

'The Treasure of the Sierra Madre,' 'Justice League' and 'Wonder' at Lamorinda Theatres

By Derek Zemrak



Image provided

The Rheem Theatre will screen "The Treasure of the Sierra Madre" at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 15. The film won three Oscars in 1949 (Best Actor in a Supporting Role, Walter Huston, Best Director John Huston and Best Screenplay) and it will be the last Moraga Movers Classic Movie hosted by Moraga resident and film historian, Larry Swindell. With his wealth of film history, Swindell has introduced the Moraga Mover's Monthly Classic Series over the past eight years at the Rheem Theatre.

Swindell was born in rural north Texas in 1929 (nine years after Mickey Rooney) and has been a Californian since 1940. He graduated from UCLA in 1952, where he majored in English with a history minor. After graduation, he served a two-year conscription in the U.S. Army from 1952-54.

Mr. Swindell's professional newspaper career spanned 45 years in New York, California, Pennsylvania and Texas, respectively. His newspaper career included two years as editor of The Orange County Illustrated magazine in Newport Beach. During his years in New York, he was the Broadway drama critic for a chain of eight suburban newspapers, all in New York's Westchester County. He served as literary editor for the Philadelphia Inquirer from 1967 to 1979, and for the Fort Worth Star-Telegram, 1980 to 1999. Larry was also a founding director of the National Book Critics Circle.

Interspersed with his newspaper career, Swindell also taught composition and literature

courses at five universities: Maryland; UC Irvine; LaSalle University (Philadelphia); Delaware; and Texas Christian University for 19 years in Fort Worth. He has had a lifelong love affair with the movie industry, and is the author of five film biographies, all heavily rooted in Hollywood history. In publishing sequence, they are:

- "Spencer Tracy" (national bestseller)
- "Body and Soul: The Story of John Garfield"
- "Screwball: The Life of Carole Lombard"
- "The Last Hero" (this biography of Gary Cooper was a national bestseller and Literary Guild selection).
- "Charles Boyer: The Reluctant Lover"

This entire collection has been published in eight languages. "While still in my teens, I was a regular panelist for screenings of The Great Films Society, the first seriously constituted study of movies both domestic and foreign, silent and sound."

His service to the community is real. His dedication to Lamorinda, especially through his hosting and championing of the Moraga Mover's Classic Movies at the Rheem Theatre, has maintained an important link to the cinematic past. The audience can always rely on Swindell's "additional information" about the cast, the directors/producers and how the movie was enjoyed by the industry in general.

Swindell was inducted into the Classic Film Hall of Fame in May 16, 2013.

Thank you, Larry, for sharing your stories and knowledge to the Lamorinda community over the past eight years. You will be missed at the Rheem Theatre.

New Movies This Week at Lamorinda Theatres

The Rheem Theatre will be showing the highly anticipated super hero film, "Justice League." Fueled by his restored faith in humanity and inspired by Superman's (Henry Cavill) selfless act, Bruce Wayne (Ben Affleck) enlists the help of Diana Prince (Gal Godot), to face an even greater enemy. "Justice League" also brings Aquaman (Jason Momoa) and The Flash (Ezra Miller) to the big screen.

There will be a special early screening of "Justice League" at 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 16.

The Orinda Theatre will be getting "Wonder," based on the New York Times bestseller. "Wonder" tells the incredibly inspiring and heartwarming story of August Pullman, a boy with facial differences, who enters fifth grade in a mainstream elementary school.

A special early screening is scheduled at 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 16.

See you at the movies!

Service Clubs Announcements



BREAKFAST MEETING: Friday mornings, 7:00 am. The Lafayette Park Hotel & Spa, Mt. Diablo Blvd, Lafayette. More info. at www.lamorindasunrise.com

November	December 1
Nov. 17: - Club Assembly Nov. 24: - No meeting Happy Thanksgiving to all.	THE BIG RAFFLE DRAWING. Last chance to get in on the Teardrop Trailer Raffle at The Lafayette Holiday Celebration. Lafayette Plaza Park 4:00 to 6:30 p.m.

Friendship, Fellowship, Service to Others and Fun

Lafayette Rotary Club

Step in on a Thursday and join us for our lunch meeting.

Thursday at noon Oakwood Athletic Club, 4000 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Lafayette.

<p>November 16:</p> <p>Duncan Seibert</p> <p>Lamorinda CERT (Community Emergency Response Team)</p>	<p>November 30:</p> <p>EBMUD</p> <p>water supply and/or conservation.</p>
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Hacienda Holiday Faire - Find all your handcrafted holiday gifts and support local artisans at the annual holiday faire from noon to 8 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 1 and from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday, Dec 2 at the historic Hacienda de las Flores, 2100 Donald Drive, Moraga. Hand-crafted gifts, décor and specialty foods by over 45 local artisans. Complimentary wine tasting with Captain Vineyards. For more information email HaciendaHolidayFaire@gmail.com, www.facebook.com/HaciendaHolidayFaire/

Budd MacKenzie of Lafayette will speak at Commonwealth Club in San Francisco about his work with women, children and the needy in war-torn Afghanistan at 6 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 4 at the Commonwealth Club, 110 Embarcadero, San Francisco. Tickets available online or at the door. www.commonwealthclub.org/events/2017-12-04/couch-war-hearts-and-minds

Coping with the Holidays from 6 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 5 at 3470 Buskirk Avenue, Pleasant Hill. A class that presents ideas and strategies to help those experiencing grief during the holiday season as this time of year can be difficult for those who have lost a loved one. hospiceeastbay.org

The Saint Mary's College Guild will present its annual festive Christmas luncheon beginning at 11 a.m. on Dec. 6 at Saint Mary's College, Dryden Hall 1928 St. Mary's Road. The festive affair will

have music, provided by the SMC award-winning choir, a bake sale, and raffle baskets galore, including the infamous Christmas Money Tree. Cost: \$45 per person. Make checks payable to: SMC Guild, Send to: Susan Hooks - 120 Ardith Drive - Orinda, CA 94563. For further information, call Pat Mc Enaney at (925) 376 - 3306.

SENIORS

Eldercare presents The Elusive Thing Called Sleep by Linda Fodrini-Johnson MA, MFT, CMC from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 17 at 1808 Tice Valley Blvd. Walnut Creek. Good Night, Sleep Tight! Learn ways to help achieve that deeply desired REM sleep! No fee. Advanced registration required. Classes are intended for family caregivers or those dealing with the challenges of aging. Questions? Call 866-760-1808 or email info@eldercareanswers.com.

Branch 116 Sons in Retirement, for retired or semi-retired men, will be holding its 11:30 a.m. lunch meeting Nov. 20 at the Clubhouse at Boundary Oak, 3800 Valley Vista Road, Walnut Creek. The guest speaker will be Jim Darby. He will discuss his book "Right Off The Bat" which deals with his experience selling, marketing and dealing with a myriad of sports entities. The cost of lunch is \$25. For reservations or information call (925) 322-1160 or email branch116@gmail.com. www.branch116.org.

Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program (HICAP) pro-

vides free and objective counseling and advocacy services to Contra Costa Medicare beneficiaries and their families who need assistance with Medicare enrollment and issues involving Medicare and associated insurance programs, including prescription drug coverage at 10 a.m., 11 a.m., or noon on the first Wednesday or third Tuesday monthly in the Lafayette Community Center. HICAP does not endorse or sell insurance products. For an appointment, call Lafayette Senior Services at (925) 284-5050.

GARDEN

The Moraga Garden Club will hold their next meeting at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 16, at the Holy Trinity Church, 1700 School Street, Moraga. The guest speaker will be Ann Leyhe, co-owner of Mrs. Dalloway's Books in Berkeley. The store features an extensive collection of garden books, which will be the topic of her discussion. Interested parties are welcome to attend the 9:30 a.m. social hour, 10 a.m. meeting, and the presentation by Ann Leyhe immediately following the meeting.

Montelindo Garden Club Meeting (third Friday of every month, September through May) will be at 9 a.m. Friday, Nov. 17 at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 66 St. Stephens Drive, Orinda. Everyone welcome. Presentation: Floral Design: A Demonstration by David Mulkey. www.montelindogarden.com.

Please submit events to: calendar@lamorindaweekly.com

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