

## Community Service

### Glorietta Can't Wait to be 'King'

Submitted By Hillary Weiner



The casts of "The Lion King Jr." get ready for their upcoming performances.



Glorietta Elementary School presents its spring musical, Disney's "The Lion King Jr." on May 13 and 14.

Based on the Broadway production directed by Julie Taymor and the 1994 Disney film, "The Lion King Jr." tells the story of the epic adventures of a curious cub named Simba as he struggles to accept the responsibilities of adulthood and his destiny as king. The play features classic songs from the 1994 film such as "Hakuna Matata" and the Academy Award-winning "Can You Feel the Love Tonight," as well as additional songs written for the Broadway production.

The production is directed by music teacher Ron Pickett, with the assistance of

parent producers Lani MacKenzie, Susan Jordan, and Kathryn Ishizu. There are two student casts, made up of approximately 90 students along with a student tech crew. The production is funded through parent contributions, the school's Parents Club, Orinda Arts Council and EFO.

"The Lion King Jr." takes place at Glorietta Elementary School, 15 Martha Rd., at 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Friday, May 13 and at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday, May 14. Tickets for the Friday and Saturday performances (all reserved seating) will be available in advance online at [www.showtix4u.com](http://www.showtix4u.com). Tickets may also be available at the door prior to the show.

### Triathlon Volunteers Keep it Going

Submitted by Gabriella Zacco



Pictured are Joan and Kent Jacobson, David and Sylvia Omoto, Shari Erickson, Robert Giomi, Gabriella Zacco. At the post are Sabina Majzouband and John Kochan. Photo submitted

It's not only the athletes who get a workout during the Moraga Triathlon, held April 24. Here are some Carroll Ranch

neighbors who have continually supported and volunteered for the race each year.

### Lamorinda Teens Honored for Charity Work

Submitted by Martina Scanlan



Pictured, bottom row, from left: Lauren Torres, Claire Dodd, Olivia Guidotti, Molly Colwell, Sommar Veverka, Mary Noal, Sophia Settle, Bridget Immel, Olivia Chandler. Top row, from left: Bailey Yuen, Kelcey Higgins, Isabel Napper, Kristine Stanners, Sarah Cella, Katie Woolsey, Emma Scanlan, Sophia Hubbell, Emma Sonnenschein, Abby Garrett and Beth Evenhuis. Photo Juleen Lapporte

Twenty senior girls from Acalanes, Campolindo, Miramonte, Head-Royce and The College Preparatory School were honored at the 25th Annual Senior Recognition event for the Lamorinda Chapter of National Charity League in March. The young women collectively volunteered over 5,800 hours for a wide variety of local philanthropies, in-

cluding Monument Crisis Center, Lafayette Town Hall Theater, Xenophon, Lamorinda libraries and Loaves and Fishes. The National Charity League was founded in 1925 to foster the Mother and Daughter relationship, while being committed to community service, leadership development and cultural experiences.

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.

### Moraga Troop 234 Finds Unique Way to Raise Funds and Fight the Drought

Submitted by Bob Fritzky



Boy Scout Troop 234 received a special honor from Mayor Mike Metcalf. Photo Bruce McGurk

The Town of Moraga awarded Moraga Boy Scout Troop 234 a Certificate of Merit on April 26, recognizing the troop's work in drought education for the town.

Due to the severe drought, the troop cancelled last year's Spring Car Wash Fundraiser and instead went door to door handing out water conservation materials for East Bay Municipal Utility District.

The troop has a long-standing tradition of holding spring and fall car washes to raise funds for troop activities and expenses. Having first consulted with EBMUD Water Conservation Manager Charles Bohlig in the fall, the troop was given the go-ahead to hold its fall 2014 car wash. At that time, the request to Bohlig included an explanation that the troop would follow state mandated guidelines for water conservation and reduce the hours of operation by 20 percent.

In addition, troop representatives explained that run-off water would be caught and directed into the city sewer system, which was commended by EBMUD; the troop would put senior scouts in charge of hoses to reduce the amount of "horse play"; and nozzles would be placed on the hoses. Bohlig was happy to give the troop the go-ahead, suggesting that they'd talk prior to the anticipated spring 2015 Car Wash.

When contacted in spring of 2015, Bohlig could not give the troop permission for the car wash but came up with the idea that the Boy Scouts could help EBMUD get water saving materials out to the public. Though he couldn't match previous car wash proceeds, his department could pay the troop to do this job. When this information was brought to the PLC of this Boy Lead Troop, the boys immediately knew that cancelling the car wash was the right thing to do and helping EBMUD educate the people of Moraga would be a great way to face the drought head-on.

On May 2, 2015, the boys and their parents met at Moraga Commons Park to pick up the plastic door hangers that contained a placard explaining the five steps all EBMUD customers must take to reduce their water consumption, dye tabs for toilet leak detection and a leaflet on how to "Look for Leaks."

The five steps are:

- 1) Indoors, use no more than 35 gallons/day/person of water
- 2) Fix all leaks
- 3) Outside: water no more than two non-consecutive days perweek
- 4) No overspray or run off. Water between 6 p.m. and 9 p.m.
- 5) No outdoor washing of driveways, sidewalks, etc.

### Rotary Club of Lafayette Turns 70 in Style

Submitted by Robert Shusta



Michael Heller with the Club's birthday cake

Photo Dave Baker

The Rotary Club of Lafayette celebrated its 70th anniversary on April 21 at a luncheon at the Oakwood Athletic Club, where they meet each week on Thursdays.

There were 71 attendees who heard that Lafayette Rotary was chartered in 1946 by the Rotary Clubs of Berkeley (chartered in 1916) and Walnut Creek (chartered in 1937). That Lafayette Rotary was involved in the chartering of four other Rotary Clubs, Orinda (1949), Lamorinda Sunrise (1987), Diablo View in Walnut Creek (2009) and the Ekaterinburg, Russia Club in 1998. Ekaterinburg, also known as Yekaterinburg, is the fourth largest city in Russia located in the Ural Mountains situated between Europe and Asia. The city has a population of 1.5 million and was the second Rotary Club established in Western Russia.

The master of ceremonies, George

Chaffey, acknowledged the members in the club who had over 25 years membership, including special tribute for length of membership to Bill Eames, 52 years, Tom Courtwright, 44 years, and Ed Stokes, 40 years. Chaffey mentioned the Club's impact on the community, in that over the years, its membership has included two city managers, two city council members, four chiefs of police, one sheriff, one county supervisor, three Acalanes Union High School District superintendents, two principals, and one elementary school district superintendent.

Those interested in membership with the Rotary Club of Lafayette are encouraged to attend a complimentary lunch meeting at the Oakwood Athletic Club, 4000 Mt. Diablo Blvd. Meetings are held every Thursday from noon to 1:30 p.m.