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Book Sale: Friends of Orinda Library. Inexpensive, gently used books for all ages and interests on sale, Thurs. Feb 2, 10am-1pm at the Sorting Room and Book Shop located at the Library, 26 Orinda Way, Orinda.

Creating a Peaceful School Conference on Saturday, February 4, 8:30am-3:30pm at Acalanes High School, 1200 Pleasant Hill Road, Lafayette. The Mt. Diablo Peace and Justice Center in Walnut Creek is sponsoring an innovative and inspiring all-day conference for anyone who works with young people in middle and high school: Teachers, Administrators, Classroom aides, School personnel, After-school program providers. Registration is \$35 -lunch is included. Five instructional hours of Continuing Education Credit (.5 CEU) are available through St. Mary's College for \$25. Details are available at www.mtdpc.org.

Women's Heart Health Month: The month of February is designated by the National Institutes of Health and the American Heart Association as a time of awareness and action in behalf of women's heart health. Orinda Community Church will have a presentation following worship with information about heart health, and in particular as it pertains to women. Sunday, February 5 at 11:30am; 10 Irwin Way, Orinda.

If you are thinking about getting your first puppy or have concerns about taking care of an ill or aged family dog, you are invited to attend a free and informative Canine CPR Class on Thursday, February 9, 6:30-8pm at Aegis of Moraga, 950 Country Club Dr in Moraga. Instructor Ron VanderHeiden, who has been a first aid/CPR instructor for over 20 years will provide a free, hands-on CPR class with a life-size dog mannequin. Perfect for all ages, it will only take 40 minutes. Please RSVP to andice.moses@aegisliving.com or call (925) 377-7900.

Orinda Community Foundation celebrates its 2nd birthday with a party on Wednesday, February 29 at 5pm in Orinda Library Gallery. We are pleased to announce that over \$30,000 were given out in community grants this past year. All grant recipients and the community are invited to attend the event.

Girl Scouts 100th Birthday Dance at the Veterans Memorial Building -- Monday, March 12, 5:45-7:30pm; Lafayette Girl Scouts K-12 and Lafayette Girl Scout Alumnae. Enjoy an evening of dancing, pizza, cupcake decorating, singing. Witness the proclamations from City of Lafayette and Contra Costa County Supervisors. Countdown to 7:12pm with a candle ceremony commemorating when Juliette Low started her first troop. \$5 by February 9th. Hair care products will be collected to benefit the Bay Area Crisis Nursery. Go to www.lafayettegirlscouts.org for registration.

Twirl, chat, and tap your feet to the beat at the weekly Social for all-level, all-style dancers, music lovers, and observers Wednesdays, 12:30-2:50pm, at Lafayette Community Center located at 500 St. Mary's Road. The event, with

continuous, professionally recorded music, is held in the big, bright Live Oak Room. On the first Wednesday of each month, professional dance duo Karen and Michael give lessons. A map, additional Dance Social details, and any upcoming skip dates are posted at: sites.google.com/site/lafayetteadance. \$2 for members of Lafayette Senior Center, \$4 for non-members. Just \$10 yearly to join the Center, and enjoy the complete range of activities.

FUNDRAISING EVENTS

On February 4 at 7pm there will be a "Love for Ryan" concert featuring Shawn McDonald and Paul Johnson to benefit Ryan Buchanan. The event will take place at Creekside Community Church in Alamo CA. All proceeds from this event go direct to the Ryan Buchanan Trust Fund. Buy tickets at www.ryan-buchanan.org.

Soroptimist International of 24-680's annual Crab Feed & Silent Auction will be on Saturday, February 11, at the Lower Court of Oakwood Athletic Club. Tickets: \$40 each. For tickets and information: (925) 285-7797, si24-680@soroptimist.net, www.soroptimist24-680.org.

Kiwanis Club of Moraga Valley 12th annual Crab Feed, February 18th at St Mary's College Soda Center. Silent Auction, Dancing, 6pm Cocktails, 7pm Dinner, \$50 ticket price. For tickets contact Ed Beatson @ (925) 376-3201. All proceeds benefit local charities for children.

Crab Feed & Dance, Saturday, February 25, 6-11pm Holy Trinity Cultural Center, 1700 School Street, Moraga. Bring your appetites & dancing shoes. Music provided by popular DJ. Dinner & Dance \$37.50; Dance only \$10. For non-crab lovers: Chicken available by special advance order request. Dinner tickets MUST be purchased in advance. For info & reservations call (925) 672-6799.

SMC Guild's Bridge & Bunco, Thursday, Feb 23, 9:30am-2pm, Saint Mary's College, Soda Center. Fundraiser for student scholarships. \$32 per person-includes luncheon. Please call (925) 376-4339 for info and reservations.

St. Mary's College Guild's Irish Cultural Night - Friday, March 2, 6-10pm at the Soda Center on St. Mary's College Campus. An evening of food, music, singing and dancing in the Irish Style. Reservation be accepted until February 28. The evening is \$40/per person. Please make checks out to St. Mary's College Guild and mail to Pat Wiegmann, 39 Carr Drive, Moraga, CA 94556. For more information, please contact Pat at (925) 376-6088.

Lovers of laughter will have the opportunity to enjoy a champagne-filled night of comedy at the landmark Orinda Theatre on Friday, March 2nd. "Live at the Orinda" comedy night will start at 6:45pm with a lobby reception featuring full no host bars. Performances will begin at 7:30pm. Master of Ceremonies, local favorite Michael Fender will sing, entertain and introduce each comedian. This year's slate features Kabir Singh (Kabeezy), Dan St. Paul, Johnny Steele and the head-

liner-political comic Will Durst. Discounted performance tickets at \$35.00 may be reserved in advance until March 1st using a major credit card at the Orinda Chamber of Commerce web site, www.orindachamber.org or at First Republic Bank, 224 Brookwood Road. Tickets at the door (if available) will be \$40.00 per person.

CLUBS

The Orinda Woman's Club is currently accepting applicants for its major beneficiary awards in 2012 Appropriate applying agencies must be non-profit 501 (c), serving women and children in need, be Alameda and /or Contra Costa County based and have an annual income of less than \$1,000,000. Application forms can be acquired from Adeline McClatchie, Beneficiary Chair at (925) 254 1162 or Adeline@mcclatchie.com. The deadline is March 5th 2012, 7pm.

AAUW/OML February Meeting to Focus on State Budget. The public is invited to the Tuesday, February 21st meeting at 9:30am to experience the California Budget Challenge. Assemblyperson Nancy Skinner will host the program developed by Next10 org. Attendees will be provided with response clickers that will tally the groups' "votes" about how much to spend on schools, prisons, the environment and other state programs, as well as make choices to reduce state expenses. Socializing from 9-9:45am followed by the Next Ten budget presentation and discussion. The meeting will be held at the Holy Trinity Serbian Orthodox Church Cultural Center, 1700 School Street, Moraga.

Lamorinda Toastmasters provides a mutually supportive and positive learning environment where members develop communication and leadership skills, improving self-confidence and personal growth. We meet every Tuesday at 7:30pm - 9pm at Temple Isaiah, 3800 Mt. Diablo Blvd, Lafayette. See our web-site: http://lamorinda.freetoasthost.net/

GARDEN

Montelindo Garden Club. On Friday, February 17, 2012 Garth Jacober, owner of Mt. Diablo Nursery in Lafayette, will speak on Camellias. Mr. Jacober is a master gardner and Camellia expert. He has worked in gardening and landscaping for over thirty years. The program is held at 10:30am with a social hour before. The event is held at the Orinda Community Church, 10 Irwin Way, Orinda and the public is cordially invited.

Registration for the Eighth Annual Bringing Back the Natives Garden Tour, which will take place on Sunday, May 6, 2012 from 10 to 5, is now open. This free, award-winning tour features 45 Alameda and Contra Costa county gardens that are pesticide-free, conserve water, provide habitat for wildlife, and contain 60% or more native plants. Included in the Tour are 5 Lamorinda garden, two of them new additions. This self-drive tour showcases a variety of gardens, from large parcels in the hills to small lots in the flats. Native plant sales and talks are offered at select gardens. Volunteers are needed. Please register or volunteer at http://www.bringingbackthenatives.net/.

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Orinda Theatre
February 15th, 2012, 6:30PM
Q & A with Margaret O'Brien
Special Screening in Honor of Oscar Winner Margaret O'Brien: **LITTLE WOMEN**
Movie: 6:30PM - 8:30PM

Rheem Theatre
February 3rd, 7 PM
Big Band Ball Room Dance/Show with the Rossmoor Big Band
Come swing with your friends and neighbors or just watch the show!

14th Annual California Independent Film Festival, Feb 10th - Feb 16th, 2012
Become a member of CAIFF to receive free & discount movie tickets at Lamorinda Theatres! www.caiff.org

February 10th, 2012, 5:30PM
Opening Night Movie and Reception at California Independent Film Festival
Monsieur Lazhar
2012 Oscar Nominee
Best Foreign Language Film
Canada Best Foreign Language Film
• Toronto International Film Festival 2011 Winner - Best Canadian Feature Film
• Official Selection - Sundance Film Festival 2012

February 10th, 2012, 9:30PM
Q & A with Jon Gries
Five Time Champion
Movie: 9:30PM

February 11th, 2012, 6:00PM
Q & A with Burt Young
Special Screening in Honor of Oscar Nominee Burt Young: **ROCKY**
VIP Reception: 6:00PM, Movie: 7PM - 10:30PM

February 16th, 2012, 6:30PM
Closing Night with Margaret O'Brien
Meet Me in St. Louis followed by Q & A with Margaret O'Brien

Check www.lamorindatheatres.com for all movie listings