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business briefs



Golden Palace's new team, from left: Ting Han, Jay Liu (owner and sushi chef), Krystal Chang, Je Paul Sing (chef), Norman Sison. Photo Sophie Braccini

Golden Palace Opens in Moraga

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Local restaurant goers will recognize the familiar face of sushi chef Jay Liu, formerly from Asia Palace, at the newest Asian restaurant in Moraga, Golden Palace. Liu learned his trade at the popular Moraga Center restaurant, before opening this location across from the Rheem Center on Moraga Road. "I wanted to own my own business," says Liu, who is originally from Shanghai. "This looked like a good opportunity to start our first restaurant with my wife, Krystal Chang." They convinced Asia Palace's chef Je Paul Sing to join them, as well as Norman Sison who works in the front of the house. The restaurant's style is reminiscent of Asia Palace, with a fusion of sushi and traditional Chinese dishes. Liu claims to get all his fish from Japan and buys fresh fruits and vegetables daily, using high quality organic products. The sushi menu features favorites as well as new creations, while the Chinese menu is classic, with some creative new dishes added

such as fried red snapper and seaweed that makes a tasty and spectacular composition. The restaurant and kitchen are quite large and the interior has modern simple décor.

Local Real Estate Agents Serve Lamorinda's Over-50 Population

DL Real Estate - Pacific Union
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Debbie Johnston and Lisa Geary recently received the Senior Real Estate Specialist designation, equipping them with special knowledge to manage the sale of a home for the most rapidly growing demographic in Lamorinda - those over age 50. Possessed with the skills and experience to assist with the financial and emotional challenges a client can face when selling a long-held family home, DL Real Estate Advisor's mission is to provide education, support and solutions to transitioning adults. Johnston and Geary are hosting two free seminars at 11 a.m. Feb. 5 and at 10 a.m. Feb. 8 at the Orinda Community Center, Room 8 to help educate the over-50 population about the complex decisions that must be made when considering a move. Seating is limited. To RSVP, call (925) 285-8556 or email Debbie.johnston@pacunion.com.

Moraga employee of the month

After serving in various roles during her eight years at the Moraga Country Club, Christina French was selected as the Moraga Employee of the Month for January by the Moraga Chamber of Commerce and the Rotary Club of Moraga. French, who began her work at the club in 2006, is one of the most popular employees at MCC, originally serving as a hostess in the club's restaurant and working in membership assistance. Currently an accounting manager, she oversees the club's database and photo program. "Christina is one of our most valuable employees who is always ready to chip in when needed and can assist almost of our departments because of her knowledge and her past history with the club," said MCC General Manager Frank Melon. "Everybody here at the club loves dealing with her because she always has a smile on her face and just has great people skills." The Rotary and Chamber will present French with her award, and a gift card to Safeway as well as a gift certificate to Asia Palace Restaurant in Moraga at an upcoming Moraga Rotary luncheon in February.

News from the Chambers of Commerce

Lafayette

Mixer at Town Hall Theatre at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 12, 3535 School St.

"Facebook Content Creation: Easy Steps to Create Engaging Posts" at 8 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 19 at the Lafayette Library and Learning Center.

Entrepreneur's Club at 8:30 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 20 in the chamber conference room.

Ribbon Cutting at Westamerica Bank at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 20 at 3515 Mt. Diablo Blvd.

Coffee with the Mayor at 8 a.m. Friday, Feb. 21 in the chamber conference room

Moraga

First Business Meeting of the year from 7:30 to 9 a.m. Friday, Jan. 31 at the Hacienda de las

Flores. Attendees will have an opportunity to present information about their businesses and hear a presentation about green business.

Ribbon Cutting and Open House at Filice Insurance at 2 p.m. Friday, Feb. 14 at 1150 Moraga Way.

Save the date for the Business Person of the Year award dinner at 6 p.m. Monday, Feb. 24 at the Moraga Country Club. RSVP to Kathe@moragachamber.org; \$25 per person.

Orinda

Save the date for the Live at the Orinda Comedy Night starting at 7 p.m. March 7 at the Orinda Theatre. For tickets and event information, visit Orindachamber.org or call (925) 254-3909.



From left: George Schiller, Christina French, Nora Avelar and Kevin Reneau Photo provided

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