

Acalanes Chapter of Nation Charity League hosts annual Mother-Daughter tea

Submitted by Jocelyn Coolbaugh



Merci Award-winner Ellie Novogradac donated a total of 127.25 hours of charity work.

Members from the National Charity League, Inc., Acalanes Area Chapter gathered at the Orinda Country Club for the annual Mother-Daughter Enchanted Garden Tea to acknowledge overall time contributed

to serving NCL's Mission and its commitment to community service, leadership development and cultural experiences.

The mother and daughter members of the NCL, Inc., Acalanes Area Chapter collectively contributed 6,938.25 hours to various philanthropies nationwide during 2016.

Every year, the league awards a member with the most service hours across the whole chapter with a Merci Award and this year's recipient is Ellie Novogradac. She is a freshman at Head-Royce School in Oakland. She donated a total of 127.25 hours during the year toward philanthropic activities. Ellie enjoys working on projects for the Children's Hospital of Oakland and Foster A Dream. When she isn't busy working on philanthropic efforts, she plays softball and participates in the school jazz ensemble.

The Ticktock class of 2021 chose Special Olympics of Northern California for this year's Tea Philanthropy. Members supported this organization by bringing new basketballs, goggles for the local Sea Serpents swim team and donated \$711.

YMTC's 'The Most Happy Fella'

Submitted by Laura Soble



Lamorindans Jack Melcher, Beatrice Sayed, and Maddie Starbuck (front)

Three Lamorinda youths are currently performing in "The Most Happy Fella," Frank Loesser's classic musical produced by Youth Musical Theater Company. It tells the story of Rosabella, a young woman from San Francisco, who is wooed by Tony, an aging Italian grape farmer from Napa Valley. Their age difference naturally leads to trouble, but love prevails. With a gorgeous score of nearly 40 songs, including "Standing on the Corner" and "Warm All Over," this richly emotional show will warm your heart!

The show runs through July 30 at El Cerrito High School Performing Arts Theater, 540 Ashbury Avenue, El Cerrito. Purchase tickets at www.ymtcbayarea.org or at the door one hour prior to performance.

The young local actors performing in the show are Jack Melcher, Beatrice Sayed, and Maddie Starbuck.

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Girl Scouts spice up Stanley Middle School for Silver Award

Submitted by Julie Gladden



Girl Scout Troop 31664 members, from left, Audrey Passalacqua, Bella Gladden, Sue Applin (teacher) Makalya Pierce and Olivia Anderson completed their Girl Scout Silver Award.

For their Silver Award, four girls who have been involved in Girl Scouts in the Lafayette School District for nine years wanted to build something for their Silver Award that would be used by Stanley Middle School after their departure.

In working with Stanley Middle School's home economics department, the scouts de-

signed and built a portable spice garden.

"I can't wait to integrate this awesome spice garden into our cooking curriculum," said home economics teacher Sue Applin. "I am so grateful to the girls for all of their hard work."

All four girls will continue as scouts in high school.

Troop 200 Scout leads Scotch Broom removal Hornaday project at the Lafayette Reservoir

Submitted by Jack Bayless



From left, Ranger Mike Powers, Sam R., Josh E., Ben A., Paul S., Nick M., Jack B., Declan T., Ian H., Kris B., Ken B., Drew B.

In March, Jack Bayless, a Life Scout with Troop 200 from Lafayette, led a party of youth and adult advisors participating in a major step of his Hornaday conservation project in the removal of Scotch Broom bushes at the Lafayette Reservoir. The conservation project used a number of means to remove and study efficient removal of Scotch Broom. This project now enables rangers to, if necessary, make repairs on the bio deten-

tion area located east of the parking lot.

The team removed over 500 plants with mechanical pullers and other means.

A huge thank you to EBMUD for their support and especially Ranger Mike Powers; BSA Troop 200 William T. Hornaday Advisor, Drew Bassak, Kellye French and Carol Bossard, Ph.D, Saint Mary's College biology professor, for their support in this project.

Keith Katzman is new president of the energenic Moraga Movers

Submitted by Janet Peischel



Keith Katzman

Keith Katzman has been installed as the new president of Moraga Movers, the area's popular organization for adults 55 and above. Katzman's term will extend from June 2017-June 2018.

Moraga Movers is a nonprofit organization dedicated to enriching the Lamorinda community—and the lives of its members. The organization began as a nonprofit, Moraga Hacienda Seniors, in 1975. The group meets monthly for dinner at Saint Mary's College. There are opportunities to join sponsored activities, such as bridge, book reviews, and bocce as well as monthly day trips.

Katzman will be replacing Phil Arth, who served as president for 18 months.

Earlier in the year, Arth had reached out to Katzman about accepting the presidency; Katzman joined the group's monthly board of directors' meetings and became an active participant.

According to Arth: "The difference between Keith's energy level and mine is dramatic, though not surprising. More than two decades separates us. So Moraga Movers will be improving its ride from a 1940 Ford Coupe to a 2017 Tesla Model X. Hold on to your hats!"

Katzman is a longtime member of the Moraga community. His family moved here when he was a child, and it's here where he went to school and graduated from high school. After college, Katzman returned to Moraga, and he received his real estate license in 1984. In the intervening 30-plus years, he has become one of Moraga's top-selling real estate agents. Moraga is where Katzman has chosen to live his life and raise his three kids.

"I'm looking forward to working with the other BOD members to set and meet new goals for Moraga Movers. I've been a member of the group for many years, and I always look forward to the events. It's a chance to relax among old friends and make new ones. I always leave these events with a strong sense of community. This is why I live in Moraga."

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