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Need a tax deduction? Donate to the Acalanes Fall Sports Sale, to be held Oct. 3. Contact Sue Thoren at sthoren2@yahoo.com to make a donation of gently used sporting good equipment. Let us take that old tennis racquet, pair of skis, golf clubs, baseball bats, skates, etc. and give you a receipt for charitable donations. Items will help a future generation of athletes try out a new activity and all proceeds support Acalanes High School.

for all. All proceeds benefit Save Mount Diablo's land conservation efforts. Registration cost is \$55.00. To register please visit www.savemountdiablo.org or www.active.com. No Day-of registration.

Evan Gordon of Troop 234 will have a collection bin available to collect donations for deployed soldiers/military personnel as part of his Eagle Scout project (for those interested in donating, DVDs, white socks, chapstick, sunblock, gum, wet wipes, comic books, energy bars, etc. are appreciated).

monthly meetings that provide information, education, support and advocacy for people who suffer from hearing loss. Join us at 7:00 p.m. on first Wednesdays of the month. Walnut Creek United Methodist Church, 1543 Sunnyvale Ave., Walnut Creek; Education Bldg., Wesley Room. Meeting room and parking at back of church. All ages welcome. Donations accepted. Assistive listening system available for T-coils and most meetings are captioned. For more information, visit www.hearinglossdv.org or email HLAADV@hearinglossdv.org.

Please join POISE (Parents of Orinda Individuals in Special Education) for the fall kick-off meeting. Enjoy meeting other parents whose worlds are touched by special education. Listen to Lafayette author Laura Shumaker read from her book, A Regular Guy, and share her insights about raising her children and coping with differences. (See story page 14)
DATE: Thursday, September 17
TIME: 7pm - 9pm
LOCATION: Orinda Books, 276 Village Square, 254-7606
FREE: please RSVP,
Light refreshments will be served
QUESTIONS: Anna Tague, 254-5084, or Joni Binder, 258-9971.

Chinese Cooking - learn to make popular Chinese dishes with simple and easy cooking techniques. In this hands-on class, we'll stir-fry, deep fry, steam and poach our way to Chicken Salad, Wonton Soup, Steamed Fish, Stir-fried Noodles, and much more!
Wednesday, 9/16 6:30pm - 9:30pm at the Lafayette Community Center - \$63. For more information, or to register, please call Lafayette Recreation 284-2232; www.LafayetteRec.org.

September 10th - Green Movie Nights at the Rheem Theater-"Addicted to Plastic." The film is a feature-length documentary about solutions to plastic pollution. The point-of-view style documentary encompasses three years of filming in 12 countries on 5 continents, including two trips to the middle of the Pacific Ocean where plastic debris accumulates. The event will start at 6pm for local wine and food tasting and at 7pm for the film. Rheem Theater, 350 Park St, Moraga. For more information and tickets go to www.sustainablelafayette.net/events/green-rheem.html

Come play cribbage! A new cribbage club is being formed at the Sports Basement in Walnut Creek (1881 Ygnacio Valley Road). We'll play nine games every Monday evening starting at 6:00. The Sports Basement provides snacks, drinks and member discounts. This new club will be affiliated with the American Cribbage Congress (http://cribbage.org). Call (925) 284-3309 for further details.

Girl Power: Lafayette Troops Forming, Interested Girls Invited. Girl Scouts discover the fun, friendship, and power of girls together, and you can be a part of it! Are you interested in learning a sport, sampling the arts, preparing for a career, or pitching a tent? Do you dream of publishing stories online, traveling to exotic locales, or speaking on behalf of girls in Washington, D.C.? In Girl Scouting, you can do it all! It's never too late to join in the fun. New troops are forming at all grade levels, kindergarten through high school. Find out what's happening in Lafayette. Contact: Sandra Patterson, Interim Membership Coordinator, Lafayette Girl Scouts at pattersonburr@earthlink.net, 925-296 9281

Lafayette will host its first Farmers' Market as a trial on three consecutive Thursday evenings this September. The market will be at the Lafayette Plaza Park from 4 - 8 on September 3, 10 and 17th. All produce will come from within a 150 mile radius of Lafayette. This success of this trial will determine whether it opens on a permanent basis next May through October. If possible, please walk or ride your bike. If you would like to volunteer to help at the market, please email Beth at bethferree@comcast.net. If you have ideas or questions about the market, please send them to localfood@sustainablelafayette.net.

September 30th at 6 p.m. Moraga based non-profit Generation Green's Sustainable Contra Costa will host the First Annual Sustainable Contra Costa Awards at the Gardens at Heather Farm in Walnut Creek. Sponsors and nominations (including self-nominations) are still being accepted. For more information please contact: Tina King (925) 944-9776. You can get nomination forms and more information at www.sustainablecoco.org.

GARDEN

Montelindo Club general meeting and speakers, third Friday of the month, September through May. Friday, September 18, Orinda Community Church, #10 Irwin Way, Orinda. Refreshments and plant sale at 9 a.m., meeting at 9:30, speaker at 10:30. The meeting is free and welcomes guests and new members. Web site: http://www.montelindogarden.com, email contact: montelindogarden@aol.com. The September speaker will be Napa Valley native Cynthia Brian, author of "Chicken Soup for the Gardener's Soul." Her topic will be "Digging Deep- Gardening With Cynthia."

CLUBS

Widowed Person's Support Meetings. Saturdays from 10 a.m. to Noon at St. Stephen's Church, 66 St. Stephens Drive, Orinda: September 12, 19, 26, October 3, 10 and 17, 2009. Meetings are informal discussions among the participants of the emotional and practical needs and concerns of the bereaving person. All widowed persons are welcome. For questions call (925) 932-3448.

MORAGA GARDEN CLUB MEETING - SEPTEMBER 17, 2009, 9:30 AM, Holy Trinity Cultural Center, 1700 School St., Moraga. Dr. Gordon Frankie, UC Berkeley Entomologist, and Jaime Pawelek, Research Assistant, will speak on "Native Bees Looking for Urban Real Estate."

Hearing Loss Association of America-Diablo Valley Chapter, a volunteer non-profit organization, has

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Free Brain Gym Introductions for Effective Learning by, September 12, 2 - 3:30pm, 58 Van Ripper Lane, Orinda. Are you a teacher, parent, specialist, OT/PT? Transition Point and Brain Gym bring to the table a playful, effective approach to whole brain integration that can change the course of anyone's learning experience. Learn easy skill building activities effective in organizing, resisting impulses, self-monitoring, stress reduction, reading, writing, concentration, coordination, etc. To RSVP call Pam Whitman (925)253-1223 www.transitionpoint.org.

Muttville's Senior Dog Rescue and Adoption Outreach -Going to the Dogs (and cats) Sunday, September 13 from 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm. Woodhall Clubhouse, 501 Orindawoods Drive, Orinda. The Humane Society will be there with their new van full of kitties for adoption. You can see a "treatless" dog training demonstration, as well as a fashion parade of amazing senior dogs. Silent auction, raffle and refreshments. Admission: \$20 at the door. A ride from Orinda BART is available. RSVP not necessary but appreciated. Claire Nelson (925) 254-5113.

A Grief Recovery Workshop for widows/widowers will be held Sept. 22-Nov. 24, 7-9 pm at the Lafayette-Orinda Presbyterian Church. Fine hope, support and successful ways to process this significant life event. Brochures and more information are available by calling (925) 283-9990, ext. 223.

POLITICALLY MINDED

Friday, 9/11/09: 8th ANNUAL LAFAYETTE FLAG BRIGADE tribute to the 8th Anniversary of Sept. 11, 2001. At Highway 24/EI Curtola Bridge, Lafayette, 3 pm to 8 pm. Activities will include the largest California overpass flag display, updated Wall of Honor, Speakers, Music, Blue Star Moms - postcards for the Troops, Scouts from Troop 234, free commemorative flags for children and a candlelight vigil. Please come show your support. Bring a flag! Boy Scout

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Terzetto Cuisine, 1419 Moraga Way, Mor, 376-3832
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BBQ
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Burger Joint
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Nation's Giant Hamburgers, 400 Park, Mor, 376-8888
Nation's Giant Hamburgers, 76 Moraga Way, Ori, 254-8888
Cafe
Ferrari-Lucca Delicatessens, 23 Lafayette Cir, Laf, 299-8040
Geppetto's cafe, 87 Orinda Way, Ori, 253-9894
Mamounia Express Cafe, 3732 Mt. Diablo Blvd #179, Laf, 299-1372
Rising Loaf, 3643 Mt. Diablo Blvd Ste B, Laf, 284-8816
Susan Food Catering & Cafe, 965 Mt. View Dr., Laf, 299-2469
California Cuisine
Artisan Bistro, 1005 Brown St., Laf, 962-0882
Metro Lafayette, 3524 Mt. Diablo Blvd, Laf, 284-4422
Shelby's, 2 Theatre Sq, Ori, 254-9687
Chinese
Asia Palace Restaurant, 1460 B Moraga Rd, Mor, 376-0809
Chef Chao Restaurant, 343 Rheem Blvd, Mor, 376-1740
China Moon Restaurant, 380 Park St, Mor, 376-1828
The Great Wall Rest., 3500 Golden Gate Way, 284-3500
Hsiang's Mandarin Cuisine, 1 Orinda Way # 1, Ori, 293-9852
Lily's House, 3555 Mt. Diablo Blvd #A, Laf, 284-7569
Mandarin Flower, 581 Moraga Rd, Mor, 376-7839
Panda Express, 3608 Mt. Diablo Blvd, Laf, 962-0288
Szechwan Chinese Restaurant, 79 Orinda Way, Ori, 254-2020
Uncle Yu's Szechuan, 999 Oak Hill Rd, Laf, 283-1688
Yan's Restaurant, 3444 Mt. Diablo Blvd, Laf, 284-2228
Coffee Shop
Millie's Kitchen, 1018 Oak Hill Rd #A, Laf, 283-2397
Squirrel's Coffee Shop, 998 Moraga Rd, Laf, 284-7830
Village Inn Cafe, 204 Village Square, Ori, 254-6080
Continental
Petar's Restaurant, 32 Lafayette Cir, Laf, 284-7117
Vino Restaurant, 3531 Plaza Way, Laf, 284-1330
Duck Club Restaurant, 3287 Mt. Diablo Blvd, Laf, 283-7108
French
Chevalier Restaurant, 960 Moraga Road, Laf, 385-0793
Hawaiian Grill
Lava Pit, 2 Theatre Square, St. 142, Ori, 253-1338
Indian
Swad Indian Cuisine, 3602 Mt. Diablo Blvd, Laf, 962-9575
Italian
Giardino, 3406 Mt. Diablo Blvd, Laf, 283-3869
Knox Restaurant, Lounge, 3576 Mt. Diablo Blvd, Laf, 284-5225
La Finestra Ristorante, 100 Lafayette Cir, #101, Laf, 284-5282
La Piazza, 15 Moraga Way, Ori, 253-9191
Mangia Ristorante Pizzeria, 975 Moraga Rd, Laf, 284-3081
Michael's, 1375 Moraga Way, Mor, 376-4300
Mondello's, 337 Rheem Blvd, Mor, 376-2533
Pizza Antica, 3600 Mt. Diablo Blvd, Laf, 299-0500
Pizzeria Ammorora Rest., 65 Moraga Way, Ori, 253-7662
Postino, 3565 Mt. Diablo Blvd, Laf, 299-8700
Ristorante Ammorora, 360 Park St, Mor, 377-7662
Japanese
Asia Palace Sushi Bar, 1460 B Moraga Rd, Mor, 376-0809
Blue Ginko, 3518-A Mt. Diablo Blvd, Laf, 962-9020
Kane Sushi, 3474 Mt. Diablo Blvd, Laf, 284-9709
Kirin Sushi, 356 Park Street, Mor, 376-2872
Niwa Restaurant, 1 Camino Sobrante # 6, Ori, 254-1606
Serika Restaurant, 2 Theatre Sq # 118, Ori, 254-7088
Yu Sushi, 19 Moraga Way, Ori, 253-8399
Mediterranean
Petra Cafe, 2 Theatre Sq # 105, Ori, 254-5290
Oasis Cafe, 3594 Mt. Diablo Blvd, Laf, 299-8822
Turquoise Mediterranean Grill, 70 Moraga Way, Ori, 253-2004
Mexican
360 Gourmet Burrito, 3655 Mt. Diablo Blvd, Laf, 299-1270
Casa Gourmet Burrito, 3322 Mt. Diablo Blvd, Laf, 284-4415
El Charro Mexican Dining, 3339 Mt. Diablo Blvd, Laf, 283-2345
El Jaro Mexican Cafe, 3563 Mt. Diablo Blvd, Laf, 283-6639
La Cocina Mexicana, 23 Orinda Way, Ori, 258-9987
Mucho wraps, 1375-B Moraga Way, Mor, 377-1203
Baja Fresh Mexican Grill, 3596 Mt. Diablo Blvd, Laf, 283-8740
Celia's Restaurant, 3666 Mt. Diablo Blvd, Laf, 283-8288
El Balazo, 3518 Mt. Diablo Blvd, Laf, 284-8700
Maya Mexican Grill, 74 Moraga Way, Ori, 258-9049
Numero Uno Taqueria, 3616 Mt. Diablo Blvd, Laf, 299-1333
Pizza
Mountain Mike's Pizza, 3614 Mt. Diablo Blvd, Laf, 283-6363
Mountain Mike's Pizza, 504 Center St, Mor, 377-6453
Pennini's, 1375 Moraga Rd, Mor, 376-1515
Round Table Pizza, 361 Rheem Blvd, Mor, 376-1411
Round Table Pizza, 3637 Mt. Diablo Blvd, Laf, 283-0404
Village Pizza, 19 Orinda Way # Ab, Ori, 254-1200
Zamboni's Pizza, 1 Camino Sobrante # 4, Ori, 254-2800
Sandwiches/Deli
Bianca's Deli, 1480 Moraga Rd # A, Mor, 376-4400
Europa Hofbrau Deli & Pub, 64 Moraga Way, Ori, 254-7202
Kasper's Hot Dogs, 103 Moraga Way, Ori, 253-0766
Noah's Bagels, 3518 Mt. Diablo Blvd, Laf, 299-0716
Orinda Deli, 19 F Orinda Way, Ori, 254-1990
Subway, 396 Park St., Mor, 376-2959
Subway, 3322 Mt. Diablo Blvd #B, Laf, 284-2627
Subway, Theatre Square, Ori, 258-0470
Seafood
Yankee Pier, 3593 Mt. Diablo Blvd, Laf, 283-4100
Singapore/Malaysian
Koptiam, 3647 Mt. Diablo Blvd, Laf, 299-1653
Steak
Casa Orinda, 20 Bryant Way, Ori, 254-2981
Tea
Patisserie Lafayette, 71 Lafayette Cir, Laf, 283-2226
Tea Party by Appointment, 107 Orinda Way, Ori, 254-2206
Thai
Amarin Thai Cuisine, 3555 Mt. Diablo Blvd #B, Laf, 283-8883
Baun Thai, 99 Orinda Way, Ori, 253-0989
Royal Siam, 512 Center Street, Mor, 377-0420
Siam Orchid, 23 Orinda Way # F, Ori, 253-1975
Vietnamese
Little Hearty Noodle, Pho & Pasta, 78 Center St, Mor, 376-7600

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