

Kiwanis See's Candy Holiday Shop opens at Rheem



Photo Stan Holcenberg

From left: John Drennan, Scoutmaster for Camp Timberwolf; Jean Johnston, executive director of Xenophon; Stephanie Becker, co-president of the Moraga Educational Foundation, and Jon King, president of the Kiwanis Club of Moraga Valley cut the ribbon at the Kiwanis See's Candy Holiday Shop opening Nov. 21.

Submitted by Dick Olsen

As part of an annual, major fundraising effort that primarily benefits local children's charities, the Kiwanis Club of Moraga Valley will once again operate a See's Candy Holiday Shop in the Rheem Shopping Center in Moraga, next to Starbucks. The Shop will fea-

ture all of See's major selections and will be open every day (except Thanksgiving), from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m., through Dec. 23. In addition to making direct purchases at the Shop, customers can also arrange for the shipping of their holiday See's Candy purchases to friends and relatives across the United States.

GivingTuesday gives matching opportunity to area nonprofits

Submitted by Brit Hotaling

St. Vincent de Paul of Contra Costa County is joining the GivingTuesday movement on Dec. 3, and hopes to raise funds to help support its' holistic approach to assisting Contra Costa residents overcome the challenges of poverty. Currently, the SvdP Family Resource Center is host to multiple programs, including a free medical clinic and dental program for the uninsured, a daytime homeless shelter, a hot meal program, an emergency food program, and provides a transitional job training program for residents returning to the workforce. Additionally, over 780 St. Vincent de Paul

trained volunteers, "Vincentians" operate from 29 branches and provide person-to-person assistance to people in need.

Founded in 2012, GivingTuesday has inspired millions of people to give back and support the causes they believe in. Those who are interested in joining St. Vincent de Paul of Contra Costa County's GivingTuesday initiative can visit svdp-cc.org/giving-tuesday. Two generous, anonymous donors have agreed to match each dollar raised on Dec. 3 for SvdPCCC up to \$1,000. For more details about the GivingTuesday movement, visit the GivingTuesday website www.givingtuesday.org.

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'Be the Star You Are!' charity honored by California legislature



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Three teen volunteers and Express Yourself Radio hosts Siri, Jack and Kenneth.

By Cynthia Brian

The volunteers of local Moraga charity, Be the Star You Are, were honored with a Certificate of Recognition for 20 years of dedicated community service by the California Legislature Assembly. As a top rated 501(c)3 nonprofit dedicated to increasing literacy, improving positive media messages, and providing tools for living for women, families, and youth, Be the Star You Are has no paid staff and is operated solely with 100% volunteers, most of whom are teenagers.

The outreach programs to em-

power others, including disaster relief services, book reviewing, and radio production, were designed by local teens. One of its two radio programs, Express Yourself, is broadcast with teen hosts and reporters as a way to give young people an uncensored voice while learning leadership skills. Volunteers continue to live up to their motto of "communicate, collaborate, innovate." Teens are encouraged to apply for positions and receive community service credits. For information visit <http://www.BetheStarYouAre.org> and <https://www.starstyleradio.com/>.

NCL service honored



Photo Laura Lamison

From left: Hailey Hiett, Avery Bahl, Kelly Resendez (speaker), Jojo Bishop, and Julia Darin.

Submitted by Mabel Kimball

The Lamorinda and Acalanes Area Chapters of the National Charity League (NCL) hosted its second annual joint Ticktock meeting Oct. 6 at Miramonte High School. There were almost 250 members in attendance. Each member brought donations for their philanthropy service project with the Blue Star Moms, a nonprofit organization that supports members and their sons and daughters who serve or have served honorably in the U.S. Armed Forces. Donations included new socks, tuna packs, drink powder, peanut butter and cash donations. Blue Star Moms Suzi Lister and Jaci Beering presented to the girls about their organization and how NCL could help. After the presentation, the girls wrote letters to and made cards for the servicemen and servicewomen.

Also at the event was guest speaker Kelly Resendez, who spoke about "moving from intention to action." Her three ways to do this are to: write down your vision and goals; differentiate your "big voice" from your "little voice;" and identify your preferred method of self-sabotage.

Resendez is the author of the best-selling books "Big Voices" and "Foundation to Sustainable Success." She also offers training and coaching through her two companies, Big Voices and Foundation to Sustainable

Success.

The National Charity League, Inc., is a renowned volunteer organization with more than 50,000 active members, women and their daughters in grades 7 through 12, in more than 200 chapters across the country.

The Lamorinda and Acalanes Area Chapters are comprised of members from the communities of Lafayette, Moraga, and Orinda. NCL's mission is to foster mother-daughter relationships in a philanthropic organization committed to community service, leadership development, and cultural experiences. The philanthropies NCL works to provide a wide array of essential services and support in the community and includes Monument Crisis Center, Blue Star Moms, Child Abuse Prevention Council, Contra Costa Food Bank, J.F. Kapnek Trust Pediatric AIDS Fund, Loaves & Fishes, Special Olympics, Town Hall Theatre Company of Lafayette, Children's Quilt Project, Las Trampas, Youth Homes, Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, Xenophon Therapeutic Riding Center, Friends of the Library, Cal Shakes, and many more.

These volunteer opportunities help instill a lifelong commitment to community work; develop leadership skills; and deepen the bond between mothers and daughters through their shared contributions to meaningful, worthy pursuits.

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