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Al and Annie Hyman of Orinda recently used their senior discount card at Table 24. Photo Victor Ivry

New Senior Discount Card Supported by Nearly Three Dozen Merchants

1550 Viader Drive, Moraga
 (925) 376-9900

More than 3,000 free 2013-14 Lamorinda Senior Discount Cards from Senior Helpers of Contra Costa are being distributed to seniors through local senior centers, senior organizations and senior living facilities, and will be available at all participating merchants. The cards entitle local seniors to discounts of 10-20 percent at 35 select restaurants, hair salons, auto repair shops and other Lamorinda and Walnut Creek businesses, including Elite Hair & Skin, Minuteman Press, Back to the Table Cooking School, The Nut Factory, New Delhi Bistro, Michael's Ristorante Italiano, Moraga Jewelers, Mountain Mike's Pizza, Table 24, Shelby's Restaurant, Orinda Motors Inc., and Hilton House. The cards are also available at the Senior Helpers offices at 1550 Viader Drive in Moraga. For more information, contact Kevin Reneau at (925) 376-9900. The card is sponsored by Senior Helpers, an in-home care provider for seniors which allows the elderly to remain independent and safe in their homes.

January Employee of the Month

Brandy Ford, a customer service officer for Mechanics Bank for the past six years, has been named the January Moraga Employee of the Month, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Moraga and the Chamber of Commerce. Ford has developed a large group of dedicated clients who enjoy her bright smile and positive attitude. She also manages the branch tellers and serves as the office operations manager when manager Grant Shoaf is away. In addition to her work duties, she volunteers with the Moraga Park Foundation, the Hacienda Foundation and is a member of the Moraga Kiwanis. The Rotary and Chamber awarded Ford a \$50 gift card to Safeway as well as a \$50 gift certificate to Terzetto Cuisine in Moraga.

New Addition to CM Commercial

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CM Commercial Real Estate announced the newest addition to the CM Commercial Team, Arabella Ablaza, who specializes in leasing office property exclusively on behalf of institutional, corporations and private owners in the East Bay market. Prior to CM Commercial, Ablaza held a position as a leasing agent for a commercial property management company.

News from the three Chambers of Commerce

Lafayette

Dinner for the 2013 Business Person of the Year, Colleen McCormick of Lamorinda Music, and State of the City Address & Celebration at 6 p.m. Friday, Feb. 1, Lafayette Park Hotel & Spa, 3287 Mt. Diablo Blvd. Reservations required.

Joint February Mixer with the Moraga Chamber of Commerce from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 13 at Itrim, 975 Moraga Rd., Lafayette.

Moraga

Dinner for the 2013 Business Person of the Year Bill Snider of Moraga Hardware and Across the Way at 7 p.m. Feb. 26 at the Moraga Country Club. The dinner is sponsored by Union Bank.

Orinda

This year's Orinda's Small Business Winner is Flying A Gasoline. Winners are chosen with three points of distinction: A successful small business not part of a large chain; a good emissary from the business community to the community at large; and one that displays a positive attitude toward and engages with the Chamber of Commerce.

Orinda In-Home Business Owners Reception

The first Orinda In-Home Business Owners Reception will be held from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Feb. 5 at Citibank, 37

Orinda Way in Orinda. "This is the first time we are focusing on business people who work from their home," said Sue Breedlove, former chamber president. "It is a new year and we want to involve different kinds of people, getting to know them, understand what they need and hear their ideas about moving businesses forward in Orinda." The chamber is partnering with Rotary for outreach and with Citibank to host the meeting. More information can be found on the chamber website: www.orindachamber.org.



From left: Frank May, Grant Shoef, Brandy Ford, Frank Melon Photo Kevin Reneau

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