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Community gathers for an early Thanksgiving breakfast in Lafayette

By Jeff Heyman

Filled with soaring seasonal harp music and bedecked in floral displays, Lafayette's Veterans Memorial Center – radiating warmth against the early morning autumn chill outside, was filled on Nov. 7 with Lamorindans eager to begin the holiday season. Some 130 early-risers mingled with their fellow neighbors at the Lafayette Chamber of Commerce's 44th Annual Community Thanksgiving Breakfast. Traditionally, the breakfast rings in the holiday season in Lamorinda and this year was no different: a

who's who of locals feasted on a sunrise breakfast, beautifully laid out in the expansive Veterans Memorial building.

City officials, small business owners, educators and, of course, residents got to know each other just a little bit better on what would otherwise have been just another chilly November morning. The breakfast's keynote presentation was devoted to Las Trampas, a local nonprofit organization which since 1958 has provided services to people with developmental

disabilities and their families in our community.

And, as invocations and benedictions were delivered, it was the community that was foremost in people's minds. Best summed up by Lafayette Chamber's Executive Director, Sara Regan, the Thanksgiving breakfast – and the entire Thanksgiving holiday – is about the community coming together and offering thanks for all that we have. She's right, as we look back during this Thanksgiving, we really do have so much to be thankful for right here in Lamorinda.

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IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE IN LAFAYETTE HOLIDAY CELEBRATION

SUNDAY, DEC. 3 4:30-6:30 LAFAYETTE PLAZA

PRESENTED BY **LAFAYETTE CHAMBER BRANCH** **Dana Green Team**

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Autumn craft-making brings kids to the library

By Vera Kochan



The month of November brings to mind colorful leaves, hot chocolate, and Thanksgiving. On that note, Moraga Librarian Nirit Schnitzer and Librarian Assistant Emily Ferne offered kids the opportunity to attend a free Autumn Crafts event on Nov. 16.

In keeping with the theme of the season, kids could color a white paper acorn and write on it what they were thankful for. The finished product was turned over to library staff to be hung up in the children's area.

Leaf People were made with precut, multi-colored, paper maple leaves for the bodies and pipe cleaners for the arms and legs. Crayons, markers and colored pencils were on hand for any detail-work, such as facial features.

Pre-printed white paper mugs were available for the kids to decorate with stickers and large balls of cotton, which stood in for marshmallows on their hot cocoa "mugs". It was noted, for those tykes who have a vivid imagination, that the "marshmallows" were not edible.

You can't celebrate Thanksgiving without the obligatory turkey. Paper plates served as the bodies while different colored, paper feathers were attached to bring the bird to "life." Googly eyes gave the doomed-for-Thanksgiving-dinner bird that extra frantic appearance.

As is typical with those parents and nannies that brought younger children, the adults wound up partaking of the assembly process and appeared rather pleased with their results. Oh, to be a kid again!

Maya (7) and brother Lucas (3) are proud of their Autumn Craft creations

Photo Vera Kochan

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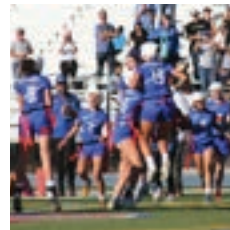
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