

Lions and Leo Club support Moraga Education Foundation



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From left: Principal Pete Alvarez, Teacher/Advisor Kathrine Guy, Leo president Thomas Colpo, Leo treasurer Ava Jacuzzi, vice president Grant Roesch

Submitted by Robert Murtagh

The Campolindo Leo Club participated in several fundraisers jointly with the Moraga Lions Club this school year which resulted in a donation of \$500 to the Moraga Education Foundation. Leo

Club President Thomas Colpo, together with Leo Club officers Ava Jacuzzi and Grant Roesch presented a check for \$500 on Nov. 2 to Campolindo Principal Pete Alvarez in the classroom of teacher/advisor Katherine Guy. This is the 16th year that the Leo Club has made a substantial donation to MEF.

Kiwanis See's Candy fundraiser offers sweet way to support the community



Photo Chris McGuffin

Moraga Mayor Steve Woehleke, Moraga Chamber of Commerce Board Member Larry Tessler, Kiwanis Club President Gloria Eive, Moraga Park Foundation President Clay Serrahn, County District 2 Field Representative Jill Ray, Moraga Police Chief Jon King, and Kiwanis Club Vice President Graig Crossley celebrated the store opening Nov. 18 at the Rheem Shopping Center.

Submitted by Stan Holcenberg

The Kiwanis Club of Moraga Valley has been selling See's candy during the holiday season every year since 2010, and their fundraiser store opened again on Nov. 18 in the Rheem Shopping Center near CVS.

Kiwanis is all about charities, youth organizations and families in need, and what better way to support the community, give a helping hand to those in need, and to spread the cheer of See's candy than by shopping at their store.

The store will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Dec. 23. The store offers the same delicious and premium assortment of See's candies

at See's retail prices, with 100% of the net proceeds going to worthy local charities and organizations that benefit the community. There is easy parking, wrapping, and delivery options, and credit cards are accepted.

Thanks to the generous support of the community members, over the past three years the Kiwanis Club of Moraga Valley has donated over \$170,000 to local organizations. Please join Kiwanis once again, to both give to our community and to share the magic of See's candies during the holidays. What could be sweeter.

For more information about the See's store, who Kiwanis serves, and an option to order candy online through Dec. 2, visit www.moragavalleykiwanis.org

'Holiday Giving Tree' fundraiser helps cats get much-needed care

Submitted by Billie Cummings

Community Concern for Cats, which serves Lamorinda residents, is hosting its annual "Holiday Giving Tree" fundraiser through Dec. 31 at its upscale thrift store, Rescued Treasures, 1270 Newell Ave. in Walnut Creek in the San Miguel Shopping Center. All the proceeds will go toward life-saving medical procedures, including spay and neuter, for homeless and abandoned cats and kittens in local neighborhoods, and adoption services.

This is the eighth year that CC4C has held its successful "Holiday Giving Tree." In 2017 CC4C was able to set up its own hospital in Clayton to help even more cats and last year CC4C moved into its own adoption site in Walnut Creek to adopt out kittens safely. Last year they adopted out 916 kittens and cats to loving homes.

How does the "Holiday Giving Tree" work? Buy an ornament from the little tree on the CC4C checkout counter, add your name or your pet's name to the ornament, then hang it on the big tree in the window.

You can also donate online at communityconcernforcats.org or send a check directly to the organization (PO Box 3795, W.C. 94598). "But the most enjoyable way to show your compassion for homeless cats is to go into our Rescued Treasures thrift store, buy an ornament, and do some shopping! We have many one-of-a-kind items that you will surely love and will make great hol-



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Jill Ching, from Orinda helps Skylar to wake up in the recovery room at Community Concern for Cats Clayton hospital.

iday gifts," says President Gemma Boyd.

The donations will go toward vaccinations, microchipping, deworming, healing antibiotics and other medicines, flea protection, leukemia/FIV tests, doctor care, surgeries for spay and neuter, and other major medical surgeries and all the diagnostic testing leading up to these procedures. CC4C spayed and neutered 1,864 cats last year, 2021 and treated 630 cats with major illness or injury.

Rescued Treasures thrift store hours: Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sundays noon to 4 p.m. For information call: (925) 937-3201.

Season of Giving

Lamorinda Weekly offers free charitable giving announcements for local nonprofits

As we approach Thanksgiving, we should all be grateful for one of the best things about Lamorinda – its strong volunteer base within local nonprofit organizations that raise much needed funds to benefit the community. Lamorinda Weekly each year offers an opportunity for these nonprofits to promote their charitable giving opportunities. If your nonprofit is seeking donations, send a brief 100-word summary of your organization and charitable drive to storydesk@lamorindaweekly.com (include "Season of Giving" in the subject line). Season of Giving announcements will begin on Dec. 7 and continue through Dec. 21 (deadline for submissions is Nov. 30).

In Memory

Leonard Oliver Walde, Jr.

May 13, 1931 – Nov. 13, 2022



Leonard Oliver Walde, Jr., born May 13, 1931, the beloved husband of Mary Jane Walde, passed away peacefully in his home in Rancho Mirage, California Nov. 13, 2022. He was the loving father of his only son, Mark Leonard Walde, and his granddaughters Amanda Kaye Anderson and Alyssa Ann Walde, and his great grandchildren, Thatcher Milton and Mac Leonard Anderson with their father Todd, and daughter In Law Debbie Ann Walde.

Leonard was born in New Berlin New York and was the only son along with his three sisters of his father Leonard Oliver Walde Sr., and Mother Laura Walde. He joins his parents and sisters Efe and Jacquelin in heaven. His youngest sister Sue resides in Culebra, Puerto Rico.

Leonard was honorably discharged from the Army after serving with the Kryptonics Unit in Germany during the Korean War from 1951 to 1953. He attended University of Rhode Island in 1950 and graduated with a BS in Industrial Engineering in 1955 after his service while meeting his wife Mary Jane whom he married in 1956. Leonard received his MBA from Saint Mary's College in Moraga in the 1970's and served as a Professor of Creative Problem Solving at John F. Kennedy University, in Orinda.

Leonard was an environmentalist, forming his company Sigma Energy Enterprises, after his time at Safeway in Oakland. During his later years, he was an avid gardener, growing champion roses and vegetables on his hillside garden in Orinda. He was also a serious health advocate, striving to avoid pharmaceuticals while pursuing natural remedies whenever possible.

Leonard was proud of Orinda, residing in the home they built on Spring Road for over 60 years. He was a loving family man, mentor and friend to many in the East Bay Area. He will be greatly missed by all.

Leonard's Military Honors Service will be held at 2 p.m. Dec. 1 at Sacramento Valley National Cemetery, Dixon, California.

In Memory

Stephen Soulé Arnon

Oct. 14, 1946 – Aug. 17, 2022



Dr. Stephen Soulé Arnon of Orinda died peacefully in his sleep on Aug. 17, at age 75, while on a hiking trip with longtime friends in Wyoming. A brilliant scientist and pioneer in infectious disease research, he spent his entire 45-year career as head of the Infant Botulism Treatment and Prevention Program at the California Department of Public Health, now in Richmond. His work has saved the lives of thousands of babies in California and around the world.

Steve was born in Oakland on Oct. 14, 1946, the third of five children. His father Daniel I. Arnon was an eminent professor in what is now the Plant & Microbial Biology Department at UC Berkeley, and his mother was a librarian and homemaker. After finishing high school in Berkeley and Carmel, Steve's adventurous spirit led him eastwards to Harvard, where he received his AB (1968), his MPH (1972), and his MD (1973).

In 1976, Steve and his colleagues identified a rare new form of botulism which occurs only in babies under one year of age, now called "infant botulism," caused when the spores of the bacterium *Clostridium botulinum* are accidentally swallowed by an infant, germinate, and produce botulinum toxin in the intestine. The illness can be severe, leading to paralysis, long stays in the ICU, and sometimes death.

Steve devoted his entire career to studying all aspects of infant botulism, working with his team to create the world's only licensed medicine for this disease, a not-for-profit drug that he named BabyBIG®. Treatment with BabyBIG® shortens the average patient's hospital stay by almost one month; since first introduction in 1992, in total more than a century of hospital stay has been avoided through its use.

Steve possessed an abiding love of the wilderness and the mountains and was an ardent conservationist. In the 1990s, he helped save 110 acres in Orinda which became the Orinda Oaks Open Space Preserve. An avid mountaineer, he climbed all the 14,000-foot peaks in California and several in the Western United States. One ascent he was most proud of was Mount St. Elias, the second-highest peak in both Canada and the United States. Not every climb went without a hitch, however—he once got trapped with four others by a blizzard on New Zealand's Mt. Cook/Aoraki. The group was forced to bivouac in an icy crevasse for a week and was rescued by helicopter.

Steve is survived by his wife Joyce of 37 years and his children Eric and Christina. They, along with innumerable relatives, friends, and medical and scientific colleagues, will miss him greatly.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to the Nature Conservancy.