

# Special Event



## MOTHER'S DAY BUFFET BRUNCH

Sunday, May 10th 8:30 A.M. - 3.00 P.M.

### Buffet Menu

- Champagne, Mimosa or Fresh Orange Juice
- Eggs Benedict
- Pancake Oscar
- Bacon, Sausage, Home Fries
- Pancakes, French Toast, Crepes
- Omelets Made to Order  
(Choice of vegetable, ham, bacon or other omelets)
- Fresh fruit, Gourmet cheeses, Assorted pastries, Scones & Breads
- Classic Caesar salad
- Famous Poached Pear Salad with Gorgonzola cheese
- Carving Station ~ Prime Rib with Au Jus
- Honey Glazed Baked Ham / Tea Smoked Salmon
- Assorted Desserts, Fresh Strawberries

\$24.95 per person  
\$11.00 children under 10 years  
Reservation Recommended

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# Saint Mary's Fair Trade Festival Focuses on Social Justice

By Sophie Braccini



Saint Mary's administrators, staff and students as well as local community members attended the April 24 Fair Trade and Social Justice Festival at SMC. From left: Program Administrator Cherie Grant, Vice President for Mission Carole Swain, Moraga Councilmember Teresa Onoda, Asst. Director Justice Education and Immersions Nick Van Santen and Professor Caroline Doran  
Photo Sophie Braccini

The Saint Mary's College Ferragiaro Hall quad on April 24 was filled with about 20 booths showcasing local vendors and companies that deal in fair trade practices during the SMC Fair Trade and Social Justice Festival.

Fair trade is a practice that began in the 1980s when missionaries decided to act as intermediaries between producers and end-users when they realized the small percentage of the final price the impoverished growers or makers were receiving. Saint Mary's was one of the first colleges in Northern California to earn fair trade status for its practice with its vendors. "This is a great avenue for us at Saint Mary's because we talk a lot about social justice," says Nick Van Santen, the new assistant director of justice education and immersions, "and this is one of those moments when we get to show it tangibly."

Van Santen defines fair trade as an economic system. "The difference here is between free trade and fair trade," he explains. "It does not deal with organics or sustainable practices, even though they often come together."

Professor Caroline Doran, who

teaches business ethics and social responsibility in the School of Economics and Business Administration, was at the festival to educate students and community members about the economics and dynamics of fair trade. "The companies that certify fair trade status do a good job," said Doran, who has been studying fair trade in Europe and the U.S. for years. "The big players in this market are not always those you would think about. For example, Starbucks is one of the biggest distributors of fair trade coffee."

Van Santen hinted that the town of Moraga should try to be certified as a fair trade town. Moraga Town Council member Teresa Onoda, who was volunteering at a booth offering fair trade chocolate, thought that was an interesting idea. "I'd like to learn more about it," she said. Onoda invited Van Santen to make a presentation to the town in the future.

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# Mats Public Speakers Take Sixth at State Championships

*Named Congress Champion for third straight year*

Submitted by Kristen Plant



Photo provided

Thirty-six Miramonte High School Public Speakers, seven parent judges/chaperones, and two teachers enjoyed laughter and learning at the California High School Speech Association's State Championships April 17-19 at Vista Murietta High School in Murietta, Calif. The Mats earned sixth place out of 360 schools and claimed the Congress Champion for the third year in a row. "Our students epitomized good

sportsmanship and camaraderie," said Miramonte teacher and public speaking head coach Kristen Plant. "They endured 14-hour days of competition with good cheer and appreciation of this special opportunity. We could not have done it without the support of Miramonte staff, students and parents. We are particularly grateful for the generous sponsorship of the Educational Foundation of Orinda."

### Special commendation to our semi-finalists and finalists:

- Sean McFeely – 1st in Congressional Debate and a \$250 prize
- Ray Barrie-Kivel – 1st place Presiding Officer in Congressional Debate and a \$250 prize
- Bryan Wang – 2nd in National Extemporaneous Speaking
- Owen Chang – 3rd in International Extemporaneous
- Daniel Ginsburg – 4th in International Extemporaneous
- Aaron Baum – 6th in National Extemporaneous
- Liam Madsen – 8th in Original Prose and Poetry
- Jonathan Zhou – 9th in National Extemporaneous
- Fatima Hasanain – 10th in National Extemporaneous
- Marcel Bollag – 11th in Original Advocacy
- Alex Jang – 13th in International Extemporaneous
- Max Han – 17th in Congressional Debate
- Konnie Guo – 18th in Original Advocacy
- Bryan Wang and Aaron Baum -- octafinalists in Public Forum Debate
- Kelly Zheng and Anna Miskelley -- double octafinalists in Public Forum Debate

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