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Sister City Exchange Student Welcomed by Council



Photo Victor Ryerson

Doing double duty on Oct. 6, former mayor Bobbie Landers presented Karel Balogh, Orinda's 16th exchange student from its sister city of Tabor, Czech Republic, to the City Council. Balogh, who is attending Miramonte High School, underwent a highly competitive process to demonstrate that he was a good fit for the program, and was fluent enough in English to do well in classes at Miramonte. Sister Cities' host families typically provide room and board for their assigned students. Orinda's first mayor Richard Heggie, with Landers, was instrumental in organizing the connection with Tabor, according to the city of Orinda website. Landers, the last surviving member of Orinda's first City Council, also presented a history of Orinda's cityhood at the council meeting. The highlight of the presentation was a screening of the 17-minute videotape that was used to persuade residents to opt for cityhood. Orinda officially became a city on July 1, 1985. V. Ryerson

OCF Grant Application Deadline Nov. 1

Submitted by Sue Severson



Orinda Community Foundation grants have helped support programs such as the Summer Concerts at the Park series at the Orinda Community Park. Pictured, DND Band at the June 9 concert. Photo Ohlen Alexander

The Orinda Community Foundation, which works to enhance the quality of life in Orinda by encouraging philanthropy, building partnerships, and providing financial assistance to support community activities, beautification and the arts, is accepting grant applications through Nov. 1. In 2014, grants were given to local organizations including the Orinda Association, the Orinda Parks and Recreation Foundation, Friends of the Joaquin Moraga Adobe, Orinda Arts Council, and the Orinda Garden Club to support the annual Fourth of July parade, Lamorinda Idol, Youth Ink, summer outdoor movies and concerts, and more. Applications are available online at www.orindafoundation.org or can be sent to OCF, P.O. Box 21, Orinda CA 94563.



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