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Business Bites

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From left: Moraga chamber president Wendy Scheck, Association Communications owner Caroline McCormick, Amanda Schmalenbach, Rotary President Kevin Reneau. Photo provided

Moraga Employee of the Month

Amanda Schmalenbach, a customer service manager for Association Communications, Inc., has been named the Moraga Employee of the Month for July. Schmalenbach helps manage the company's various homeowners' association clients and is highly regarded for her superior customer service for clients.

"We never have any customer complaints when she is involved, and she goes out of her way to make sure any complaints are (resolved) promptly," says owner Caroline McCormick.

Moraga Rotary and Moraga Chamber of Commerce will award Schmalenbach a gift card for Safeway, and another for Ristorante Amoroma, at an upcoming

luncheon at Saint Mary's College

Chamber Music

Lafayette Chamber of Commerce

www.lafayettechamber.org (925) 284-7404

Mega Mixer - Beer at the Bruns.

Lafayette, Pleasant Hill, Moraga, Orinda, Walnut Creek and Concord Chambers of Commerce and

Moraga Businesses are Shuffling

It seems as though Moraga businesses are doing a kind of square dance.

Surprising many regulars, Jack in the Box abruptly closed at Moraga Shopping Center. On the other side of the street, the Moraga UPS store is moving around the corner from its present location to the larger space vacated by a flower shop long ago, the better to serve its burgeoning business.

Over in Rheem Shopping Center, Starbuck's is moving to Burger King's spot so it can offer drive-through service. And Burger King? Well, there is a nice space available over in Moraga Shopping Center.

For more on these unfolding developments, see the story on page A4.

young professional groups will assemble at the Cal Shakes' Bruns Amphitheater upper picnic grove from 5 to 7 p.m. Aug. 16 for appetizers, beer and networking. Limited space available. RSVP by calling (510) 548-3422 x118 by Aug. 10.

Moraga Chamber of Commerce

www.moragachamber.org (925) 323-6524

Chamber/Community Barbecue

5:30 p.m. Tuesday, August 23. Sponsored by Safeway. RSVP kathe@moragachamber.org.

Entrepreneur's Lunch

Come at noon on Wednesday, Sept. 7, to Ristorante Amoroma, 360 Park St. in Moraga. Digital strategist Robin S. Fox will share "5 Easy Ways to Leverage Social Media to Support Your Business" during the lunch hour. It's open to members and nonmembers. Lunch is \$10. RSVP to kathe@moragachamber.org.

Orinda Chamber of Commerce

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