

## Celebrating women through books



Photo Mary Leigh Miller

Pat Rudebusch, left, owner of Orinda Books, and Bonnie Fend, AAUW-OML, with three of the 21 books featured in the book fair benefiting scholarships for graduating senior women at the three local public high schools.

### By Bonnie Fend

The American Association of University Women Orinda-Moraga-Lafayette (AAUW-OML) Branch will hold a book fair through Feb. 28 with Orinda Books, featuring a collection of 21 titles of all genres celebrating women. The book fair will raise money for the \$2,000 scholarships OML awards each year to graduating senior women from each of our local high schools. In addition, two students from Saint Mary's College will each be awarded \$1,000 scholarships. The scholarship fund receives 20% of the sales of these books.

As part of this, the AAUW-OML Branch will host a program at 9:30 a.m. Feb. 16 which features Beverly Lane speaking on "Women Suffrage Warriors," the story of women winning the vote in California and the

country. Her presentation will provide a brief history of the U.S. women's civil rights and suffrage movements.

Lane is a Danville resident and has been active in local organizations and government for decades. She is a past Danville town council member and mayor and is currently a director on the East Bay Regional Park District board of directors. A Zoom link to the free program can be obtained at the AAUW-OML website, [oml-ca.aauw.net](http://oml-ca.aauw.net).

At the bookstore, look for the AAUW-OML table. If you are unable to visit the store, a list of the featured titles along with a synopsis of each, is available on the AAUW-OML website: [oml-ca.aauw.net](http://oml-ca.aauw.net). You can purchase the featured books at the store, online at [orindabooks.com](http://orindabooks.com), or by phone at (925) 254-7606 and use the store's curbside pickup.

## Moraga Lions Crab Feed proceeds help support alternative care facility



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### The volunteers

### Submitted by Bob Murtagh

The Moraga Lions hosted its annual Crab Feed Fundraiser Jan. 23 at Holy Trinity Serbian Church on School Street in Moraga, but this year with a twist. Due to the pandemic, the club was forced to provide meals for pickup only. This event usually attracts 230 guests, however, this year because of drive through the club prepared and delivered 440 dinners in two hours on Saturday afternoon.

The proceeds from the Crab Feed will permit the Lions to continue to

provide support to the visually impaired community and many charities in the East Bay and around the world.

In 2021, the Lions will be allocating a portion of the event's proceeds to a new Lions project in California, the Potterville Project – an alternative care facility staffed by volunteers handling overflow COVID-19 cases. The donated funds will help purchase sorely needed equipment and supplies.

For more information about the Moraga Lions and Potterville Project contact Bob Murtagh at (925) 283-1841.

## NCL recognizes holiday volunteers

Acalanes Area Chapter delivers area senior citizens holiday cheer

### Submitted by Lynn Spiegel and Jillian Esopa

National Charity League, Acalanes Area Chapter (NCL, Inc.), announced Jan. 22 that 125 member volunteers logged over 250 hours this holiday season helping local seniors by delivering holiday gifts and cards. Through their volunteerism, fundraising and donations, the Acalanes Area NCL has made a positive impact on the lives of many people in need.

This year has been challenging for everyone, but it has been particularly devastating for local senior citizens. The steep mortality rate of COVID for the higher age groups has kept them away from attending community events with friends, seeing family and sharing meals with their loved ones. Sadly, many seniors in the community spent this holiday season alone.

National Charity League, Inc.,

Acalanes Area Chapter wanted to put a smile on these local seniors' faces this holiday season. NCL, Inc., Acalanes Area Chapter, along with the Lamorinda Chapter and the Boy Scouts, decided to spread some holiday cheer by brightening the lives of these seniors through volunteerism. The "Spread Holiday Cheer for our Seniors" volunteer opportunity was well received. Volunteers bought and prepared a gift of a holiday poinsettia or plant and wrote individual kind notes of cheer, designed holiday cards or created original artwork. Plants and cards were hand-delivered (with COVID precautions observed) to area residents. To say the least, local seniors were thrilled with the holiday surprise. NCL, Inc., Acalanes Area Chapter will surely make this a yearly tradition for local seniors and continue this wonderful volunteer opportunity for members.

## NCL Lamorinda Chapter assembles cheerful tea sets for seniors



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NCL Lamorinda Chapter ninth-graders with assembled tea set packages.

### Submitted by Jennifer Palmer

National Charity League Lamorinda Chapter ninth-graders (Class of 2024) were unable to throw their Annual Tea Party for the senior residents at Moraga Royale Assisted Living in Moraga due to COVID-19 this month. Instead they created a safe way to bring joy and cheer to the senior residents and thank their staff during this difficult time. Tea cup sets were do-

nated by the Lamorinda community through a request made on social media and assembled by the girls who worked outdoors, masked and socially distanced. Over 100 tea sets were beautifully packaged with biscotti, tea packs, flowers and handwritten notes. Also included was a video message from the girls to the seniors sending a special hello and heartfelt message. NCL Lamorinda thanks the community for helping with the donations.

## MVPC hosts 'Love From Lamorinda' service project



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### Submitted by Rosalind Bassett

During the month of February, Moraga Valley Presbyterian Church is hosting a community-based at-home service project called, "Love From Lamorinda." Community members are asked to simply fill a large Ziploc bag with hygiene items for a homeless person, with these kits being collected outside the MVPC Church office located at 10 Moraga Valley Lane, Moraga. The hygiene kits could contain: a pair of socks or underwear, mask, snack, hand sanitizer, shampoo and conditioner, deodorant, toothbrush and paste, soap, tissues, adhesive bandages, lotion and a note of encouragement. If you do not want to make a kit, but would like to contribute money toward the making of one, you can donate \$20 per kit to [www.mvpc.today.org](http://www.mvpc.today.org) on the "Give" page. These kits will be dropped at the Bay Area Rescue Mission in Richmond. The shelter is experiencing un-

precedented need in the community and these kits are helpful and needed for its clients. If you have any questions, please contact [rbassett@mvpc-today.org](mailto:rbassett@mvpc-today.org). Thank you for helping and spreading the love from Lamorinda out in the world.



**Community Service:** We are pleased to make space available whenever possible for some of Lamorinda's dedicated community service organizations to submit news and information about their activities. Submissions may be sent to [storydesk@lamorindaweekly.com](mailto:storydesk@lamorindaweekly.com) with the subject header In Service to the Community.

### Share Your Celebrations and Remembrances

If you would like to share an announcement about a special event or achievement, such as a wedding, engagement, scholarship or graduation of a local resident, or about a special person from Lamorinda who has passed, send a photo along with your text (up to 250 words) to [storydesk@lamorindaweekly.com](mailto:storydesk@lamorindaweekly.com), and include "Celebrations and Remembrances" in the subject line.