

## Not to be missed

### OTHER

**Serbian Food Festival, Saturday, October 23, 12-10pm.** Featuring authentic Serbian cuisine and pastries, live Serbian music and dancing. Holy Trinity Cultural Center, 1700 School Street, Moraga. (925) 376-5982.

**Las Trampas, Inc. is a non-profit organization** serving adults with developmental disabilities in the East Bay. We are having our 1st annual "Walk n' Roll" on Saturday October 23 from 8:30am-12noon. This family friendly event is a 1mile or 5K walk/roll or run on the beautiful Lafayette-Moraga Trail. Fee is \$25 per person and includes: t-shirt, gift, refreshment and live entertainment. Register at [www.active.com](http://www.active.com). For more information visit our website at [www.lastrampas.org](http://www.lastrampas.org).

**Join Lafayette Historical Society** on Tues, Oct. 26 for a special guided tour of the Suisun museum, and for a ride on an interurban car, over five miles of restored Sacramento Northern Railway tracks. Bring lunch to enjoy in the museum's picnic area. Meet at 9:45am in front of Whole Foods store to catch the bus, which departs at 10 a.m. and will return around 3pm. \$25 for members, \$35 for non-members. Please send check made out to: LHS, P.O. Box 133, Lafayette, CA 94549. For more information, call (925) 283-1848.

**The Lafayette Reservoir Run** will take place on Sunday, October 31. This race is a "family affair," involving kids, parents, grandparents, and hundreds of serious runners from throughout the Bay Area. 2200-2500 participants compete in a 10k, 5k or 2 mile race through the heart of the downtown, around the reservoir and back. Sprinters, walkers, the "stroller brigade" and many of Lafayette's top four legged residents share the streets on that festive Sunday morning. For more info or to register: Phone: (925) 284-7404, Email: [info@lafayettechamber.org](mailto:info@lafayettechamber.org), Website: [www.lafayettechamber.org](http://www.lafayettechamber.org).

**Do you like working with people?** Are you good with numbers? Contra Costa County AARP Tax-Aide is looking for volunteers to become members of a team providing free tax preparation for individuals of all ages. Volunteers are trained by Tax-Aide and become IRS Certified tax counselors. Other volunteer positions are available. If interested, call LaVerne Gordon, District Coordinator, at (925)405-5135 for information and to apply. Orientation is in November 2010 and classes for tax counselors start in January 2011.

**Our Savior's will host Lara Mendel, Co-Founder** of the Mosaic Project, on Saturday, October 30 at 7pm for a discussion on cultural diversity in our changing world where stereotypes survive because we have little or no exposure to those different from ourselves. The community is invited to come to this free event. Wine and tapas will be served before the program. Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 1035 Carol Lane, Lafayette. (925) 283-3722.

**The Lafayette Garden Club is happy** to announce that grant applications are currently being accepted for funds generated by the 2010 Gardens for Gardeners Tour. Proceeds from this fundraiser have been designated to benefit area schools and Lafayette Seniors' garden education projects. Approximately \$8,000 will be available for distribution. The Lafayette Garden Club is a non-profit, volunteer organization which strives to stimulate the knowledge and love of gardening, to encourage home and community beautification, to improve the knowledge of horticulture and to encourage civic planting and conservation programs. Grant applications should be consistent with the club's objectives. For more information or a grant application please contact: Janet Tittiger: (925) 284-2380 or [janet.t@comcast.net](mailto:janet.t@comcast.net).

**Xenophon, the Therapeutic Riding Center in Orinda,** invites you to a lovely event on Saturday, October 23 at 4pm at the Orinda Community Church Fellowship Hall at 10 Irwin Way in Orinda. Food, music, and wine to benefit Xenophon. For RSVP and more info check the Xenophon website at [www.xenophontc.org](http://www.xenophontc.org).

**Lamorinda Adult Respite Center (LARC)** sponsors a free Caregiver Support Group the first and third Tuesdays of each month. Facilitated by Dr. Ruth, this group offers education, guidance and hope for those caring for loved ones who suffer from memory loss disorders. Lamorinda Adult Respite Center, 433 Moraga Way, Orinda, CA 94563. (925) 254-3465. Everyone is welcome!

**Lamorinda Adult Respite Center (LARC)** is sponsoring a free Transfer Training: open to all, Friday, November 5, 9-11am, and Monday, November 8, 6-8pm. It's important to learn how to safely transfer those persons needing extra assistance moving from sitting to standing, standing to lying, moving into and out of cars, and other transfer challenges. 433 Moraga Way, Orinda.

**Empowerment of Women Forum.** When: Tuesday, October 19 Time: 5:30 -7pm. Where: Lafayette Library & Learning

Center Community Hall. This forum is designed to appeal to a variety of women. We will feature a panel of working women, from both the profit and non-profit sectors, who will share their career stories with us. This forum will offer something for the current working woman as well as the woman who is looking to get back into the workforce. Come and enjoy an evening of shared experience. Information: Barbara Gilmore, (925) 284-7404. [Barbara@lafayettechamber.org](mailto:Barbara@lafayettechamber.org) Sponsored By: Mechanics Bank, Lafayette Library and Learning Center, Lafayette Chamber of Commerce.

### POLITICAL GATHERINGS

**On Tuesday, Oct. 19th the Lamorinda Branch of AAUW** will sponsor a meeting at the Serbian Orthodox Church, 1700 School St., Moraga starting at 9:30am to inform ourselves and the public on the issues raised by the nine initiatives on the ballot. Members and guests will be randomly seated at round tables, each of which is provided with materials from the League of Women Voters and other non-partisan sources concerning a single ballot measure. At the end of the discussions each table will report its observations and viewpoints to the entire group. General materials on all of the ballot measures will also be available. This meeting is free and open to the public.

### OPPORTUNITIES

**The American Cancer Society** is looking for committee volunteers to help bring Relay For Life to the city of Lafayette for the first time. Relay For Life is a fun-filled, overnight event that mobilizes communities throughout the country to celebrate survivors (anyone who has ever been diagnosed with cancer), remember loved ones and raise money for the fight against cancer. Committee volunteers are needed to help organize and recruit teams, seek community support, coordinate logistics, find refreshments, plan entertainment, and lend their support in a number of ways. If you're interested in volunteering or learning more about Relay For Life, please contact Karen Faber at [Lafayette.Relayforlife@gmail.com](mailto:Lafayette.Relayforlife@gmail.com), or call (925) 232-1101.

**Campolindo Orchestra's Rent-A-Student** program has been launched in Lamorinda. Students will be doing odd jobs, like Babysitting, Petsitting, Home Repairs, Painting, Cleaning, Gardening, Tutoring, etc.. Funds earned will be used to help send Campo's String Orchestra to China, having been invited by the Chinese Ministry of Culture and the International Arts Institute to perform in Beijing in the spring. Call 925-360-9635 and they will send a

student with the skills you need at the time requested. For more info, visit website [www.campomusic.com](http://www.campomusic.com).

### CLUBS

**The Moraga Garden Club meets** at 9:30 a.m. on the third Thursdays monthly through May. On October 21, join us for a program on how to combine edible plants, ornamental plants, native plants, sustainable practices and your favorite "art style" in your personal garden by Shelley Somerset, a member of the Association of Professional Landscape Designers. Location: Holy Trinity Cultural Center, 1700 School St., Moraga. Membership: Linda (925) 376-2809.

**Montelindos Garden Club meetings** and speakers are every third Friday of the month, September through May. Located at the Orinda Community Church, 10 Irwin Way, Orinda. Refreshments and plant sale will be at 9am, and meetings at 9:30. The meeting is free and welcomes guests and new members. Friday, October 15, Julia Lojo, owner of Bloomies, an Oakland/Rockridge florist shop, will speak about "Decorating from your Garden."

**The Moraga Women's Society** will meet on Monday, October 18th at 9:30am at the Holy Trinity Cultural Center, 1700 School Street, Moraga. The speaker will be Dale Walwark, a resident of Moraga and member of the Kiwanis Club. His presentation will be of his trip to Turkey. Visitors are welcome. Contact Judy Butler, President, (925) 372-7760.

**The Suburban Woman's Club of Lafayette** is holding their next meeting on Oct 21 at the Lafayette Community Center in the Elderberry Room at 11:30am. Lunch is provided by the members and we invite all women over the age of 55 to join us. The speaker this month will be someone from PG&E who should give us some interesting information about the company in light of recent events. The Club meets on the 3rd Thursday of the month. For further information on the club and our activities contact Jean Cappa at [Jeane43821@aol.com](mailto:Jeane43821@aol.com) or please join us at the next meeting.

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