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Lions Club recycles used glasses to help those in third world countries

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Lions Club International, which sponsors used glasses recycling and sends used glasses to third world countries, has 12 pickup locations in the Lamorinda area. The glasses are sent to a warehouse in Vallejo, where they are cleaned, sorted by prescription and then placed in envelopes for shipment on the next Lions' glasses mission to deliver them to poor people in Central America, South America and Africa. Lions had 10 such missions last year to these various countries. Moraga Lions Club member Fred George said he personally went on one mission to El Salvador, where 2,200 people who could not afford glasses were outfitted in the little town of Zacatecoluca. Eleven Lions members from all over the United States went, including three optometrists.

The pickup points in the Lamorinda area are as follows:

Lafayette:

Lamorinda Optometry, 3581 Mt. Diablo Blvd.

Jeremy Ensor Optometry, 284 Lafayette Circle

Optometry Store, 958 Moraga Blvd.

Moraga:

Rheem Valley Cleaners, 568 Center Street (Rheem)

5A Rent-A-Space, 455 Moraga Road, Suite F (Rheem)

The UPS Store, 1409 Moraga Road, Suite 1

Moraga Hardware and Lumber, 1409 Moraga Way

Mechanic's Bank (inside Safeway) 1355 Moraga Way

Moraga Optometry, 1001 Country Club Drive, Suite E

Professional Eyecare, 1030 Country Club Drive, Suite A

Orinda

Optometrists, 20 Orinda Way

Orinda Association offices below Orinda Library

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