

## Moraga Garden Club spreads blooms, butterflies and a bounty of good cheer



Photo provided

From left: MGC members Carolyn Westhoff and Janice Lieu, behind the sign, Marilyn Smith (middle) Jessica Fleming to extreme right, Susan Sperry to left, and Rena Munson, in front of sign.

### Submitted by Linda U. Foley

The Refresh of the Moraga Commons entrance at the intersection of Moraga and Saint Mary's Roads saw its eagerly-awaited final mulching touches two weeks ago. A cadre of community volunteers – including husbands, Kiwanis, town officials – were spurred on by appreciative honking and comments from pedestrians and motorists. The Garden Club's own Julie Stagg's thoughtful design was diligently implemented by Jessica Fleming and Janice Lieu.

There are five other beautification projects the MGC has designed, planted and continues to maintain: The Coun-

try Club urns with solar lighting, the Library urn, the large Triangle at the intersection of Moraga Road and Rheem Boulevard (now referred to as the Gateway Entrance), the Perennial Garden at the Hacienda (near the Casita) with picnic table, and the fabulous Monarch Demonstration and Teaching Garden, a haven for returning butterflies and respite for all ages.

The Moraga Garden Club welcomes new volunteers in the upkeep of these projects.

You can follow the Moraga Garden Club on Facebook, Instagram, and Nextdoor, or visit its website for more information at moragagardenclub.com. You can also reach the club at moragagardenclub@gmail.com.

## Lamorinda Village hosts successful booster clinic



Photo Kathryn Ishizu

Lamorinda Village volunteers Becky Jenkins and Helen Gough wait to greet booster clinic attendees.

### Submitted by Laura-Kate Rurka

Over 150 community seniors received their Covid-19 boosters Oct. 5 at a clinic hosted by Lamorinda Village in conjunction with Contra Costa County Health. County health workers administered either Moderna or Pfizer Covid Bivalent boosters over a four-hour period at the Lafayette-Orinda Presbyterian Church.

Vaccine recipients were grateful for the opportunity to receive their recommended shots quickly and eas-

ily. Many wrote afterward to thank the Village for hosting the event, remarking on the ease of making an appointment, friendly volunteers, and excellent nurses.

Several volunteers were on hand to assist, including Becky Jenkins, Helen Gough, Andrea Appleton, and Tori Sovocool from Lamorinda Village and Cheryl Miller, Leslie Finertie, and Catherine Coleman from the Lafayette Orinda-Presbyterian Church Congregational Chair Team. Lamorinda Village is thankful to those who helped make it a successful event.

## NCL hosts 'Civics for Teen Girls' event



Photo Shirley DeFrancisci

NCL Acalanes and Lamorinda Chapters hosted a panel of local elected officials, from left: Assemblymember Rebecca Bauer-Kahan, District Attorney Diana Becton, Lafayette School Board Trustee Suzy Pak, Orinda Council Member Amy Worth, Moraga Town Council Vice Mayor Renata Sos, and Orinda School Board Vice President Hillary Weiner.

### Submitted by Ella Hack

Over 200 teen girls from Lafayette, Moraga, and Orinda filled the stands of the Miramonte High School gymnasium Oct. 23. They were not there to cheer for a sporting event; rather, these girls came together to attend Lamorinda's first-ever "Non-Partisan Civics for Teen Girls" event, to hear from inspiring local female elected officials in Contra Costa County about the importance of being engaged and informed citizens.

The Acalanes and Lamorinda Chapters of National Charity League (NCL) organized this informative panel discussion, and hope the success of this event can serve as a blueprint for other NCL chapters across the nation to encourage more girls to share their voice and become engaged in our political process. Abigail Weiner, a student from Miramonte High School and member of NCL, shared why her chapter helped organize the event: "It is important for young women to participate in voting in order to share a new and younger generation's perspective and to express their opinions and have a say in the political world."

The panel included District Attorney Diana Becton, the first woman and person of color to serve as Contra Costa District Attorney since the office was established in 1850; Assemblymember Rebecca Bauer-Kahan, the current 16th California Assembly District representative; Suzy Pak, a trustee on the Lafayette School Board; Renata Sos, a member of the Moraga Town Council and vice mayor; Hillary Weiner, current Vice President of the Orinda Union School District Board of Trustees; and Amy Worth, Orinda City Council member and former mayor who has served for 24 years.

Kay Lankford and Kirstin Parker, both seniors at Miramonte High School and members of NCL, served as the afternoon's emcees. They encouraged panelists to share their experiences as women in the political world and fielded questions from the audience. Questions included, "Why is it important for women to hold elected office?" and "What is the hardest and most rewarding part of your job?" The panelists shared their inspiring stories of how and why they entered politics, and described the unique skills and perspectives that women bring to the political process. They also appealed to the teen girls in the audience to get involved in local issues by attending city council and school board meetings, joining committees, interning, and letting their elected representatives know – via calls and emails, presentations, and other means – what issues matter to them. Girls 16 years and older were invited to pre-register to vote at [registertovote.ca.gov](http://registertovote.ca.gov).

In addition to attending the panel discussion of local elected leaders, the teen attendees worked together by class to make several hundred patriotic zipper pulls for soldiers, as requested by NCL philanthropy partner Blue Star Moms. Blue Star Moms is a national, non-political, Congressionally chartered veteran service organization that has been supporting troops since 1960.

National Charity League is a national philanthropic organization of mothers and daughters committed to philanthropy, culture, and leadership. NCL donates close to three million hours annually to over 6,000 charities in the United States. The Acalanes and Lamorinda chapters are composed of approximately 250 girls in 7th-12th grades, and their mothers. For more information, visit [nationalcharityleague.org](http://nationalcharityleague.org).

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## In Memory

### Cedric Terry Brady (Ric)

Sept. 8, 1942- Oct. 20, 2022



It is with sadness that we announce the passing of Cedric Terry Brady (Ric), a 46-year resident of Orinda. Eight weeks ago, he was diagnosed with Glioblastoma, an aggressive brain cancer. We feel blessed that before he passed he was able to celebrate his 80th birthday and reconnect with many friends and relatives.

Ric was born in Palo Alto, Calif., to Mamie DuBose Brady and Clemer Cedric Brady. He attended Palo Alto High School, Yale University, and UC Berkeley School of Public Health. He served five years in the USAF as a KC135 Navigator.

After the Air Force, Ric spent many years as a medical group practice administrator, first in Seattle, Wash., and then in Oakland, Calif. He

eventually formed his own niche business in the East Bay, Brady and Associates, which specialized in brokering oral surgery practices. After his retirement, Ric found more time to enjoy skiing, walking at the local high school track, taking Cal extension courses, reading extensively, and spending time with his children and grandchildren. An avid sports fan, Ric also devoted hours to following Olympics events, the Tour de France, assorted track and field meets, local professional sports teams, and the Cal Bears.

At the end of his life Ric spoke often and with pride about his experience on the Palo Alto HS relay team that broke a national record in the four-mile relay. Ric ran his four laps in 4:30.4. The new record for the relay was 17:51.8. The friendships Ric developed through track lasted a lifetime.

Ric is survived by his wife of 56 years, Susan; his son Steven Brady (Katie); his daughter Janice Metzger (Keith); and his four grandchildren, Ashley and Casey Metzger; Declan and Ellison Brady. He is also survived by his sister, Jean Brady (Norm Young).

A celebration of Ric's life will take place at the Piedmont Community Church, 400 Highland Avenue, Piedmont, Calif., at 1 p.m. Nov. 11, with a reception following. Many thanks to the staff at Dysico Care Home and Hospice East Bay for helping Ric in the last several weeks.

Should you wish to donate in Ric's memory, the family suggests Hospice East Bay 3470 Buskirk Avenue Pleasant Hill CA 94523 or Brain Chemistry Labs PO Box 3464, Jackson, WY 83001 ([brainchemistrylabs.org](http://brainchemistrylabs.org))

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