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Town Tribute to George and Julie Fisher *The Fishers leaving Moraga is like the Founding Fathers leaving America*

By Sophie Braccini



Julie and George Fisher outside their Moraga home. Photo Sophie Braccini

More than 200 people attended a banquet in George and Julie Fisher's honor at Saint Mary's College on Jan. 13. Many of the diners were members of the Moraga Movers who were joined by out of town friends, city officials, and younger people who wanted to hear about a page of the history of their town that was about to be turned.

The Moragans of today may be

unaware of how much this couple, named Citizens of the Year in 2006, and the generations of those who moved to Moraga in the '60s and '70s, shaped the town we live in today.

"When we moved to Moraga in 1966 there were 9,000 people living here," recalled George Fisher. "We bought a lot on Camino Ricardo, where developers were building a

whole new neighborhood." Julie Fisher remembers looking at the model home, but then asking for a fifth bedroom, a larger family room, before the young family of five moved in the secluded house they thought they would never leave. "But when our third daughter moved to Florida where her two siblings already live, we decided it was time for us to join our family," she said.

"The '60s and '70s were a time when the wives of young professional men stayed home and raised their children," explained Julie Fisher, who earned a degree in psychology from the east coast school where she met George. "Most of us were college educated, so we had to find things to do to keep stimulated." They engaged in 'community-making' through various groups such as the Moraga New-Comers, the Women's Society, Moraga Juniors and the Moraga Service League in which she was very active. "There were no parks, no trails, no nothing," said Julie Fisher. "All there was in this town were two shopping centers."

After the incorporation in 1974, the Fishers continued to stay engaged.

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Crab Feed & Dance

Saturday, February 8, 6:00 – 11:00 p.m.
Bring your appetites & dancing shoes.
Music provided by popular DJ.
Dinner & Dance \$45; Dance only \$10.
For tickets & reservations
call (925) 672-6799.

Holy Trinity Cultural Center, 1700 School Street, Moraga.



For non-crab lovers:
Chicken available by special
advance order request.
Dinner tickets MUST be
purchased in advance.

Moraga Chamber Seeks Businessperson of the Year Nominations

The Moraga Chamber of Commerce is soliciting nominations for the 2014 Moraga Businessperson of the Year. Your favorite merchant or businessperson may be eligible to win! The chamber gives the annual award to an active chamber member who fulfills the following requirements: practices good business strategies; supports the Moraga community; serves as a good business model; has good customer relationships; and demonstrates ethical business practices. Local citizens can nominate any businessperson they feel may be deserving of the honor. Past winners have included Bill Snider of Moraga Hardware and Lumber, Brad Noggle of 5A Rent A Space, Grant Stubblefield of Neighborhood Computers and Mike Lawrence of CVS Pharmacy. Go to www.moragachamber.org for a directory of chamber members, submission instructions and to download a nomination form. Nominations will be accepted through Jan. 31.



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Thought of the Week

We have some good real estate forecasts and buyers are paying attention. Fannie Mae's December National Housing Survey discovered that **people are becoming more confident in the housing recovery**. Even better, 33% of consumers polled said **now is a good time to sell**, a significant gain from the 21% who felt that way last December. And this is what we really need to see, since all parts of the Bay Area have more buyers looking for homes than properties listed for sale.

The Federal Housing Finance Agency said it will delay plans to raise the base guarantee fee for mortgages securitized by Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac in order to give their new director time to review the changes. That's good news too.

So, we can finally look forward to a **more balanced market** this year, which benefits buyers and sellers alike.

Feel free to call with any questions!

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