 60 years, until Lou's death in 2004. Together they reared five children, all of whom have survived them: David W. Lazaroff of Tucson, Ariz.; Judith L. Bouyxou of Grenoble, France; Ann M. Lazaroff of Bothell, Wash.; Deborah L. Alpi of Laguna Hills, Calif.; and Michael J. Lazaroff of Trumbull, Conn. They are also survived by seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Ethel's ashes have been scattered in the Pacific, as were those of her beloved husband. No public memorial is planned.

### Jean Denoyer

Dec. 5 1928-Feb. 10, 2015



Jean Denoyer, (Margaret Jean Cavanaugh), who resided in Tahoe Pines, Calif., and who was a former resident of Moraga, Calif., passed away on Feb. 10, 2015.

Jean was born in Ottawa, Ill., to Margaret and Floyd Cavanaugh on Dec. 5, 1928, and was one of seven children. She married Louis Alexander Denoyer (Louie) in 1952. They moved to Moraga in 1970 where Jean went to work at

Wells Fargo Bank. She was a longtime member of St. Monica's Catholic Church and belonged to P.E.O. for many years.

After the death of her husband, Jean met retired Rear Adm. Ernest William (Bill) Dobie, Jr., and they enjoyed life together. She also enjoyed getting away to her cabin in Lake Tahoe and spending time with her children, the Dobie family and grandchildren.

She enjoyed her last Christmas season surrounded by family and passed away peacefully at home in Tahoe Pines with Jim and Rebecca.

Jean is survived by her sister, Isabelle Smith (Pete), daughter DeAnne Denoyer Scriptor (Mark), son, James Louis Denoyer (Rebecca Warda), daughter Jeaninne Denoyer, granddaughters Lindsay Denoyer Durbin (Robert) and Arrow Denoyer, greatgrandsons James and Logan Durbin, and many nieces and nephews. She is also survived by the children of William Dobie, Jr.: Bob (Chris), Sharon, Chris, and Donna (Monroe), and their children Pam, Monica, Bill, Matt, Nick, Corey, Alex, and Brett, and grandchildren Pam and Fischer's three sons.

Memorial services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday, Feb. 27 at St. Monica's Catholic Church, 1001 Camino Pablo, Moraga. Reception to follow at Hacienda de las Flores, 2100 Donald Drive. Memorial donations may be made to St. Monica's Catholic Church (925) 376-6900 or ARC (925) 370-1818.

## 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](mailto:storydesk@lamorindaweekly.com) with the subject header In Service to the Community.

### Troop 303 Honors Five New Eagle Scouts

Submitted by Kate Hayner



From left: Razmin Riahi, Nicholas Latimer, Alex Levin and Kyle Kirk

Photo Kate Hayner

Five Boy Scouts, Razmin Riahi, Nicholas Latimer, Kyle Kirk, Alex Levin and Ben Hoxie from Troop 303 of Orinda have achieved Scouting's highest rank of Eagle Scout and will be celebrating their Eagle Court of Honor at 3 p.m. Sunday, March 15 at Holy Shepherd Lutheran Church in Orinda. All five Scouts are currently seniors at Miramonte High School.

To become an Eagle Scout, the candidate must earn a minimum of 21 merit badges, including 13 Eagle-required badges, demonstrate leadership and Scout spirit, and successfully complete an Eagle service project that benefits the community.

Razmin Riahi's Eagle Project built a cabinet for the numerous lost and found items at Glorietta Elementary School, which had often overflowed on hanging racks and bins in the entrance of the gym.

Nick Latimer completed fundraising to make emergency pre-

paredness kits for the clients of Shelter Inc., an independent nonprofit organization serving Contra Costa County to help prevent homelessness, end the cycle of homelessness and provide affordable housing. Additionally, Nick led a bilingual class on emergency preparedness.

Alex Levin renovated the horseshoe pit and restored the benches at Orinda Oaks Park. He weeded the area, dug out the old sand from the two pits, placed fiberglass cloth and then filled them back up with new sand, removing the old deteriorating backboards and replacing them with redwood planks as well as adding a 4 by 4 foot redwood cross beam to each side for extra support. Lastly, he sanded and stained the nearby bench and planks and laid gravel over the middle area.

Kyle Kirk, in cooperation with Principal Langer from Glorietta Elementary School, renovated numerous picnic tables and benches at his

former school. The project, which consisted of just under 200 hours of work, helped restore the benches and repaint them to match Glorietta's light blue color.

Ben Hoxie painted a map of California on the Wagner Ranch Elementary School playground, showing the regions of our great state. He also built nine folding signs that can be used by Wagner Ranch staff to convey messages at various points on campus. The signs are easy to set up, store, and can be marked like a white board when conveying temporary messages.



Ben Hoxie Photo John Wolfe

### New Eagle Scouts in Troop 204

Submitted by Sara Regan



From left: Aaron Harman, Devin Regan, Patrick Walker and Alexander Glavin

Photo provided

Lafayette Boy Scout Troop 204 will honor four young men who have achieved the Eagle Scout Award, the highest rank in the Boys Scouts of America from 2 to 4 p.m. March 14 at Lafayette-Orinda Presbyterian Church. To attain Eagle Scout, a Scout must earn his way up the scouting ranks from Tenderfoot to Life

Scout. As a Life Scout, he must be active in the troop for at least six months, earn at least 21 required badges, serve in a Leadership position, show Scout Spirit, and plan develop and give leadership to others in an approved Eagle service project helpful to any religious institution, school, nonprofit organization or the

community. In addition to requirements listed above, each of these Troop 204 Eagle Scouts has attended annual 50-mile backpacking trips, planned and led a trek on the nine-day hiking trip, hiked over 500 miles and actively participated in annual Camporees.

The following is a list of their community service projects: Alexander Glavin organized a drive to gather camping gear for an organization in Oakland that helps underprivileged kids by exposing them to the outdoors; Aaron Harman collected over 1,000 children's books for East Bay Children's Book Project in Oakland that provides books to low income kids throughout the East Bay; Devin Regan rebuilt benches with recycled wood, repaved and resurfaced a children's area at the Lafayette Community Center for the local preschool children; Patrick Walker designed and organized a training exercise for Contra Costa County Search and Rescue that simulated a plane crash in the foothills of Mt. Diablo.

### Kiwanis Crab Feed a Huge Success

Submitted by Claire Roth



Moraga Town Council member Phil Arth and his wife, Gretchen, enjoy a special cake at the Moraga Valley Kiwanis Valentine's Day Crab Feed.

Photo Stan Holcenberg

The Valentine's Day Crab Feed, presented by Moraga Valley Kiwanis, was a resounding success by any measure. A sell-out crowd at Saint Mary's College Soda Center

first engaged in an active silent auction and then enjoyed an unlimited supply of fresh crab and Caesar salad for dinner. Before dessert local celebrity Dick Callahan led a spirited

live auction of cakes donated by Gayle Somers and Aly Dean Miller of Home/Made Kitchen Café & Bakery. Other major sponsors who contributed generously to the evening's success included Alamo Capital Investment Services, Bay Alarm, Fenton's Creamery, Neighborhood Computers and Saint Mary's College.

Celebrity tables were headed by Mayor Roger Wykle, Police Chief Bob Priebe, Assembly member Catharine Baker, former Assembly member Joan Buchanan, Brother Mel of Saint Mary's College, and sports announcer Callahan.

The annual Crab Feed is one of two major fundraisers for Moraga Valley Kiwanis. All proceeds from the events are donated to local charities that focus their activities on children's needs, including the educational foundations of our three local communities. The club donates close to \$50,000 annually to these charities.