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## Orinda Community Foundation celebrates 8 years

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The Orinda Community Foundation, a nonprofit organization dedicated to enhancing the life of all Orinda residents, will celebrate its eighth anniversary at 5 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 22 at Heggie Plaza on the upper level of the Orinda library building. The event will recognize the over \$50,000 in grants this year to benefit the community. All are welcome to attend.

The OCF was founded in 2010 and supports numerous local initiatives such as the Fourth of July parade, Lamorinda Idol and the purchase of outdoor art found in various parts of town. The OCF relies on two main fundraisers each year: direct mail solicitations and the NorCal Kids Triathlon. This year the triathlon will be held on Aug. 25.

OCF grants support events such as children's writing classes, Orinda's garden clubs, the Music in the Park and Opera in the Park programs, and much more. Grant applications are accepted Sept. 15 through Nov. 1, and grants are usually awarded each December.

Upcoming events include the popular Dancing with the Cars on the evening of Sept. 7 and the Classic Car Show, the following day. The OCF also organizes the annual

Orinda Action Day each year on Earth Day; this year the annual cleanup event is scheduled for April 21.

For information about the Orinda Community Foundation and to learn how you can help, visit [www.orindafoundation.org](http://www.orindafoundation.org).

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