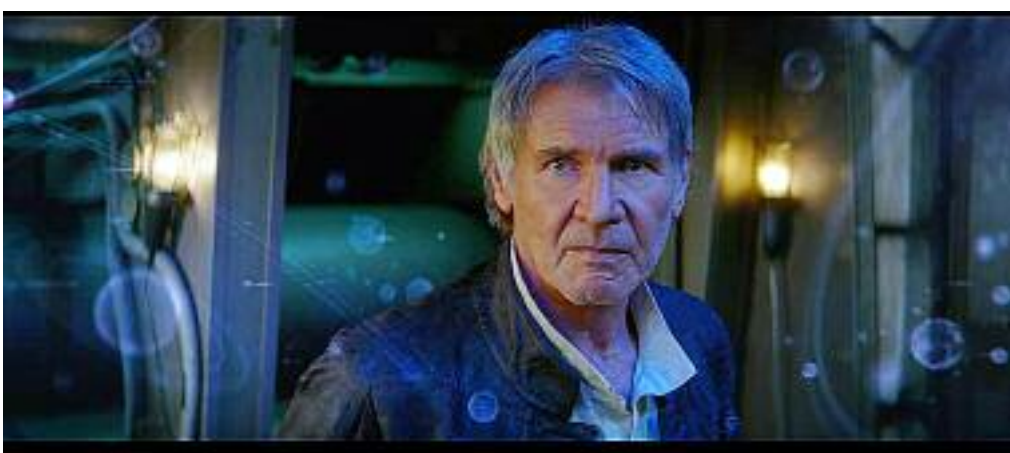


MOVIE REVIEW

May the Force Be With You

By Derek Zemrak



“Star Wars: The Force Awakens” is the most highly anticipated movie in years. Presale tickets have been breaking records all over the world and the secrets around the movie have only increased the excitement for Star Wars fans. The only thing fans know is from the trailers released by Disney, which now owns the rights to Star Wars. Disney purchased LucasFilm for \$4 billion in 2012, which included the legendary Star Wars franchise. LucasFilm was 100 percent owned by George Lucas. Three of the original cast members are reprising their roles, which include Carrie Fisher as Princess Leia, Mark Hamill as Luke Skywalker, and Harrison Ford as Han Solo. How much are they in the movie? We will all just have to wait and see.

The belief synopsis Disney released is “Thirty years after defeating the Galactic Empire, Han Solo (Harrison Ford) and his allies face a new threat from the evil Kylo Ren (Adam Driver) and his army of Stormtroopers.”

“Star Wars: The Force Awakens” is directed by J.J. Abrams, who may be best known for producing and writing the popular television show “Lost,” but his movie directing credits are also quite impressive: “Mission Impossible III” (2006), “Star Trek” (2009), “Super 8” (2011) and “Mission Impossible – Rogue Nation” (2015). Abrams gave new life to the Star Trek movie franchise and has given moviegoers several exciting films over the past 10 years. As a fan of the Star Wars films, Abrams is the perfect director to revitalize the series that Lucas started in 1977.

So when can you see “Star Wars: The Force

Awakens”? The Orinda Theatre is having an early showing at 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 17. The theater is expecting a sellout, with over 550 tickets sold as of Dec. 10. The lines will be wrapped around Theatre Square so it is recommended that people purchase their tickets online at www.lamorindatheatre.com.

“Star Wars: The Force Awakens” opens nationwide on Dec. 18 and is rated PG-13 with a TRT (Total Running Time) of 2 hours and 15 minutes.



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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.



We meet Friday mornings at 7:00 am at **The Lafayette Park Hotel & Spa**, 3666 Mt. Diablo Blvd, Lafayette. For more info, please email us at lamorindasunrise@gmail.com

December 18:

Josh Cooley is a featured Pixar speaker, and an original screenwriter for the award winning "Inside Out" smash success. Here's your opportunity to get a real insider's view of Pixar and the making of "Inside Out!"

Dec. 25 & Jan. 1, 2016:

We will be dark. Happy Holidays to all! We will meet again on January 8 at the regular time and place.

Lamorinda Sunrise Rotary Club sends a special thanks to the publishers and staff of Lamorinda Weekly, for an outstanding job of consistently providing real news about our wonderful Lamorinda Community.

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Donation Requests from the Community

'Tis the Season of Giving



Toys for Tots Donation Locations in Lamorinda

There are several Toys for Tots donation location in Lamorinda: The Moraga-Orinda Fire District will be collecting toys 24 hours a day through Dec. 21 at 1280 Moraga Way in Moraga. For information, visit toysfortots.org.

Community Concern for Cats Giving Tree

Community Concern for Cats, which serves Lamorinda residents, is hosting a Giving Tree through Dec. 24 at its upscale thrift store, Rescued Treasures, 1270 Newell Ave., in Walnut Creek. All the proceeds will go toward life-saving procedures for homeless cats and kittens in local neighborhoods.

The donations will go toward vaccinations, micro chipping, healing antibiotics, flea protections, leukemia/FIV tests, veterinarian office visits, neutering of male cats, spaying of female cats, surgery and emergency medical procedures and special holiday treats. So far this year, CC4C has neutered 1,800 and found homes for 600 cats and kittens. Thrift store hours are Monday through Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sundays from noon to 4 p.m. For information, call (925) 937-3201.

Community Concern for Cats is the oldest cat rescue organization in Contra Costa County. CC4C has three Saturday and Sunday afternoon adoptions sites: Pet Food Express, Lafayette and Pleasant Hill, and Petco Walnut Creek. Lafayette hours are noon to 3 p.m., while the others are 1 to 4 p.m.



In Memory

Suzanne and Robert Jones



Suzanne and Robert Jones on their 25th anniversary.

Suzanne and Robert Jones, longtime Lafayette residents, passed away in November. Suzanne and Robert moved to Lafayette in 1969 with their three children. Suzanne was an active volunteer. She started the safety patrol at Lafayette school in the 1970s and then became a commissioner on the traffic commission. She was active in both Camp Fire Girls and Girl Scouts. She served on the Contra Costa Grand Jury. In her later years she served as a commissioner with the Senior Services Commission. Sue

loved teaching the AARP senior driving classes. Sue loved spoiling her grandchildren and taking them on special adventures. Sue passed away at home on November 10. Robert passed away a week later on November 17 at the Willows in Walnut Creek. Robert worked for PacBell in Oakland and then in Walnut Creek. Robert served in the Korean War and was the recipient of a Silver Star.

Robert and Suzanne are survived by their three children: Sharon (and John) Pagendarm, Debbie Jones and Glen Jones. They are also survived by five grandchildren and one great granddaughter.

A joint memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 2 at the Lafayette Community Center. There will be a buffet lunch after the service. All are welcome. Memorial donations may be made to the Hydrocephalus Association, 4340 East West Highway, Suite 905, Bethesda, MD 20814-4447.

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