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left-right: Kip Bruzzone, Bo McSwine, Mike Ivankovich, Dan Stokes, Jim Lucas Photo Doug Kohen

Orinda Rotary Club, and the Orinda Library. The proclamation concluded with an acknowledgement of the Group's outstanding contribution to improving the quality of life for the Citizens of Orinda for 25 years.

Nerd4Rent Buys DiabloLink Communications.

990 Moraga Rd, Lafayette, www.Nerd4Rent.com, 283 5666

"I'm delighted to announce that as of October 1st we began serving the clients of DiabloLink Communications," said Edward Zeidan of Nerd4Rent. "Renee, Mark and I would like to extend a warm welcome to Steve and Doug's (DiabloLink) clients. We look forward to getting to know them and taking care of any technical support needs they have." It was tragedy that led Moraga's Steve Angelides to sell the business. His partner Doug King, a 57-year old Moraga resident, died suddenly of kidney cancer last June. "It was not possible to continue alone," said Angelides, "we were on call 24/7, it was really a two-person job." Angelides said he misses customers and King, who was a partner and a friend. He is now the Executive Director of the California Association of Workplace Investigators, caowi.org.

New Sales Associate for Coldwell Banker

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Marian Krochka joins Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage in Orinda from Security Pacific Real Estate, where she has been working for the past seven years. She has been a real estate agent for 20 years and holds licenses in both California and Hawaii where she has a second home. "She is a highly experienced agent and, having lived in Contra Costa County for more than 30 years, has a personal and intimate perspective on the neighborhoods that she serves," said manager Val Cook-Watkins.

Under New Ownership: Lamorinda Pizza

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John and Adriana McGrath, Campolindo and Acalanes grads, respectively, recently bought Moraga's Lamorinda Pizza. The place is open six days a week from 4:30 to 9pm and does mostly catering and delivery. "We changed the menu quite a bit, we improved the ingredients and the quality of what we offer is much higher," says McGrath going to explain that using higher quality cheese and meats, buying local ingredients, hand rolling the dough, and adding texture to the bottom of the pizza, is what it takes to create the type of excellent products his clients seek. "We are doing a very popular pesto chicken, a barbecue chicken pizza, and will introduce more off the wall items within a few months," he adds. McGrath says he's been in the pizza industry for half of his life. Now age 28, he says he started working at local pizza venues when he was 15. Adriana McGrath previously worked for Domenico's in Danville. "I

Acalanes Recognizes Businesses Contributions

Acalanes High School offered local businesses Diablo Foods, Bo's, JV Lucas and Jacksons framed jerseys, as a special thank you for the consistent contributions they have made to the Acalanes football program.

Orinda Optometry Group Honored

20 Orinda Way, Orinda, 253-1320

On Tuesday, October 5, Orinda's Mayor Thomas McCormick honored the Orinda Optometry Group with a special Proclamation recognizing its 25th anniversary, an anniversary also shared with the City of Orinda. Dr. Weylin Eng, his daughter, Dr. Kristine Eng, and Dr. Kelly Shintani were on hand to receive this proclamation in the presence of the council members and the community at the City Council meeting. The proclamation revealed the rich history of the Orinda Optometry Group, its inception in July 1985 by Drs. Weylin Eng and his cousin, Colleen Tashiro. Council member Amy Worth added words of appreciation to Dr. Weylin Eng for his years of dedicated service to the U.C. Berkeley School of Optometry, Miramonte High School, the

love what I do and I'm very happy to be where I am," says McGrath, "we do a lot of business with the local schools and want to expand it." As far as the night business at Rheem is concerned, the couple plans to remodel the place and hopefully add seating. "Our focus is quality, consistency and customer service," says McGrath, "and we are staying very competitive with good pricing." So far McGrath is happy with the response to his new menu and is proud of the recent 5-stars rating he got on Yelp.com.

News from the three Chambers of Commerce

Lafayette

18th Annual Lafayette Reservoir Run on October 31, from 6:30-10:30am in downtown Lafayette. For more information <http://lafayettechamber.org/events/reservoir-run/>.

The 2010 Mega-Chamber Business Expo on November 4, from 4-7pm at Crowne Plaza Hotel, 45 John Glenn Drive, Concord. Lafayette businesses can participate as an Exhibitor or Sponsor or as a Food or Beverage Vendor. For more information contact Barbara Gilmore at 284-7404.

Coffee with out-going Mayor Brandt Andersson on November 5, from 8-9am at the Chamber Office. A question and answer opportunity on city issues and the recent election.

Chamber Mixer on November 10, from 5:30-7pm at Alta Bates Summit Women's Health Center, 3595 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Suite 350.

Moraga

General Chamber Meeting on Friday, November 19 at the Hacienda de las Flores from 7:30-9am. Meet and Greet, coffee and hot muffins followed by elections and Chamber business.

Orinda

The Orinda Chamber of Commerce has partnered with the Fees To Funds credit card processing program to help raise funds for the Orinda Community Foundation. If your business takes credit cards as a form of payment from your customers, you would be an ideal candidate for Fees to Funds. The service turns a portion of an existing expense - your credit card processing fees - into ongoing monthly cash donations to the Orinda Community Foundation. The beauty of this program is that it does not cost a penny - you are paying these merchant account fees already. With Fees To Funds a significant portion of these fees, 25% of the gross revenue from your account, will be donated directly to the Orinda Community Foundation on your behalf, every month. For details on how you can participate in the program, please directly contact the Fees To Funds at FeesToFunds.com.

Chamber Mixer on Thursday, 11/11, 5:30-7pm at Orinda Motors, 63 Orinda Way. Open to Chamber members and their guests.



Steve Angelides and Edward Zeidan Photo provided



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