

NCL recognizes Acalanes Area Chapter's senior class for achievement



Photo Juleen Lapporte

Submitted by Susan Glynn

Members of the National Charity League, Acalanes Area Chapter, Class of 2019, were honored for six years of leadership and service to the community at its Senior Celebration held March 9 at the Diablo Country Club. The National Charity League is a mother-daughter philanthropic organization committed to community service, leadership development and cultural experiences. Over their six years, the class of 2019, along with their mothers, volunteered over 6,500 hours with 33 non-profit organizations across the East Bay. The Bay Area Rescue Mis-

sion, an emergency shelter that provides recovery programs and meals was highlighted and the event raised over \$4,000 for the organization. Members of the Class of 2019 include: bottom row, from left: Caroline Kallgren, Mackenzie Carlin, Sophia Lindgren, Abby Lapporte, Amanda Glynn, Tori Fleming; middle row: Blaire Murphy, Betsy Robison, Savannah DeCarlo, Sara Melohn, Juliette Benazra, Jackie Geannacopulos, Katie Clare, Paige Danforth, Avery Lyon; back row: Zoe Crouch, Christina Crum, Bridgette Schafer, Shae Silva, Maja Moran, Sydney Bagley, Layla Wright, Bri Hoover.

NCL Lamorinda Chapter celebrates seniors



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Submitted by Barbara Gallagher

The Lamorinda Chapter of National Charity League held its Senior Recognition honoring its 21 graduating Tickers March 10 at The Claremont Hotel and Spa. The annual celebration marked the culmination of the girls' six years of participation in the mother-daughter philanthropic organization during which they collectively volunteered over 5,000 hours of service to

the community. Members of the Class of 2019 include (from left, bottom row): Remy Moran, Grace Andronico, Kylie Walker, Anica Zulch, Sydney Yuen, Hannah Brown, Claire Gallagher, Phoebe Chandler, Eloise Engs, Lauren McAninch, Sophia Kosturos, Paige Guidotti, Molly Cronk, Olivia Hubbell, Nicole Huebner, Elsa Clever, Lexi Rowell, Paige Millham, Savannah Sherwood, Caitlin McDonagh and Camille Valvur.

OIS spring performance of 'Footloose' April 25-27



Country Cast and Crew during first day of rehearsal

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Rock Cast and Crew during first day of rehearsal

Submitted by Jeanette Lipp

"Kick off your Sunday shoes" at the Orinda Intermediate School's Bulldog Theater during the musical "Footloose" – one of the most explosive movie musicals in recent memory that will burst onto the live stage with exhilarating results. Uniquely adapted specifically for youth performers, "Footloose" celebrates the wisdom of listening to young people, guiding them with a warm heart and an open mind. To the rockin' rhythm of its Oscar and Tony nominated top 40 score, "Footloose" is augmented with dy-

namic new songs for this fun stage musical. There are three casts, comprising approximately 80 OIS students along with an additional 17 OIS students serving on tech crew. Performances will run April 25-27 at the OIS Bulldog Theater, Thursday and Friday shows at 4:30 and 7:30 p.m. and Saturday at 2 and 5 p.m. The performance lasts approximately 90 minutes, with one intermission. To purchase tickets, visit <https://www.showtix4u.com/events/150>. Tickets are also available at OIS Theater one half hour prior to show times.

Burton Valley 4th Graders advance to NorCal Odyssey of the Mind tournament



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Pictured clockwise from top left: Russell Gehrig, David Gallacher, Jake Solomon, Nate Marek, Tessa Dente, Meher Jeyakrishnan, and Sarah Weaver

Submitted by Emily Kleman

Da Galaxy Penguins, a team of fourth-graders from Burton Valley Elementary, placed second in their division at the regional tournament and advanced to the Northern California Odyssey of the Mind state tournament, where they placed sixth after competing against teams from all over Northern California on March 30 in Santa Rosa. The team of seven students spent months honing their problem-solving

and engineering skills. The culmination of this work was their original presentation, comprised of a story, costumes, props, scenery, and technical elements. The team's presentation required them to make a mechanical creature that underwent multiple changes to hide in plain sight. Their creative story described a child looking for the creature in an alien dreamscape. Coaches Jill Marek and Maura Nicolini coordinated team meetings, but were not permitted to offer suggestions or opinions on the team's ideas.

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In Memory

Frances Jane "Pat" Kessler



On Monday, November 19, 2018, Frances Jane "Pat" Kessler, loving wife and mother of three children, passed away at age 82. Pat was born on February 4, 1936 in Fresno, California to Clarinda and William Phillips. She received her BSN in nursing jointly from UC San Francisco and Berkeley in 1958 and was a practicing nurse specializing in public health newborn care for the County of Alameda for many years. On September 5, 1956 she married John Berthold Kessler in Yosemite National Park. They raised one daughter Ellie, and two sons, Bill and Steve.

Pat was preceded in death by her husband, John. She is survived by her three children and six grandchildren. A Celebration of Life will be held on April 13th at the home of longtime family friend, Barbara Conley. Parking is at El Nido Ranch Road just east of Charles Hill Rd exit. Donations in Pat's name may be made to The Yosemite Conservancy or AAUW STEM program in Auburn CA <https://auburn.ca.aauw.net/>. Please contact Ellie Kessler Vierra for further information at 916-591-8771 or ellieviera@gmail.com.