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KIDS, PARENTS & TEENS

Orinda Junior Women's Club announces Youth Ink 2020, an annual Orinda middle-school writing contest to support literary arts in the community. Prizes include a \$250 first prize award. Entry details will be on the Youth Ink 2020 submission forms available online by Dec. 2 at www.orindajuniors.org.

Breakfast with Santa Benefit for Lafayette Historical Society from 8:30 to 10 a.m. at Sideboard Lafayette. Advanced reservations are required and cost \$29 for adults and \$20 for seniors and kids age 12 and younger. To book your tickets and for more info, go to: www.localfoodadventures.com/breakfast-with-santa

Join Mindful Littles at White Pony Express for their Family Volunteering Program from 1 to 2:15 p.m. on Dec. 15 and from 4 to 5:15 p.m. on Dec. 17 at 3380 Vincent Rd #107 Pleasant Hill. White Pony Express is one of Mindful Littles' nonprofit partners, "working to eliminate hunger and poverty by delivering the abundance all around us to those in need." Bring water and any snacks needed for your kids. Please also wear comfortable clothes. Programming is for families with kids 4-12. Register at: <https://mindfullittles.org/events/>

OTHER

"It's a Wonderful Life in Lafayette" scheduled from 4 to 6:30 p.m. on Dec. 6 in Lafayette's Plaza Park, located in downtown Lafayette. Tree lighting, live music, community sing-along, crafts – and, of course, Santa. Complimentary admission. For more details and the entertainment schedule, please visit www.lafayettechamber.org/holiday

Moraga Country Club will hold its 3rd Annual Turkey Trot at 8:15 a.m. (7 a.m. registration) on Nov. 28. This event is a fundraiser opportunity where all proceeds benefit the Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano County. The event is open to runners and walkers of all abilities and age levels. 1.5K is \$20 and the 5K is \$30 (plus a \$3.45 sign-up fee). For more information and donation opportunities please visit the race website at www.runsignup.com/moragaturkeytrot.

For the 22nd year, Bobbie and Tom Preston will be holding the Cycle Recycle, collecting repairable bikes to be refurbished and given to charitable groups to distribute at Christmas; new and/or used bikes and trikes-in working order or repairable, or useable bike parts may be delivered to the side driveway of the Preston's home at 1307 Larch Avenue in Moraga, throughout the month of November only. No skateboards or plastic bikes please; no need to call beforehand, but for more information contact Bobbie or Tom Preston at (925) 376-8474.

Saint Mary's College Guild Christmas Luncheon from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Dec. 4 at the Soda Center, Saint Mary's College. Featuring the renowned Saint Mary's College chorale, Infamous Money Tree and several raffle baskets. Lunch will have Molded Crab salad or Chicken salad. Price is \$45. Reservations and Meal Choice to Karen Cain 1835 Joseph Drive, Moraga, CA 94556. For information call: Pat Mc Enaney at (925) 376-3306.

Microhair Aesthetics Grand Opening from 5 to 8 p.m. on Dec. 5 at 3420 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Ste. B., Lafayette. Visitors are invited to a ribbon-cutting and champagne party and to learn more about the art of

Microblading, a cutting edge method of simulated hair strokes to enhance the eyebrows. Raffle drawings included. RSVP at www.microhairaesthetics.com/events

Come Celebrate the Holidays - Lamorinda Wine Growers Association presents an evening of Local Wines, Food, Dancing and more from 6:30 to 10 p.m. on Dec 5 at the Serbian Cultural Center 1700 School Street, Moraga. Commemorative AVA gift, raffle prizes, and dancing to the Sounds of DI-AMOND DAVE. Cost: \$60. www.lamorindawinegrowers.com

Santa's Bag Boutique at the Lafayette Community Center from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 6 and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 7 and 8.

Hacienda Holiday Faire at the beautiful, historic Hacienda de Las Flores located at 2100 Donald Drive in Moraga from noon to 8 p.m. on Friday Dec. 6 and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday. Dec. 7 and Sunday, Dec 8. Enjoy the festive atmosphere and find handcrafted, specialty items from over 45 local artisans.

Middle East Children's Alliance presents Palestinian Holiday Crafts Bazaar from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 7 & 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday Dec.8 at Middle East Children's Alliance, 1101 8th Street, Berkeley. This free event will have a tantalizing array of extraordinary gifts, including olive oil --your purchase aids Palestinian children and their families. For more info see <https://www.mecaforpeace.org/event/berkeley-ca-palestinian-holiday-crafts-bazaar/> or call (510) 548-0542.

North Shattuck Association presents Snow? In Berkeley? from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Dec. 8 at Gourmet Ghetto,

Shattuck Ave., 1451-1495 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. Bring boots and mittens to 1451 Shattuck, Berkeley, Sun. Dec. 8, 10AM-3PM. Snow Queen, Pony Rides, DIY Crafts, Holiday Craft Vendors. Free. For more info see www.anotherbullwinkelshow.com/holiday-berkeley/holiday-gourmet-ghetto.html

Lamorinda Village's 5th Annual Afternoon of Gratitude will be held from 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 13 at LOPC, 49 Knox Drive in Lafayette. We will gather to celebrate with our members, volunteers and community supporters another great year of serving the older adults in our community. Refreshments, entertainment and a special Volunteer of the Year Award in Honor of Ed Stokes will be presented. For more information on Lamorinda Village please go to www.lamorindavillage.org

Hospice East Bay's Tree of Lights ceremonies have offered community members a way to honor the lives of friends and loved ones. This year's ceremonies in Lamorinda are at 4:30 p.m. on Dec. 7 at Orinda Village by Bank of America, and at 5:30 p.m. on Dec 15 at Moraga Country Club, 1600 St. Andrews Drive. For further information about these special events, visit Hospice East Bay Tree of Lights.

Winter Solstice Event at 6 p.m. on Dec. 21 at Outdoor Courtyard, 1035 Carol Lane, Lafayette. Fire Arts Performance, poetry, candlelight, original music by singer/songwriter Laura Zucker, warm drinks for adults and kids, all to mark the longest night of the year. Free to the public with donations welcome as we pause and honor the turn toward the sun. <http://www.oslc.net/>

Service Clubs Announcements

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.
Happy Thanksgiving
 Next meeting December 12
www.rotarylafayette.org
www.facebook.com/Rotary-Club-of-Lafayette-CA

Lamorinda Sunrise Rotary
DECEMBER WEEKLY MEETINGS
 6: Jim Boquin, Club Member Presentation
 13: Annie Welden, M.Phil. candidate at Oxford, Oceanic Water Infrastructure
 20: No Meeting
 27: No Meeting
Breakfast, Friday 7:00 a.m.
 The Lafayette Park Hotel & Spa, 3287 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Lafayette, CA
www.lamorindasunrise.com

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'Live At the Orinda' features Emily Skinner, Dec 8



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Broadway star Emily Skinner will light up the historic Orinda Theatre for the holidays when she brings her gorgeous voice, her sly sense of humor and stories about her life on and off Broadway, her friend Broadway legend Hal Prince, the icon who is Cher and more, when she does Broadway, Her Way.

The Tony nominated star of Broadway's "The Cher Show," "Billy Elliott," "The Prince of Broadway" and "Side Show," Skinner has had the distinction of being chosen by two pop

icons to star in their musicals. First by Cher to star as her mother, Georgia Holt, in "The Cher Show" and then starring as Amanda Priestly in the reading of Sir Elton John's upcoming musical version of "The Devil Wears Prada." Skinner also has the distinction of being the first American to star as Mrs. Wilkinson in Elton John's "Billy Elliot." You don't want to miss her!

For info/tickets: www.OrindaMovies.com or (925) 254-9065.

Orinda Junior Women's Club Announces middle-school writing contest, Youth Ink 2020

Submitted by Angela Woodard Narayani

The Orinda Junior Women's Club is pleased to announce Youth Ink 2020, the annual creative writing contest open to all middle school students who live in or attend school in Orinda. The Youth Ink 2020 prompt is "The Gift." Entrants do not have to adhere to the prompt, and imagination and creativity are encouraged. This contest gives young adolescents the opportunity to experience literary arts and enjoy the creative writing

process. Cash prizes of \$250 for first place, \$125 for second place, \$75 for third place, and gift certificates for 10 honorable mentions will be awarded. Youth Ink 2020 submissions will be accepted via email from Dec. 2 until Feb. 28 in order to be considered for an award. Full entry details will be on the Youth Ink 2020 submission forms, available through Orinda Intermediate School, several local private middle schools, the Orinda Public Library, and online by Dec. 2 at www.orindajuniors.org.