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The 5th annual blood drive in memory of Rachael Wenger will be held from 12:30 to 5:30 p.m. Friday, April 24 in the multi-purpose room at Springhill Elementary School in Lafayette. Blood is needed every day so please consider being a donor. To schedule an appointment, visit redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code RachaelWenger (no spaces) or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767). Walk-ins are also welcome.

Join a National Park Service ranger for free early Saturday morning wildflower walks beginning at 9 a.m. April 25, May 2 and May 16 at the John Muir National Historic Site. Each two-hour walk will begin with an easy saunter up Mt. Wanda to look for wildflowers. Over 82 species of native plants have been identified on Mt. Wanda, and hikers may spot California buttercups, purple Chinese houses and mule's ears. Meet at the Park and Ride lot at the corner of Alhambra Avenue and Franklin Canyon Road, in Martinez (at the Alhambra Ave. exit off Highway 4). Bring water, a shade hat, and wear good walking shoes because the trail is steep. If it rains heavily, the walk will be cancelled.

The Saint Mary's College Guild's Fashion Show and Luncheon featuring clothing by Draper's and Damon will take place from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 25 at the Saint Mary's Soda Center. Cost: \$35. For more info or to register, contact Cyndie at (925) 820-8002.

Be the Star You Are Book Bash Blowout from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, April 25 (after the Triathlon)

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at 5A Rent A Space, 455 Moraga Rd., Moraga. Hundreds of brand new books priced from 99 cents. Spend \$19.99 and receive a free new book. Free kid crafts, entertainment, snacks, giveaways, author signings. Proceeds benefit BTSYA literacy charity. For info, visit http://btsya.com/events_calendar.html.

Community Concern For Cats invites you to meet adoptable cats and kittens from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, April 25-26 at Pet Food Express in Lafayette and Pleasant Hill and Petco in Walnut Creek. For more info, visit www.communityconcernforcats.org.

JF Kapnek's 12th Annual Family 5k/1k Fun Run at 9 a.m. Sunday, April 26 at Miramonte High School in Orinda. There will be face painting, crafts, brunch, Zimbabwean food, African band, free T-shirt, fun-run, prizes and more. To register, go to Active.com (keyword: KAPNEK).

Lafayette's 10th annual Earth Day Festival from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, April 26 at the Lafayette Library and Learning Center. This special anniversary event features food, fun, entertainment, and the latest ideas and approaches for living a more sustainable life, as well as live music, art, storytelling, a scavenger hunt and conservation-themed displays. For more info, visit www.sustainablelafayette.org. (See info page A12)

Cinco de Mayo Fiesta from noon to 6 p.m. Sunday, May 3 at the Hacienda de las Flores which is located at 2100 Donald Drive off Moraga Rd. Adults \$5 and children are free: live mariachi music, authentic Mexican food, piñatas, games and tortilla making.

The Moraga Community Faire & Car Show will be held from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, May 9 in the town's Rheem Valley Shopping Center - offering a wonderful opportunity for a "family fun day" on the day before Mother's Day with a climbing wall, bounce house, carnival games, music, arts and crafts, local food trucks, a dunk tank, local wine and amazing classic cars. Free to attend, the Faire is organized and sponsored by the Moraga Chamber of Commerce; visit www.moragachamber.org/faire.

The Seventh Annual Orinda Restaurant Tour. San Francisco's East Bay area food lovers will again have the opportunity to join a fun, culinary gathering to savor and sample their way through Orinda restaurants from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, May 12 at Theatre Square, hosted by the Orinda Chamber of Commerce. Guests will sample fine food from restaurants throughout Orinda, with each establishment providing a small portion that best represents the estab-

lishment at no cost to ticket holders. Tickets available at www.orindachamber.org.

Taste of Lafayette from 5:30 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday May 19. An amazing night of food, wine, raffle prizes and fun. Prizes include a year of dining packages, Carmel getaway and much, much more. The tour begins at Lafayette Plaza with a wine and beer reception including appetizers and musical entertainment. Ticket holders go at their own pace to any or all of the participating restaurants. Then return for a dessert reception and coffee at the Plaza from 8:30 to 9 p.m. Tickets are \$45 if purchased by May 9; \$50 thereafter. For info, visit <http://www.lafayettechamber.org/event/taste-lafayette>.

POLITICAL GATHERINGS

Coffee with Assemblywoman Catharine Baker - Co-Hosted by Orinda Councilwoman Amy Worth from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Saturday, April 25 in the Garden Room, 26 Orinda Way, Orinda. This will be an opportunity for the Lamorinda community to meet the assemblywoman, ask her questions, and share their thoughts on legislative issues. RSVP: (925) 328-1515.

SENIORS

"The Stages of Dementia, Including a Tour of the Brain" will be presented by Vitas Hospice, the experts in dementia, and nurse educator Colleen Baker, RN, BSN, PHN from 6 to 7 p.m. Thursday, April 23 at Aegis of Moraga, 950 Country Club Drive, Moraga. RSVP to Nancy Robinson at (925) 297-6760 or nancy.robinson@aegisliving.com. Free. Light refreshments will be served.

Get organized by creating a home inventory, gaining control of paper clutter. "Home Inventory: Protecting your Legacy" is the greatest gift you can give yourself and your family. Find out why and what you should inventory, how much value is potentially being overlooked, and the importance of leaving an organized, documented digital legacy for your loved ones. Every day, rafts of paper flood into our homes. Tricia will teach you how to set up an efficient, simple filing system, and share with you organization tips on how to take control of the paper clutter once and for all from 10:30 a.m. to noon Wednesday, April 29 in the Cedar Room, Lafayette Community Center. Free for Senior Services members; \$10 non-members.

Sons In Retirement Lamorinda Branch 171 meets the first Wednesday monthly at Holy Trinity Culture Center 1700 School St. Moraga. Social hour at 11 a.m.; lunch at noon. The May 6 after-lunch speaker will be Fred Lezak, management consultant and former CEO who will speak

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on the demise and rebirth of civility in society and share some amusing incidences where the lack of civility in business led to some interesting results. Fred will also focus on issues that seniors contend with. For membership information, call Larry at (925) 631-9528.

The California Senior Legislature is hosting a Senior Rally Day in Sacramento. This is an opportunity for seniors to travel to their state capitol and have their voices heard by district legislators. This event begins at 10 a.m. with presentations by several legislators, followed by a lunch break from noon to 1 p.m. on May 6. Seniors will have a chance to visit their representatives after lunch. If you want to take an important ride to Sacramento to have your voice heard, contact Mary Bruns at the Lamorinda Spirit Van Program (925) 284-5546 as soon as possible. Transportation will be provided. You are encouraged to bring your lunch to this event.

Sons in Retirement Lamorinda Branch 174, a social organization of retired and semi-retired men, meets for lunch at 11 a.m. the second Wednesday monthly at Holy Trinity Culture Center, 1700 School Street, Moraga. The May 13 guest speaker will be from The Lamorinda Village. For attendance and membership info, call Tyler at (925) 284-5561 or visit www.branch174.sirinc2.org.

GARDEN

Lafayette Community Garden presents Irrigation Efficiency from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Saturday, April 25 at 3932 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Lafayette. Seth Wright, a landscape contractor with 20 years experience in the landscape industry, is now specializing in irrigation efficiency. In this class, he

will cover spray to drip conversions, EBMUD and CCWD rebate programs, as well as emitter layout and scheduling. He will emphasize landscape and lawn care during the drought, but will also address issues of edible gardens. Free. However, a \$5 donation is appreciated to support education programs. To register or for more info, visit www.lafayettecommunitygarden.org.

The Bringing Back the Natives Garden Tour is a free, self-guided tour of 30 Alameda and Contra Costa county gardens that will take place from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, May 3. Pre-registration is required: www.bringingbackthenatives.net.

The Moraga Junior Women's Club, celebrating their 45th anniversary as an organization, presents the 10th "Through the Garden Gate" garden tour from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, May 3, rain or shine, through five beautiful gardens in Lafayette, Moraga and Orinda. For info, visit www.moragajuniors.org. (See story page D1)

Lafayette Community Garden and Outdoor Learning Center - Wind Chime Workshop: Making Music for Your Garden from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 9 at 3932 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Lafayette. Come celebrate Mother's Day weekend making musical wind chimes in the garden! Wind chimes can be made with an exciting mixture of elements. Bring recycled items like old keys and jewelry, drillable kitchen utensils, silverware, and garden knickknacks. Use your imagination! There will be filament, string, drills, other fasteners and materials for you to use. For info, visit <http://lafayettecommunitygarden.org/sign-up-for-events/>.

Please submit events to:
calendar@lamorindaweekly.com

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.

A global volunteer organization working to improve the lives of women and girls through programs leading to social and economic empowerment.

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

April 24: British expatriate and former Liverpool Councilman John Lea, PhD will share his unusual experiences as a Brit living in France.	May 1: Norma Bishop, Exec Director of the Lindsay Wildlife Museum is our speaker. Norma will share her experiences in educational and environmental programming.
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Please join us for a great speaker and breakfast!!

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Lafayette Rotary Club

Step in on a Thursday and join us for our lunch meeting.
Thursday at noon Oakwood Athletic Club, 4000 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Lafayette.

April 23: Dr. David Ritchie will speak about Nutrition and Natural Health	April 30: Thomans Raeth will speak about proper watering of plants and lawns
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Save the date: Concert at the Res May 9th
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Please join us for our next meeting:

WHEN: Wednesday, May 6th
Social 5:30-6:00 p.m.
Meeting 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

WHERE: The Buttercup Grill
660 Ygnacio Valley Road, Walnut Creek.

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