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Orinda Community Foundation Offers Grants to Benefit Orinda Seniors

Submitted by Sue Severson

Recognizing the challenges faced by many Orinda seniors, the Orinda Community Foundation is seeking grant applications from groups or organizations that may offer solutions.

The funds available from the OCF result from the generosity of a couple that found a home in Orinda after escaping the Holocaust in Europe during World War II. Originally from Hungary, Ernest and Lola Poll moved to Orinda in 1949, opening Village Cleaners and becoming deeply involved in the community. The late couple created a trust to benefit senior housing, transportation and programs in their adopted community. Many local projects and organizations have already benefited from the Poll's generosity. The OCF is hopeful that the remaining funds can help seniors get around and stay connected with their community.

The OCF welcomes any application that offers possible solutions to the challenges that Orinda seniors face getting to appointments, shopping or accessing beneficial programs. While the OCF recognizes that several senior programs already exist that address these needs, such as the Orinda

Association's Seniors Around Town volunteer ride program and the City of Orinda Community Center, additional resources are needed.

Grant applications can be downloaded on the OCF's website, www.orindafoundation.org. The only firm requirement is that all grant funds must benefit Orinda senior citizens and applying organizations must be recog-

nized as a 501c3 nonprofit by the IRS. Grant applications must be received by Sept. 15. Please submit to the Orinda Community Foundation, P.O. Box 21, Orinda, CA 94563 or email orindafoundation@gmail.com. Questions may be addressed to OCF President Sue Severson at the previous email or by calling (925) 254-1679.

Orinda Community Foundation Seeking Applications for Board Opening

The Orinda Community Foundation's mission is to enhance the quality of life in Orinda by encouraging philanthropy, building partnerships, and providing financial assistance to support community activities, beautification and the arts. OCF is a public benefit nonprofit 501c3, Tax ID number 27-2134212.

The OCF and its board members are actively involved in the community, including co-sponsoring the Orinda Action Day of Community Service with the city each April, and the NorCal Kids Triathlon the last Saturday in August. Annual community donations allow support of community events and programs such as the Fourth of July Parade and Celebration, Summer Concerts in the Park, Opera in the Park, Lamorinda Idol singing contest, Youth Ink Writing Competition, senior activities, Joaquin Moraga Adobe restoration, public art displays and much more.

An OCF Board position has recently become vacant. Interested Orinda residents may apply by sending a letter of qualifications to OCF, P. O. Box 21, Orinda CA 94563 by Sept. 15. Inquiries may be directed to Sue Severson, OCF President, at orindafoundation@gmail.com or (925) 254-1679.

OUSD seeks input on future facilities

By Sora O'Doherty

Most Orinda Union School District buildings were originally constructed in the 1950s and have served students well, according to OUSD Superintendent Carolyn Seaton, but it is time to plan for the schools of the future.

To begin the long-term facilities master planning process, OUSD has partnered with the architectural firm LPA, Inc. LPA has collaborated with several high performing school districts across California to design long-term facilities master plans. These plans feature school facilities that multiply

the possibilities for teaching and learning far beyond the four walls of a traditional classroom, Seaton says.

Seaton has reached out to the OUSD community, seeking their input. OUSD understands that an effective long-term facilities master plan must be built on a foundation of district, student, parent, and local community input. To that end, OUSD is inviting people to attend one or more of the following FMP Site Community Meetings beginning Sept. 14 at Orinda Intermediate School (see complete schedule below).

School Site:	Date/Time:	Location:
OIS	9/14 from 6-8 p.m.	Room 22 (Art Room)
Del Rey	9/26 from 6-8 p.m.	MPR
Glorietta	9/27 from 6-8 p.m.	MPR
Sleepy Hollow	9/26 from 6-8 p.m.	MPR
Wagner Ranch	9/27 from 6-8 p.m.	Library

In the next few weeks, OUSD will launch a website on which all facilities master planning information will be available.

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