

Campolindo High School Jazz Dinner Dance returns for an evening of dining, dancing, and chance



Performers at last year's Dinner Dance

Photo Kevin Goto

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Performing arts, and specifically instrumental music, are an important part of providing our youth with a well-rounded

education. In fact, achievement in music education has been established as being a strong causal factor in math and reading excellence amongst students. The March 26 Campolindo High School Jazz Dinner Dance at Creekside Commons in Lafayette raises

funds to support the wonderful jazz and instrumental music programs at Campolindo High School in Moraga.

The event will feature Campolindo's Music Director Johnny Johnson, the Campolindo Jazz Band, and over 10 combos, which will play an eclectic mix of jazz and big band music. Local Lamorinda businesses such as TuTu's of Lafayette Fiesta Square or Outdoor Supply Hardware in Moraga reach approximately 150 dinner guest families by sponsoring donated items that are assembled in creative baskets and raffled to generate proceeds for the music program. This year the Jazz Dinner Dance Committee is targeting a Gourmet Herb Garden Kit, Night Out in Fiesta Square, Picnic Basket for Two Wine and Cheese Sampler, and other concepts. Between appetizers, dinner, and dancing, winning

raffle numbers are drawn throughout the evening for the lucky number holders to select a basket of their choice to take home.

All are welcome for this evening of dining and dancing. Tickets can be purchased online at <https://bit.ly/JazzDinnerDance>.

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Miramonte student advances in Lions speech contest



Olivia Bersot, Lion Fred George and Thomas Quinnild.

Photo Sarah Morgan

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The Moraga Lions Club hosted two talented speakers who competed in the 85th Annual Lion's Club Student Speaker's contest on Feb. 1. Thomas Quinnild from Miramonte High School and Olivia Bersot from Campolindo High School amazed the small audience at the Moraga Library. Both stu-

dents wrote and delivered excellent speeches on this year's topic: "How can kindness reunite our country?"

Quinnild was awarded first place and will move to the next level of competition with winners from all the Lions Clubs in Alameda and Contra Costa County.

For more information about the Annual Speech Contest or more Lions events, contact Lion Dana Glasgow, (925) 283-6921.

In Memory

Joseph F. Cloidt

(1929 – 2022)



Joseph Fredrick Cloidt, who lived 47 years in Orinda, died peacefully in his sleep at the age of 92 on Jan. 26 in Reno, Nev. Known to his friends and family as "Joe" he was born on April 17, 1929, in Great Falls, Montana, the only child of Joseph Cloidt Sr. and Marie Tebeau Cloidt.

Growing up in Great Falls, Joe was very active in sports and excelled at football. Upon graduating from high school in 1945, he received a scholarship to play for the University of Washington. A popular student-athlete, Joe was a member of the Delta Tau Delta Fraternity, captain of the football team, and a recipient of All-Pacific Coast football team honors. In his junior year, he was awarded the Guy Flaherty Medal – the highest tribute for a Husky Football player. It is

awarded annually to the player voted "most inspirational" by his teammates. In his senior year, the U.S. Army came calling, and he was drafted into the Korean War where he served the Central Intelligence Corps (CIC). Following a two-year stint for Uncle Sam, Joe married Jacqueline Lewis of Fairview, Montana in 1954. He earned a Professional (master's) degree in Petroleum Engineering from the Colorado School of Mines. During his 38-year career at Standard Oil (later Chevron), he was the engineer in charge of drilling for the state of Alaska, was on the foreign staff in San Francisco, and later negotiated international contracts for the Patent Department.

Joe is survived by his wife, three daughters (Kim, Kendall, Courtney), son-in-law (Joe), and three grandchildren (Wes, K.C., Jacqueline). He was preceded in death by his parents, his grandparents, and his beloved aunt.

The family is planning a Memorial Service in Montana later in the year.

In Memory

Oscar Nance Travland, Jr.

July 17, 1937 – Jan. 23, 2022



Oscar Nance Travland, Jr. of Palm Desert, California, passed away on Jan. 23 with his wife and daughter by his side. Born in Beeville, Texas on July 17, 1937 to Oscar and Melba Travland, he was one of five children. His parents owned the airport in Beeville, and thus began Oscar's love of aviation (he earned his pilot's license at 17). He graduated from Sul Ross University with a Bachelor of Science degree, and moved to Albuquerque, New Mexico to begin his career in the automobile industry. While living in New Mexico, Oscar served in the United States Air Force National Guard.

Oscar returned to Texas as a corporate Learjet pilot. It was in El Paso that Oscar met and married Patricia Busch, and where they started a family. With their three children, they enjoyed weekend sailing in nearby Elephant Butte where Oscar was Commodore of the El Paso Sailing Club. Oscar's passion for sailing continued when they moved to Orinda, California in the early 1970s. Oscar loved sailing in the San Francisco Bay, raced sailboats along the California coast, and was a member and officer at the Metropolitan Yacht Club. While in Northern California, Oscar was a nationally recognized, award-winning Nissan dealer.

Oscar and Patti moved to Irvine, California before ultimately retiring in Palm Desert. During retirement, Oscar loved being a grandpa, playing golf, riding his Harley Davidson with friends, and staying involved with the Bermuda Dunes Airport. In his home's garage, Oscar built a two-passenger single engine airplane from the ground up, which he later piloted. After moving to Sun City Palm Desert, building and flying remote control airplanes with friends and traveling with his family provided much happiness. He cherished annual summer vacations in Hawaii with his family, as well as family reunions in Fort Davis, Texas.

Oscar is survived by his beloved wife of 57 years, Patti Travland, and his three children and their families: son Grant Travland and his wife Rosemma (children Drew and Jake); daughter Tracy McCarthy and her husband John (children Nolan, Kevin, and Dylan); and son Sonny Travland and his wife Lindsay (children Urban, Ledger, McGraw, and Trainor) and Sonny's former wife Alison Smalley (children Henry and Lindsay). Oscar is also survived by his four siblings: Margaret Blackman, Lewis Travland, Larry Travland, and Patricia Hodgins. A private service was held at Rose Mortuary in Rancho Mirage, California.

In Memory

Rose Lee Tom

March 11, 1927 – Jan. 24, 2022



Rose Lee Tom, a longtime resident of Moraga, California, died Monday, Jan. 24, 2022 in Gilroy, California from problems due to heart and kidney failure. She was 94 years old.

Rose was born in Oakland, California on March 11, 1927, the youngest of four children and the only one of the family to be born in the United States. She attended schools in Oakland, graduating from Oakland Tech High School in 1945. She next went to UC Berkeley receiving her Bachelor of Science degree in January 1949. At Cal she met John, an engineering student who had just been discharged from the Army. They were married on Easter Sunday in 1949.

Rose and John raised their family in Oakland and she became very active in their sons' school, helping in the classrooms and driving on field trips. She served as Cub Scout den mother and was the president of the Jefferson Elementary School PTA. In 1996 the family moved to Moraga, where she continued as a school volunteer. Rose became involved in the Femeiners (a group of wives of civil engineers), the Scottish Rite Ladies Club, and, with several friends, founding the Moraga Garden Club. She was active in the Moraga Historical Society, volunteered at the Moraga Library and served as an elder at Moraga Valley Presbyterian Church. Rose had many hobbies such as knitting, sewing and reading, and was particularly proud of her beautiful garden. Later Rose got her real estate license and worked for many years as a realtor. With John she has traveled around the world, visiting all continents with the exception of Antarctica. In 2019 she and John moved into Merrill Gardens, a senior community in Gilroy to be nearer to her eldest son Larry.

Rose is survived by her husband John, her two sons Larry and Russell, daughters-in-law Kathy and Susi, five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

A celebration of Rose's life will be held at the Moraga Valley Presbyterian Church, 10 Moraga Valley Ln., Moraga, CA 94556, on Saturday, March 5 at 3 p.m. Donations can be made in her honor to the Moraga Garden Club, the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society or Moraga Valley Presbyterian Church.

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