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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.

Double Winners from Lemonade Stand Sales

Submitted by Suzanne Jones



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This summer, Rheem School incoming fifth-grade pals Dean Elia, left, and Alessandro Paolieri, right, with help from younger brother and incoming third-grader MarcAnthony Paolieri, center, organized their second lemonade-and-cookies fundraiser on Bollinger Canyon Road. This year they chose as beneficiaries Doctors Without Borders

(www.doctorswithoutborders.org), which provides urgent medical care in war-torn and impoverished areas around the world, and Wild Aid (www.wildaid.org) that works to end the killing of elephants and other endangered wildlife. Once again, their homemade lemonade and cookies were a hit, raising \$120 to be divided between the two charities.

Girl Scout Gold Award Project With a Positive Hook

Submitted by Olivia Price



Olivia Price stands with her father, Walter Price, next to new hooks installed as part of her Girl Scout Gold Award Project.

As part of her Girl Scout Gold Award Project, Olivia Price created a safe haven for backpacks and belongings at Burton Valley and Happy Valley Elementary schools. With her team, she installed 36 plastic hooks outside of the science and computer center, 33 plastic hooks outside of the library, and 26 hooks outside of the gym at Happy Valley and she removed 241 metal hooks from outside 10 classrooms at Burton Valley, replacing them with virtually indestructible polycarbonate plastic hooks.

At Happy Valley, Price and her team sanded, primed, and painted each individual board. "Then we used a measuring tape to measure the length of the boards, deciding how

many hooks we could put on each," Price said. They removed the protective tape that was on both sides of each individual hook and screwed in each hook, making sure every one was squared to the board. "Afterwards, we screwed the boards into the outside of the buildings, making sure that each board was level and at the proper height."

At Burton Valley, Price and her team removed the metal hooks from boards, unscrewing two screws per hook and pulling the hooks off the boards and used scrapers to scrape off the glue that "stuck" the hook to the wall. They filled holes with putty and sanded down the boards before painting two for each classroom. Using requirements from the school's head of maintenance, they measured out where each hook would go on the board, trying to fit as many hooks as possible. "We marked the numbers 1-30 under each hook so each student could find their hook and remember their backpack's position," Price said. The hooks had been cut by the school district maintenance staff from old windows that had been replaced in the school system. Finally, they screwed in the plastic hooks with electric cordless drills and special bits for the screw heads, screwing in a total of 279 hooks over many days.

"I did this project because the metal hooks at Burton Valley were unsafe," said Price. "They stuck out and were breaking. High school students apparently would hit them with baseball bats causing them to break. At Happy Valley I installed these hooks so that the students would no longer simply throw their backpacks on the ground, which could easily become a walking hazard."



From left: Chris Chin, Bob Busby, Andrea Busby, Walter Price, Morgan Scanlon, Olivia Price and Virginia Price
Photos provided

In Memory

Cynthia Anne Landy Resident of Orinda

April 6, 1928 – July 13, 2015



Cynthia Anne Landy sadly passed away on Monday, July 13 from fatal injuries sustained in a local car accident. She touched us all with her energy and love of life as well as her unconditional devotion to her family and friends.

Cynthia was born in London, England and moved to Geneva, Switzerland after World War II to work at the United Nations. There she met and married her husband of 62 years, Ernest, and raised three children before moving to Orinda in 1975. She was active in the Orinda Hiking Club and League of Women Voters and loved to cook, travel, hike,

swim and garden.

Cynthia is survived by her daughter, Ruth, sons Michael and Jacques, and grandchildren Tim, Jack, Jess, Lyla and Maddy.

Lamorinda Moms Celebrates its 20th Anniversary

Submitted by Catherine Herman Aker



2014-15 Lamorinda Moms co-directors, from left: Stephanie Francis-Jones, Jill Gibson and Kimberly Grover. Not pictured: Meighan Baldwin.
Photo Nightingale Photography

Lamorinda Moms celebrated its 20th anniversary the first weekend in August with a party at Orinda Wilder Clubhouse.

"For 20 wonderful years, Lamorinda Moms has provided support and a community for mothers with young children," said 2015-16 Lamorinda Moms Co-Director Meighan Baldwin. "From our playgroups, to social events, to speaker series and new mother support, many members say they've formed lasting friendships from the parents they've met through this organization, and this week we celebrated and honored that."

In addition to appetizers and drinks, Lamorinda Moms welcomed Kate Hoepke to the anniversary celebration. Hoepke started many

mothers clubs in the Bay Area.

With nearly 1,000 current members, Lamorinda Moms is excited for the future of the organization. "Our current goal is to continue to build community externally within Lamorinda and internally among our members," said 2014-15 Lamorinda Moms Co-Director Jill Gibson. "With the start of our fiscal year in August, we plan to find ways we can further participate in community activities, engage members in event volunteerism, make introductions to facilitate new social relationships, and provide access to information regarding newborn, infant and toddler care and growth."

For more information about Lamorinda Moms, visit LamorindaMoms.org.

Share Your Celebrations and Remembrances

If you would like to share an announcement about a special event or achievement, such as a wedding, engagement, scholarship or graduation of a local resident, or about a special person from Lamorinda who has passed, send a photo along with your text (up to 250 words) to storydesk@lamorindaweekly.com, and include "Celebrations and Remembrances" in the subject line.