

## 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](mailto:storydesk@lamorindaweekly.com) with the subject header In Service to the Community.

### 'Macbeth' Comes to Acalanes High

Submitted By Mandy Chivers



From left, students Anna Cain, Callie Zucker, and Emily Gray play the Witches and Siavash Keivani plays Macbeth. Photo Ed Meehan

The Acalanes Drama Dons will present "Macbeth" April 27, 28, 29 and 30 in the Performing Arts Center little theater.

Shakespeare's "Macbeth" is a swift and relentless tragedy that uncovers the terrifying consequences of blind ambition. A dark prophecy leads a warrior and his wife past the point of no return, in a world of ghosts, witches and battlefields. It is set in medieval Scotland.

Shakespeare's great story telling, com-

elling characters, catchy phrasing and illumination of the human experience all come to light in this production, directed by Ed Meehan, Acalanes' drama teacher.

Performances are at 7 p.m., with doors opening at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$7 for students and seniors. Tickets are available in April during lunch at Acalanes High School and online at [ahsperformingarts.org](http://ahsperformingarts.org). There will be limited ticket sales available day of the show.

### OIS Actors Bring Roald Dahl's 'Masterpeach' to Life

Submitted by Jeanette Lipp



Cast members of OIS's "James and the Giant Peach, JR." get ready to roll. Photo provided

Olorinda Intermediate School's (OIS) Bulldog Theater proudly presents its fall spring musical, "James and the Giant Peach, JR." April 28-30 at OIS. Based on one of Roald Dahl's most poignantly quirky stories, Roald Dahl's "James and the Giant Peach, JR." is a brand new take on this "masterpeach" of a tale. Featuring a wickedly tuneful score and a witty and charming book, this adventurous musical about courage and self-discovery is destined to be a classic.

When James is sent by his conniving aunts to chop down their old fruit tree, he discovers a magic potion that grows a tremendous peach, rolls into the ocean and launches a journey of enormous proportions. James befriends a collection of singing insects that ride the giant piece of fruit across the ocean,

facing hunger, sharks and plenty of disagreements along the way.

The production is directed and produced by Bay Area Children's Theatre (BACT) as part of their Youth Education Program. Caroline Schneider serves as Director with Sidney Spiegel as Choreographer.

There are two casts, comprised of approximately 60 OIS students along with additional 14 OIS students serving on tech crew. Performances will run April 28-30 at the OIS Bulldog Theater. The performance lasts approximately 90 minutes, including one intermission. For show time information and to purchase tickets, please visit [www.showtix4u.com](http://www.showtix4u.com). Tickets are also available at OIS Theater one half hour prior to show times.

### Lamorinda Sunrise Rotary to Announce Wine Winners

Submitted By Thomas Black

Winning tickets for the Wine Barrel Raffle contest sponsored by Lamorinda Sunrise Rotary will be drawn Friday, Apr. 29, when the club meets for its weekly breakfast meeting at 7:15 a.m. at the Lafayette Park Hotel and Spa in Lafayette. Winners need not be present.

A total of 50, 750 ml. bottles of wine, donated by club members are valued at "no less than \$1,250 and probably much more," said Hans Englehart, a Moraga resident and co-chair of the raffle. "Each of us contributed a bottle with a known retail value of at least \$25."

Tickets are still available. They are \$10 each or 11 for \$100. To purchase, contact Englehart at 818-642-6260 or via email at

[3speeds3@gmail.com](mailto:3speeds3@gmail.com). Tickets are tax deductible.

There are three lucky tickets. Draw No. 1 wins 25 bottles, No. 2 wins 15 bottles, and No. 3 takes home 10 bottles.

Proceeds will help to support a variety of community programs, including the club's own Home Team, which provides gratis minor home-maintenance repairs for the elderly; Las Trampas in Lafayette, which provides services for developmentally challenged adults; Interfaith Council of Contra Costa County, which offers rent-assisted housing for families; and Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano, which annually provides countless thousands of free meals for qualifying families.

### Lafayette Girl Scouts Help Winter Nights Guests at Easter

Submitted by Linda Murphy



Girl Scouts, from left, Natalie, Riley, Jordan, Aly, and Tessa have fun filling Easter baskets for Winter Nights guests.

Girl Scout Troop 31881 enjoyed a meaningful evening of giving back to the community. On Friday, March 25, the Lafayette sixth graders and their mothers volunteered with the Winter Nights Program. In addition to helping to serve dinner, the girls in the troop shopped for Easter treats for the 17 children who were staying as Winter Nights guests at Mt. Diablo Unitarian Universalist Church (MDUUC) in Walnut Creek. The Girl Scouts then assembled the baskets with age-appropriate treats and novelties for the children who ranged in age

from 1 to 19. The baskets were a wonderful surprise on Easter morning.

This is the seventh year that MDUUC has hosted Winter Nights, utilizing 150 volunteers from March 15 to March 29 this year. The Winter Nights program is run by the Contra Costa County Interfaith Council's Social Justice Alliance. From October to May, congregations of all religions take turns hosting a group of homeless families. More information is available at [www.cccwinter-nights.org](http://www.cccwinter-nights.org).

### Girl Scouts Beautify Park

Submitted By Girl Scout Troop 32787



From left to right: Alicia, Nicole and Kathryn at Leigh Creekside Park. Photo provided

By now, you've probably seen the black tarp around the oak tree at Leigh Creekside Park. This is where members of Lafayette Girl Scout troop 32787, Kathryn, Nicole, and Alicia (Girl Scouts of America have prohibited use of last names in press articles), have planted California native plants for their Silver Award Project. In this project, over a year in the making, the girls visited nurseries and picked out flowers to plant.

They were aided by Jennifer Russell and Susan Agnew at the Lafayette Community

Center, who are part of the Parks and Recreation Committee, as well as being the girls' project advisors. They were also helped by Grace Dixon, who is running a community effort to help fix up the same park.

The girls raised money for their project by painting faces at the Lafayette Art and Wine Festival. They received a generous donation from Orchard Nursery as well.

On Dec. 11, the first plants were finally put in the ground, and on Dec.17, the seeds were scattered.

The species planted include California Poppies, California and Idaho fescue, Blue-eyed grass, Baby Blue eyes, Purple Bee Phacelia, Evening Primrose, Elk Blue Rush and Pacific Coast Hybrid Iris. The flowers are growing quickly, and will likely flower by spring, although they will not reach their full size for another two to three years.

When asked why she wanted to help this park for her project, Alicia said that she had come to this park for a picnic when she was younger, but had found it in such bad condition that she and her family had decided to leave. For their project, the girls decided to fix that. If you peek over the fence, you can see the results of their efforts just beginning to poke out of the ground.

Lafayette residents are urged not to let their dogs go inside the fenced off area.

### Annual Kapnek Fun Run Helps Fight AIDS in Zimbabwe

Submitted By Masiy Mills



Young participants enjoyed the 2015 JF Kapnek Fun Run. Photo provided

The 13th annual JF Kapnek Trust Family Fun and post-race brunch will be held from 9 a.m. to noon on Sunday, May 1, at Miramonte High School, 750 Moraga Way in Orinda.

The event helps support children and

families affected by AIDS in Zimbabwe. Besides the race, there will be music, kids' rafts, face painting, prizes for the top finishers and more. All participants will receive a free t-shirt and a healthy brunch after the race.

To register, visit [www.JFKapnekTrust.com](http://www.JFKapnekTrust.com).