

Campo Leo Club members spread holiday cheer



Singing Christmas Carols at Moraga Post-Acute on Dec. 20. Photos provided

Submitted by Robert Murtagh

Present and former members of the Campolindo Leo Club presented gifts and sang Christmas Carols Dec. 20 to the residents of Moraga Post-Acute nursing home. This is the 20th year that the Campolindo Leo Club has visited the nursing home.

The Moraga Lions and Campolindo Leo Club also conducted several events during 2019 to promote awareness of the increasing threat of diabetes, one of the causes of blindness. Both clubs sponsored a booth at the Moraga Community Faire in May to encourage visitors to eat smart and do more exercise. A raffle gave away two one-month memberships donated by 24 Hour Fitness. In addition, the Leo Club conducted fundraisers that resulted in the purchase of a salad bar, which was placed in the high school cafeteria. The Moraga Lions Club and California Lions Foundation contributed to the purchase.



Leo President Kelly Robles and Leo Brent Avenall wrap gifts for residents at Moraga Post Acute Nursing home.

'Journey of Peace' poster contest winners



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Each year the Lamorinda Lions Club joins 49,000 Lions clubs around the world in sponsoring a Peace Poster Contest. The contest encourages young people, ages 11 to 13, worldwide to artistically express their vision of peace. This year the theme was "Journey of Peace," and the Lamorinda area had over 230 entries submitted. The winners at each school are: **Stanley Intermediate** 1st Madison Rumberg 2nd Adriana Smith 3rd Katelyn Forschies

Joaquin Moraga Intermediate

- 1st Sitfat Sarang
 - 2nd Gianna Caruso
 - 3rd Luke Hickey
- Orinda Intermediate**
- 1st Eliani Kim
 - 2nd Abigail Kim
 - 3rd (tie) Isabel Lima/Chelsea Yuen
- St. Perpetua**
- 1st Leela Anzenbeger
 - 2nd Marina Castilla Liu
 - 3rd Natalie Aiken
- In addition, Eliani Kim (OIS) won first place among all the contestants in Alameda and Contra Costa County and her entry will now compete with other entries in California.

Moraga community comes through for Toys for Tots



Submitted by Juli Hoogs

Community members in Moraga

dropped toys to the State Farm office on Moraga Road as part of its annual Toys for Tots drive.

Ex-Marine buys multiple tickets, wins Lamorinda Sunrise Rotary motorboat raffle



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From left, winner Matt Morrow poses with newly acquired raffle prize alongside friend James Andrade and several Rotarians intimately involved as worker bees in yearlong boat rehab, Gary Fulcher, Leander Hauri and Steve Zuk.

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When Matt Morrow left his house in Pittsburg to attend the Lafayette Art & Wine Festival last September, he had no idea that as a result he would become the owner of a restored motorboat being raffled there as a fundraiser by Lamorinda Sunrise Rotary.

"I went with a couple of buddies just for a fun afternoon, maybe drink a couple of glasses of wine," he recalled. As they cruised vendor booths Morrow's eye was drawn to a motorboat the Rotary club was raffling. Ogling it, he pictured himself behind the wheel, tooling about the Delta, maybe waterskiing, maybe fishing, maybe just making waves with the 140-horsepower outboard motor. To improve the odds of winning, he bought more than one ticket. In fact, he purchased \$500 worth, 40 tickets in all.

As his credit card was about to be swiped, one of his buddies, fellow ex-

Marine and housemate James Andrade, tried to talk him out of it. "Matt, are you sure? Are you sure?"

Morrow would later confess that although it was pretty much an impulse decision, "I really wanted the boat."

The stub of the winning ducat, drawn Dec. 6, read "Matt Morrow." The following week he and buddy James drove to Lafayette to haul away Morrow's prize, a classic 1963 Glasspar fiberglass runabout. Worker-bee volunteers from Lamorinda Sunrise Rotary labored for more than a year in restoring the vessel from stem to stern. Street value, including the trailer that came with it, is estimated at \$25,000. Pretty good return on \$500.

The raffle netted upward of \$10,000. Every dollar will be invested in community programs the club sponsors.

Lamorinda Sunrise Rotary meets Fridays over breakfast at the Lafayette Park Hotel. Guests are always welcome. More information: www.lamorindasunrise.org.