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Community Service

We are pleased to make space available whenever possible for some of Lamorinda's dedicated community service organizations to submit news and information about their activities. Submissions can be sent to storydesk@lamorindaweekly.com with the subject header In Service to the Community.

Campolindo Leo Club's New Officers

Submitted by Bob Murtagh



From left: Campolindo teacher Lisa Herzig (Leo Advisor), Brenna Williams, Elodie Kwan, and Immediate Past President Lynn Hsu Photo provided

past District Leo Coordinator, swore in new Campolindo Leo Club President Elodie Kwan and new Vice President Brenna Williams.

The Campolindo Leo Club is a service club comprised of students and provides approximately 500 hours of community service to Moraga and the surrounding area. In addition to supporting the Moraga Lions Club at various fundraisers, the club provides manpower for the 4th of July celebration, Breakfast with Santa, and the recent triathlon. Through fundraising activities, the club has donated \$250 annually to the Moraga Education Foundation.

The Leo Club also collects and cleans eye glasses which are then recycled to third world countries.

Town Manager Updates Moraga Movers

Submitted by George Fisher



Jill Keimach

Photo provided

Jill Keimach, Moraga's Town Manager, gave a very informative talk about Moraga, its challenges and successes, at the Moraga Movers dinner June 13 at the Soda Center.

She elaborated on her definition of "minimal government" which means lower taxes with more efficiency that she, as a manager, can utilize to insure that her staff is accountable for what they do.

Minimum government doesn't mean lower expectations. It means keeping your expectations high, keeping your service level high, and not having bureaucracy. Her definition of bureaucracy is when you work for an organization, disappear, and not have accountability. There are no secretaries in the Town Office.

With pride, Keimach pointed out that Moraga's cost per capita for town government is \$384, considerably lower than the surrounding communities, and much lower than Piedmont's \$1857 (Piedmont is smaller than Moraga!)

Keimach gave the Movers a detailed analysis about five potential sites for a Community Meeting Room and Council Chambers, plans

for the Hacienda, and road conditions. Do we want to pay \$4 a square yard soon to fix our neighborhood roads or pay \$33 as is presently faced in Orinda?

The 5 sites considered for the Community Meeting Room/Council Chambers were 329 Rheem, the Library, LaSala, the Casita, and JM. The Council will consider later this month adding a six-foot extension to the second floor at 329 Rheem creating a room to accommodate 100 people. The projected cost is \$170M which would be the same cost of staying at JM for 10 years.

The evening ended with a spirited number of questions which were very capably handled. In a straw vote concerning our road conditions the majority of Movers opted for a general bond issue as opposed to a neighborhood benefit assessment tax. In the coming months there will be many facts presented to our citizens to help them decide the best course for our town.

The Moraga Movers welcomes all active adults age 55+. For more information go to www.morag-movers.org.

Racing for a Miracle

Submitted by Mary Sue Erickson



David, Mary Sue and John Erickson of Lafayette Ace Hardware

Photo provided

Lafayette Ace Hardware became a pit stop for the No.9 Stanley Ford Fusion Race Car on Wednesday, June 22. The car made a special appearance at the store, in conjunction with Ace's "Racing for a Miracle" fundraising campaign. With the help of our loyal customers, and other dealers in the area, over \$9,000 was raised for Oakland Children's Hospital. In addition Ace Foundation donated another \$25,000 on June 23

to help this local hospital. This is a fundraising partnership between Ace Hardware, Children's Miracle Network Hospitals and Stanley Tools. The mission of the unique partnership is to drive awareness for saving and improving the lives of children.

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