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Lafayette Juniors Lifestyle Tour, April 30

The Lafayette Juniors will host a lifestyle tour showcasing unique and masterfully designed spaces at five beautiful Lafayette homes from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, April 30. The self-guided tour was formerly known as the kitchen tour. This year marks the club's 23rd tour and is a beloved Lafayette tradition for many residents. Funds raised through the Lifestyle Tour will directly support beneficiaries, Futures Explored, Lamorinda Village and White Pony Express.

Guests are invited to experience breathtaking landscaping, gorgeous outdoor conversation

spaces, and beautiful hardscapes and softscapes to get ideas for future projects or just enjoy a day out in Lafayette.

The tour will be in compliance with Contra Costa Health Guidelines. If you can't attend in person, the Juniors ask that you consider purchasing a donation ticket, available in varying amounts. Tickets are available either for the tour alone or the tour plus lunch at one of the homes designated for luncheon, and can be purchased at Eventbrite, www.eventbrite.com/e/lafayette-juniors-lifestyle-tour-tickets-274411581427 - S. O'Doherty

National Charity League Lamorinda honors Class of 2022



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Members of the Class of 2022, from left, front row: Riley George, Allison Smith, Ava Caballero, Adriana Colon, Paige Chivers, Chloe Carberry, Samantha Hess, Joanna Bishop; back row: Olivia Curtis, Erin Smith, Anna Crinks, Kristi Conner, Emily Starn, Lila Hill, Laurel Hunter, Danielle DeFrancisci, Sophia Harju, Sammi Huebner, Megan Mitchell, Jacqui Huebner, Avery Bahl.

Submitted by Kim Hunter

The Lamorinda Chapter of National Charity League on March 27 recognized and celebrated its 21 graduating seniors in a lovely ceremony filled with poignant speeches, dinner, dancing, and a generous donation to Monument Crisis Center. Alexa Gambero and Tina Ross from MCC accepted the class gift at the event, which took place at the Saint Mary's Soda Center in Moraga, marking the culmination of six years of service to the community for these dedicated young women. They began their journey in the mother-daughter philanthropic organization as seventh graders, and have

collectively volunteered more than 5,300 hours to those in need.

NCL's Lamorinda Chapter supports many local nonprofit organizations through its mission to foster mother-daughter relationships in its commitment to community service, leadership development, and cultural experiences. Philanthropies include 10,000 Lunches, American Heart Association, Blue Star Moms, Cake 4 Kids, Child Abuse Prevention Council, Community Reading Buddies, East Bay Heritage Quilters, Food Bank of Contra Costa County, Lamorinda Village, Loaves & Fishes, New Day for Children, White Pony Express, and more than a dozen others.

Lafayette scouts celebrate 110th anniversary of Girl Scouts



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Submitted by Susan Reimer

Senior scouts from the Lafayette Service Unit on March 12 brought together local Girl Scouts to honor the 110th anniversary of the first Girl Scout meeting held on March 12, 1912. This was when Girl Scout founder Juliette Gordon Low brought 18 girls together for the first meeting in the

United States. The event was held in Lafayette Plaza, which was filled with song and scout spirit. Currently there are 417 scout and 410 adult members in the Lafayette Service Unit and 2.5 million members in the U.S. Special thanks to Lafayette Sideboard, Lafayette Safeway and Lafayette Pack and Ship + Print for their support of this special event.

Community Service: We are pleased to make space available whenever possible for some of Lamorinda's dedicated community service organizations to submit news and information about their activities. Submissions may be sent to storydesk@lamorindaweekly.com with the subject header In Service to the Community.

Temple Isaiah Rabbi aiding Ukrainian refugees on Poland delegation

Submitted by Jen Boxerman

The Temple Isaiah's senior Rabbi Jill Perlman is on an international delegation between rabbis and cantors in the U.S. and Israel at the Jewish Community Center (JCC) in Krakow, Poland providing aid to Ukrainian refugees. Almost \$750,000 has been raised to date. The delegation was coordinated through the Central Conference of American Rabbis (CCAR), a Reform Rabbinic leadership organization, in partnership with J Squared Adventures www.j2adventures.com/

"The JCC Krakow is doing incredible work," Perlman said. "They've completely pivoted and are focusing on supporting the vulnerable. Right now, about 25% of the Krakow population is made up of Ukrainian refugees. Each one has a story. They're all heartbreaking. Husbands left behind. Best friends killed. Children who can't sleep. Psychological trauma. Worry about what is next. The JCC is helping refugees find shelter, food, needed supplies, and psychological services. It's incredible work and they need help."

Perlman said what she witnessed was a mixture of sadness and hope. "I saw a bus arrive full of new

refugees carrying all they could, rows of beds full of old men, women, and children, and a warehouse full of supplies that we were told will turn over completely in a day. I also saw children laughing, scooting around in their scooters just like my own children do. Thank God someone donated toys so these children can still be children."

To make a donation, visit <https://temple-isaiah.org/values-in-action/ways-to-help/>

In Memory

Eleanor Farr Clark

Dec. 18, 1938 - March 14, 2022

Resident of Rossmoor



Eleanor was born to Sarah "Peg" Messerer Farr and Cecil Parker Farr on Dec. 18, 1938, in San Francisco, Calif. She passed away on March 14, 2022.

Eleanor's early life was impacted by World War II. When Cecil enlisted and went to Europe, Peg and Eleanor moved to Washington, D.C. After the war, the family settled in the San Francisco Bay Area. El attended Palo Alto High School before attending Smith College in Northampton, Massachusetts, earned her Bachelor of Art degree in Art History from the University of California at Berkeley.

El married Alan Roderick Clark in 1960.

They enjoyed 56 years together. They settled in Moraga in 1964 and remained Moraga residents until 2013. El was a loving wife and devoted mother to their three children. She served many community and youth organizations: AAUW, Moraga Service League, teacher's aide at Los Perales Elementary. She was an avid fan of her children's activities; she never missed a football or baseball game, dance recital or swim team meet. She enjoyed hiking, camping, skiing, bird watching and genealogy. She and Alan made many trips to New England and the Midwest in search of their roots. They were rewarded with revolutionary ancestors and El became a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Eleanor loved travel and people. She and Alan found a second home in Puerta Vallarta, Mexico. Over 30 years they hosted friends, made many new friends there, and enjoyed having their children's families join them on their annual sojourn. El and Alan were members of First Covenant Church in Oakland. She served in the Sunday School, nursery and as a Deaconess.

Eleanor is preceded in death by her parents, and her loving husband Alan. She is survived by her children Stuart (Karen), Douglas (Karol) and Allison (Thomas), and five grandchildren.

A Memorial Service will be held at 2 p.m. May 7 at First Covenant Church, 4000 Redwood Road, Oakland, CA 94619. Flowers or memorial gifts may be sent to First Covenant Church.

In Memory

Robert Leon Mills, Orinda

1938 - 2022



Longtime Orinda resident, Robert (Bob) Mills, died on Feb. 24, after battling numerous medical problems. He is survived by Carolyn, his wife of 53 years. The son of Doris and Leon Mills, Bob was born in Berkeley, Calif., and graduated from Hayward High in 1956. He graduated from UC Berkeley in 1961 with a degree in civil engineering. While at UC he was a member of the Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity and sang with the UC Men's Glee Club and the Senior Men's Octette. Upon graduation he entered the U.S. Army, achieving the rank of Captain. He was duty officer of a missile battery in northern Maine during the 1962 Cuban Missile Crisis. While with the

California National Guard he was sent to Los Angeles in 1965 to perform riot control during the Watts riots.

He was employed with Kennedy Jenks Engineers and Brown and Caldwell Engineer throughout his working career. During his experience with Kennedy Jenks Engineers he designed a water distribution system for the islands of America Samoa. A significant achievement while working with Brown and Caldwell was as the author of the Framework Plan for the greater San Diego wastewater system, an effort that required negotiations with the Mexican government.

Bob was active in community affairs in Orinda, serving as vice president of the Orinda Association; commissioner on the Orinda Area Planning Commission; co-chair of the Orinda General Plan Committee and a member of Orinda's Infrastructure Committee. He ran for Orinda City Council in 1985 when the city won incorporation. He also enjoyed choral music and sang tenor in the Diablo College Masterworks Chorale, the Contra Costa Choral and Cantare Con Vivo. While singing with Cantare Con Vivo he traveled with the group on two European concert tours.

Besides traveling throughout the states, Bob and Carolyn also enjoyed international travel to many European countries, Africa and South America. Highlights for both were visiting the Cape of Good Hope and Cape Horn. Bob was interested in the history of the Civil War and toured many battlefields from Fort Sumpter to Gettysburg. He also had a love for his dogs which led to several dog sledding experiences, including helping a musher at the Iditarod Dog Sled Race.

A celebration of life will be held on May 6 at 4 p.m. in the Garden Room of the Orinda Library. Contributions in Bob's name can be made to the East Bay SPCA, 8323 Baldwin St., Oakland, CA 94621, or Cantare Con Vivo, 2619 Broadway, Oakland, CA 94612.

Share Your Celebrations and Remembrances

If you would like to share an announcement about a special event or achievement, such as a wedding, engagement, scholarship or graduation of a local resident, or about a special person from Lamorinda who has passed, send a photo along with your text (up to 250 words) to storydesk@lamorindaweekly.com, and include "Celebrations and Remembrances" in the subject line.