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**17th Annual Orinda Classic Car Show**  
 Saturday Sept. 11th 10 am to 2 pm  
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 In Orinda Village  
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Photo Sora O'Doherty

David Orsi drives his 1950 Chevrolet Styleline Deluxe Convertible, Ruby, which carries Orinda Mayor Amy Worth and Vice Mayor Dennis Fay during the recent Fourth of July parade in Orinda.

## Orinda Classic Car Show returns on Sept. 11

By Sora O'Doherty

The 17th Orinda Classic Car Show will return to a more usual in-person format on Sept. 11, displaying approximately 200 automotive classics from all ages. The show, which will feature a tribute to vintage emergency vehicles and first responders who daily risk their lives to save others, benefits the "Seniors Around Town" transportation service, an Orinda Association program and other fine causes. Unfortunately, the popular Dancing with the Cars evening dinner dance will not return in person this year.

Each vehicle entered in the car show comes with a unique story, and the owners will be on site to discuss their entries with the public. One of the automobiles featured this year will be Ruby, David Orsi's 1950 Chevrolet Styleline Deluxe Convertible. The car, painted in a classic Oxford maroon metallic, was used by Orsi to chauffeur Orinda's mayor and vice mayor in the 2021 Fourth of July parade.

Orsi had a long career working for C&H Sugar in Crockett; in fact, he was the fourth generation of his family to work for the company. When he retired about four years ago, he decided to pursue his hankering for a classic Chevy, like the 1954 model

he owned when he was 18. He located the car in the Hemmings Motor News. The previous owner was deceased and the family did not want to keep dad's cars. Orsi took a chance and participated by telephone in an auction in North Carolina. While he doesn't recommend that strategy, Orsi says, "I got lucky: the car came in one piece with no surprises, presentable but worn out." The car was transported across the country on a car carrier truck. Orsi named his new ride Ruby and set about restoring the vehicle as he can afford it.

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## Former MCF treasurer sentenced to 18 months in prison for embezzlement

By Vera Kochan

After countless delays, and nearly two years of waiting for justice to be served, Francis Robert (Bob) Fritzky has been sentenced to 18 months in prison. Following that, he will be placed on supervised release for three years. A restitution hearing is scheduled for Nov. 5.

In early September 2019 the Moraga Community Foundation revealed that Fritzky was suspected of making unauthorized withdrawals as Foundation treasurer, between June 2016 and August 2019, of more than \$330,000 from MCF's bank accounts to himself, to his majority-owned company MedMatRx, LLC and to the Jeanette Fritzky Foundation, which he founded and controlled. Fritzky was also believed to have provided false financial reports to MCF's board of directors.

During an Aug. 21, 2020, court appearance be-

fore United States District Judge Jon S. Tigar out of the U.S. District Court, California Northern District (Oakland), Fritzky pleaded guilty to the two felony counts filed against him. Count One: wire fraud and aiding and abetting; and Count Two: making and subscribing a false tax return.

An initial sentencing hearing was scheduled for January 2021 with Fritzky's attorney Randall Luskey of Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe, stating that "Mr. Fritzky is working hard right now to earn enough money to be able to commit to a sizable payment plan, and I want to give him as much time as he needs to do that."

The Court extended the sentencing hearing twice more when on May 6 it was revealed that Fritzky had acquired a new attorney, Assistant Federal Public Defender Graham Archer, to take over his case. The Court once again granted Fritzky extra time while Archer was caught up to speed on the case and rescheduled another appearance for May

21. The latest delay occurred during a July 30 hearing when Fritzky alleged that he was suffering COVID symptoms and was awaiting test results to either confirm or deny his illness. The Court granted a continuance to an Aug. 27 in-person hearing and ordered Fritzky to present a negative COVID test prior to the proceedings.

In a Victim Impact Statement from MCF to the Court dated April 7, MCF requested that "The 'intended loss' is \$337,786, and for sentencing purposes should be set at no less than \$257,371.70." The larger figure "is the 'gross' amount Mr. Fritzky stole from MCF. The lower \$257,371.70 figure is only arrived at after crediting the defendant for amounts he returned, over the course of the scheme, to cover his tracks."

MCF also requested "that the Court order a sentence of not less than 24 months.

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