

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.

Troop 234 Eagle Scouts Honored

Submitted by Sarah Tabler



Honored Eagle Scouts from Troop 234 are Nicholas Thompson, Matthias Baker, Jeremy Bernhardt, and Mark Lindblad. Photo Mike Bernhardt

Boy Scout Troop 234 of Moraga honored four scouts for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout. Mark Lindblad, Nicholas Thompson, Jeremy Bernhardt, and Matthias Baker were feted on Saturday, April 16 at St. Monica's Catholic Church. Each contributed a project that beautified and improved the Town of Moraga.

Realtors put 'gardens' in BH&G

Submitted by Lisa Shaffer



Photo provided

Since 2009 Better Homes & Gardens Real Estate has performed a local volunteer day to give back to the community it serves.

This year's recipient was the Orinda Senior Village. BH&G representatives worked in their garden that residents lovingly attend. The team of realtors laid pavers, pruned, weeded and cleared debris.

Those in attendance were Broker Manager Regina Englehart, and agents Maureen Caldwell-Meurer, Tania DeGroot, John Fazal, Dana Fillinger, Adam Hamalian, Tomi Izuno, Larry Jacobs, Oksana Lawlor, Rachel Lederman, Sassa Oznowicz, Teresa Ramirez, Lisa Shaffer, Randy Shaffer, Melody Shahid, Amanda Smith and Kelly Smith.

Camino Pablo Wins 25th Annual Moraga Rotary Field Day

Submitted by Gary Irwin



The 25th annual Moraga Rotary Field Day again brought out the best in young athletes from local elementary schools. Photo provided

Camino Pablo School's third, fourth, and fifth graders were repeat winners of the 25th annual Moraga Rotary Field Day, amassing a total of 97 points. Second place went to Rheem School, with a total of 89 points. Rheem had the highest participation, with 55 percent of its potential athletes competing, and fielded 120 of the record 324 contestants from all Moraga schools, including Saklan which fielded 16 athletes.

The total medal counts for each school were: Rheem, 54; Camino Pablo, 49; Los Perales, 37, and Saklan, 4. The athletes winning the most points were both from Camino Pablo. The High Point Boy was Tristan Anderle, a fourth grader in Mr. Barnett's class, and the High Point Girl was Ava Garcia, a third grader in Mr. Matthews' class. Mr. Matthews' students combined to win the most points, 28.

Moraga Rotary conducts Field Day as a

community service to introduce elementary school children to entry-level track and field competition among the Moraga schools. The main goal is for the athletes, parents, and teachers to enjoy the competition and to have a good time.

The Field Day chairman, Rotarian Tony Schoemehl, praised the school teachers, principals, and parents for encouraging the children to participate, and thanked Coach Randy Bennett and the Saint Mary's Gaels' basketball teams for their help and for encouraging the athletes to compete. Thanks also to parents who helped direct the children around to the various events, and to parents who helped with the field events.

Rotary Club of Moraga holds regular meetings on most Tuesdays at the Soda Center at St. Mary's College. For further information, please call Frank May at 925-376-8195, or check out moragarotary.org.

A Visit to Moraga Royale

Submitted by Remy Moran



Photo Remy Moran

The ninth grade class from the Lamorinda Chapter of National Charity League visited the Moraga Royale Assisted Living community in March. The girls and their mothers served the residents and some of their family members tea, sandwiches and a variety of Parisian desserts at the Paris-themed event.

The girls were dressed in black and white with pink scarves and spent the afternoon chatting with the residents. Entertainment was provided by an Irish dance group and Anica Zulch, who performed three beautiful songs on the piano. New friends and good memories were made at the afternoon tea.

Learning to be Good Citizens

Submitted by Shirley DeFrancisci



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On Friday, April 29, the Camino Pablo Elementary School Daisy Troop #31485 had the honor of a visit from Officer Barrett Wilder, Officer Scott Edwards and K9 Officer "Bandy" of the BART Police Department. The officers shared details of a typical day with the young troop members,

helping to reinforce the topic of "Respecting Authority," which includes practicing good listening skills, the importance of yielding to emergency vehicles/personnel and not being afraid to ask for help from an officer to ensure one's safety.

AAUW Honors Outstanding Lamorinda Students

Submitted by Gail Chesler



AAUW OML Tech Trek Camp Scholarship Winners and Keynote Speaker: Helen Kaidantzis, Emilia Gutman, Yuhan Liu, Keynote Speaker Mary Fettig, Abbie Lee, Shannon Lipp, Reese Whipple.



AAUW OML Community Service Scholarship Winners: Yasmin Shamloo, Carina Novell, Eleanor Roeder. Missing: Caiseen Kelley

Photos provided

On Sunday, April 17, The Orinda-Moraga-Lafayette branch of the Association of University Women (AAUW) celebrated with 10 young women from Lamorinda schools by awarding six Tech Trek camp scholarships and four college scholarships. The American Association of University Women (AAUW) is the nation's leading voice promoting equity and education for women and girls.

Six middle school girls, interested in science and math, were awarded full scholar-

ships to the week-long science and math Tech Trek Camp that will be held on the Stanford Campus this July. In addition, one \$5,000 and two \$1,000 community service scholarships were awarded to three high school women and a \$5,000 graduate studies scholarship was awarded to a Saint Mary's College student.

The six AAUW OML 2016 Tech Trek scholarship winners are Abigail Lee and Yuhan Liu from Joaquin Moraga Intermediate, Reese Whipple and Shannon Lipp from Orinda Intermediate, and Emilia Gutman and Helen Kaidantzis from Stanley Middle School.

The three high school awardees were Caiseen Kelley, Eleanor Roeder, and Yasmin Shamloo from Lamorinda high schools. Caiseen is also a former AAUW OML Tech Trek Scholarship recipient.

Carina Novell, a senior at Saint Mary's College, was awarded the Community Service Scholarship and will use it to study law at UC Davis.

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