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Season filled with small town charm

Whether enjoying live entertainment from talented youth in the community at the annual "It's a Wonderful Life" event in Lafayette's Plaza Park, watching a group of Scouts hang wreaths created by the Orinda Garden Club along the library's exterior and throughout downtown, or simply appreciating the intricate decorations adorned in the shop windows at McCaulou's in Lafayette, the holiday spirit is alive and well in Lamorinda, evoking a small town feel.

Much like Santa and his sleigh, outgoing mayors Teresa Gerring (Lafayette), Steve Whoeleke (Moraga) and Dennis Fay (Orinda) have been making multiple stops at festive events dotting the three communities. Tracey Farrell of the Park Theater Trust doled out popcorn at the Wonderful Life event, and many other volunteers manned booths offering

drinks and treats, as well as crafts for the kids. Moraga Parks and Rec cobbled together a group of young builders who gathered to create gingerbread houses (see story Page B2), families from Campolindo High School baked approximately 4,000 cookies that were wrapped and given to teachers and staff as a thank you (see story Page B1) and Miramonte cheerleaders shook pom-poms in an effort to drum up donations for Toys for Tots (see story on Page B3).

Whether folks receive ugly sweaters, winter hats, or warm coats and mittens for the holidays, the best gifts of all continue to be the smiles on children's faces.

Ever grateful for the small part we play in this community, Lamorinda Weekly wishes you all a very happy and healthy holiday season! — J. Wake



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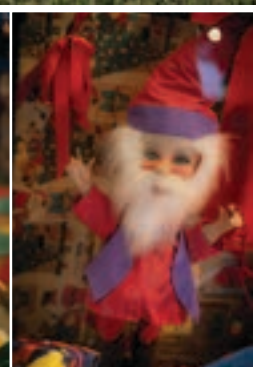
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