

## In Memory

### James "Doc" Hale

Oct. 13, 2023



James "Doc" Hale, 72, passed from this earthly plane on Oct. 13 in Walnut Creek after a brief hospice stay.

James was born in Inglewood, CA, but lived most of his life in Contra Costa County. James was a

graduate of Acalanes High School in Lafayette and earned a Masters Degree in Zoology from California State University, San Jose, and was a professor at University of California, Santa Cruz in the Wilderness Studies program. James was a professional vertebrate zoologist / wildlife biologist and worked as a professional ecological consultant for over 47 years throughout California conducting surveys, research, and preparing reports for various agencies. He led many natural and cultural history interpretive field trips, and gave lectures throughout the S.F. Bay Area.

He is survived by his sister Olivia Hale and brother John Hale, and his wife Toby and their three children, Jana, Holly and Heather.

James especially enjoyed hiking the many trails of Mt. Diablo and the East Bay Regional Parks with his many good friends, camping, and was an avid supporter of the local music scene. He will best be remembered for his love of nature and his passion for educating others about the natural world and the indigenous people who were guardians of the land. Contributions can be made to Save Mount Diablo or other wildlife conservation charities.

### 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 200 words) to [storydesk@lamorindaweekly.com](mailto:storydesk@lamorindaweekly.com), and include "Celebrations or Remembrances" in the subject line.

## Campolindo Leo Club continues to support MEF

Submitted by Robert Murtagh



Photo provided

From left: Patricia Davilagil, Secretary, Noori Kwon, Vice President, Principal Peter Alvarez, Bella Straford, President, Kathrine Guy, Teacher Advisor

The Leo Club of Campolindo High School, which has participated in fundraising activities with the Moraga Lions Club, including Fourth of July festivities, the Pear Festival, and Community Service Day, presented a \$1,000 check for the Moraga Education Foundation to Campolindo Principal Pete Alvarez at its October meeting.

The Leo Club presently has 38 members and plans to continue to provide community service throughout the school year to help the visually impaired, homeless, environment, and others in need. This is the 19th year the club has donated to the Moraga Education Foundation.

## Moraga Interact president plans Eagle Scout project in India

Submitted by Nia Ho



Photo provided

Campolindo senior Nia Ho presents Moraga Rotary banner to the Rotary Club of Visakhapatnam, India, which is cooperating with her Eagle Scout project.

Campolindo Senior Nia Ho and her family recently returned from visiting family in India, where she met with the

Rotary Club of Visakhapatnam. Nia is president of the school Interact Club, sponsored by Moraga Rotary, and was

planning her Scout project to earn the Eagle rank. With the Rotary Club in India, Nia visited several school tuition centers where disadvantaged children are educated, and returned with the goal of making videos on a variety of subjects which can be viewed by these students. The content of the videos will be provided by volunteers from Scout Troop 200 in Lafayette, the Campolindo Interact Club, and Rotarians from Moraga and Visakhapatnam. The intent is to grow the students' perspectives on unfamiliar topics, so

the videos will cover topics such as sustainable environmental practices, music of unfamiliar genres such as jazz and classical, and food traditions in other countries. They expect to play the videos at international Rotary meetings. Moraga Rotary, sponsor of the Campolindo Interact Club, is a 56-year-old service club within Rotary International, and meets most Tuesdays at noon at La Finestra restaurant. To inquire about membership, or for further information, check out the website: [moragarotary.org](http://moragarotary.org).

## Kiwanis Contributes to Oakland's Cantare Program

Submitted by Ed Beatson



Photo provided

David Morales, Cantare Artistic Director and Mary Finch, Cantare Executive Director, receive the check from Kiwanis.

The Kiwanis Club of Moraga Valley is proud to contribute to the Cantare Non-Profit Music and Choir Programs, which benefit underserved youth in the East Bay area. Cantare provides weekly classroom music and after-school choir instruction, tuition free, to over 3,000 Oakland Elementary students. In addition, a summer music camp, field trips, and performance opportunities are offered as another part of the Cantare mission of lifting voices and uplifting lives. This contribution is consistent with the Kiwanis motto: Serving the Children of the World.

## LARIG's semi-annual tower cleanup complete

Members of the Lamorinda Area Radio Interest Group participated again in the semi-annual cleanup of the tower where their radio repeater is located. From left: Sandi Gritzer, Matthew Vurek, Todd Gritzer, Gene Tucker, Ray Breslau, Al Archangel, Dan Lamey, Mary Solon, Mike Roemer, Kent Long, and Michael Brown. - S. O'Doherty

Photo Sora O'Doherty



## Community comes together for common good

To make room for new equipment being installed, Saint Mary's College rugby players arrived at the Lafayette Community Center playground on Oct. 26 to load the old playground equipment onto a truck heading for Choice in Aging - a 501(c)(3) non-profit in Pleasant Hill that combines senior living, senior services and a Montessori school on one

campus. Kerex - the contractor retained by the city of Lafayette to perform the reconstruction of the playground - has a 65% recycle requirement in its contract, according to Rand Chritton, who participated in the transfer. "By donating the equipment to Choice in Aging, 100% of the playground equipment has been recycled."

Chritton said the

players showed up on time, worked as a team to move all of the equipment and then traveled to Pleasant Hill where they unloaded the playground structures at the Choice-in-Aging campus. "This is one of those times when a number of individuals and entities come together for a common good," Chritton said. "Everyone, from John Warshaw at

the Lafayette Community Center, the City of Lafayette attorney, Choice-in-Aging, Herc Rentals and the Saint Mary's rugby team worked together to provide playground equipment that will be used by literally hundreds of kids and the seniors that interact with them."

- J. Wake



Photo courtesy Susan Chritton

Tim O'Brien, the head coach of the St. Mary's rugby team, designated Mario Storti (far right) as the lead contact for the Gaels rugby player volunteers.

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