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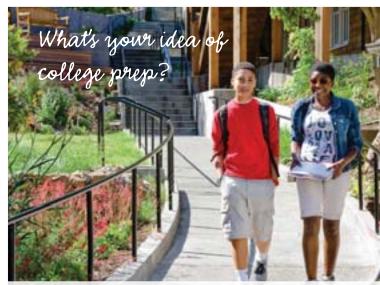
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Community Service

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.

Two Orinda Residents Honored at Contra Costa Council Philanthropy Awards

Submitted by Molly Walker



Photos Robert Temple Photography



Council's 2012 Contra Costa Philanthropy Awards breakfast cele- Martinez in 1993, moving to its bration Nov. 8 at the Crowne present location in Orinda in Plaza Hotel in Concord to honor 1996. Serving Alameda and Coneight award recipients, including tra Costa counties, the center of-Orinda residents Kay Aaker and Judy Lazarus.

Aaker, who was awarded Outstanding Volunteer of the Year, has been volunteering with Hospice of the East Bay over the past the instructor. Through 18 years 28 years, clocking more than 750 volunteer hours since 2004. A retired grade school teacher for instructors, a licensed physical over 40 years, she has also volunteered for Meals on Wheels, Caring Hands at John Muir Hospital dents each week, with a wait-list and the American Cancer Society. for services. More than 120 vol-"She positively and creatively im- unteers work at the center weekly, pacts at least one other person's including many teens whom Judy life every day, and she does it has recruited from area high with dignity, grace and style," noted the Council at this year's event. Last year, Aaker earned an awards breakfast program at 8 award from the Culture to Culture p.m. Thursday, Nov. 22 and Mon-Foundation for extraordinary vol- day, Nov. 26. For more informauntary service within Contra tion about the Contra Costa Costa County.

Lazarus, who was presented council.com.

ore than 310 people at- with the Lifetime Achievement tended the Contra Costa Award, founded the Xenophon Therapeutic Riding Center in fers therapeutic horseback riding for children with disabilities. She started the program at a borrowed barn on borrowed horses, with only two students and herself as of commitment and energy, the center now has seven part-time therapist and five program-owned therapy horses. It serves 48 stu-

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Kiwanis Installs 2012-13 Officers

Submitted by Stan Holcenberg



Kiwanis Lt. Governor Cherice Gilliam installs 2012-13 officers, from left: Secretary Mike Metcalf, 2nd Vice President Gloria Eive, Treasurer Barbara Van Sickle, and President Graig Crossley. Not pictured - 1st Vice President Jason Evans.

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California-Nevadaiwanis Hawaii Division 26 Lt. Governor, Cherice Gilliam, conducted the installation of the officers and board members at the Kiwanis Club of Moraga Valley's annual Installation Dinner Sept. 27. The master of ceremonies was early Kiwanis Club of Moraga Valley member, and 1999 Moraga Citizen of the Year, Dan

Graig Crossley, current Hacienda Foundation president and former Moraga mayor, was installed as president. Other officers include 1st Vice President Jason Evans, 2nd Vice President Gloria Eive, Secretary Mike served in many other government and Metcalf, Treasurer Barbara Van Sickle, and Past President Karen

Mike Metcalf was presented with the 2011-12 Kiwanian of the Year award by last year's winner, Bob Reynolds. The award is given to an individual who is very active in the club's fundraising and service projects, and who fosters the efforts of Kiwanis in the community. Metcalf has been club secretary for many years. In addition, he has served as mayor of Moraga twice, been on the Moraga Planning Commission, and has

community service organizations.

Many Kiwanis members are very involved in town activities. During the holiday season each year, members manage a See's Candy store in the Rheem Valley Shopping Center, and they recently participated in the building of the Rancho Laguna Park play structure. The local Kiwanis Club contributes a significant amount of money each year for scholarships and to local agencies that focus on improving the lives of children.

NCL Shares High Tea with Moraga **Royal Residents**

Submitted by Grace Southwick



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and Annie. The annual tradition and treats as well as wonderful conversation Nov. 4 at the Moraga Royal asis a special opportunity for the teens sisted living facility. Following high to spend time with their Moraga tea, the residents enjoyed a perform-Royal neighbors. The National Charance and a sing along with songs ity League is a mother daughter philfinger sandwiches, scones, sweet from the musicals Guys and Dolls anthropic organization.

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