

# Not to be missed

### **OTHER** ... continued

"Strategies to Maximize your Social Security Retirement Benefits" – a free educational workshop from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 28 at the Lafayette War Memorial Center. Do you know which Social Security retirement benefit filing strategy is optimal for you? There are 567 filing choices for a married couple ... over 70 percent of people file for benefits before their full retirement age. Learn how to make the best decision regarding your Social Security retirement benefits. RSVP required: tfriedman@financialguide.com.

Oakland Museum of California presents "Bees: Tiny Insect, Big Impact" from Jan. 31 to Sept. 20, 1000 Oak Street, Oakland. A new familyfriendly exhibition on the intricate world of one of the most important creatures to human agriculture and the natural environment. Cost: \$15 adults; \$10 students and seniors with valid ID; \$6 youth ages 9-17; free ages 8 and under. OMCA Members always get in free. For more info, specific days and hours, visit http://museumca.org/bees or call (510) 318-8400.

**Origami - Instruction by Julia Lam** from 2 to 4 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 28 in the Elderberry Room, Lafayette Community Center. Learn the ancient art of origami - Japanese paper folding to create works of art. Although there are very intricate designs, beginning paper folders will start with a basic design. Lam will accommodate those who would also like to learn slightly more difficult, but still easily mastered designs. Please bring one crisp, new \$1 bill with which to make a special creation. Paper for all other projects will be provided. Free for Senior Services members; non-members: \$10.

Free computer and eReader help from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Wednesdays for seniors and other adults (18+). Are you new to computers? Do you need help setting up an email account? Would you like to learn how to write a letter on the computer? Would you like help downloading library ebooks and audiobooks onto your eReader or mobile device? Visit the Information Desk at the Orinda Library, 26 Orinda Way to set up your appointment, or contact Melanie McCallum for information at (925) 254-2184.

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Crab Feed and Dance from 6 to 11 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 7 at the Holy Trinity Cultural Center, 1700 School Street, Moraga. Bring your appetites and dancing shoes. Dinner and Dance: \$50; Dance only: \$15. For non-crab lovers, chicken is available by special advance order. Dinner tickets must be purchased in advance. For tickets and reservations, call (925) 672-6799.

Free Tax Preparation for the 2015 tax season is available starting in February from AARP's Tax-Aide and United Way's Earn It, Keep It, Save It (EKS) programs. All tax preparers are trained and certified by the IRS. For info or to make an appointment for the Tax-Aide sites serving the Walnut Creek area, call (925) 943-5851, Walnut Creek Senior Club site; (925) 405-6278, Walnut Creek Grace Presbyterian Church site; (925) 979-5013, Walnut Creek St. Paul's Episcopal Church site. For general information and other site locations, call (925) 726-3199. For info on EKS sites call 2-1-1 or visit www.earnitkeepitsaveit.org.

## **SENIORS**

SIRs Las Trampas Branch 116 welcomes guests to socialize at 11 a.m. Monday, Jan. 19 at our monthly luncheon at the Walnut Creek Elks Lodge, 1475 Creekside Drive, and learn about membership activities including book discussions, bridge, computers, dineouts, fishing, golf, hiking/walking, investments, poker, travel, wine tastings and more fun things. There are also special golf events and bridge tournaments during the year where wives, partners and guests are invited. For more information about these activities for retired men, visit www.Branch116.org; call (925) 322-1160 for lunch reservations. Cost: \$15.

Moraga Garden Club will meet at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 15 at the Holy Trinity Cultural Center, 1700 School St. Moraga. Social time at 9:30 a.m.; meeting at 10 a.m. The speakers will be Leslie Bennett and Stephanie Bittner, owners of StarApple and Fine Gardening, who will discuss "Edible and Ornamental Landscapes." Nonmembers welcome.

Montelindo Garden Club Meeting (third Friday, September thru May) will be at 9 a.m. Friday, Jan. 16 at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 66 St. Stephens Drive, Orinda featuring speaker Claire Splan, a San Francisco Bay Area Gardener, author of "California Fruit and Vegetable Gardening." For info, visit www.montelindogarden.com.

Worm Composting Bin Workshop from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Jan. 17 at Heather Farm Community Center in Walnut Creek. Learn about vermicomposting and build your worm bin. All supplies are covered, including worms. Cost: \$20 per household. Space is limited and registration is required by Jan. 9. Visit www.wastediversion.org to download registration form. Sponsored by the Central Contra Costa Solid Waste Authority. For info, call (925) 906-1801.

Winter Rose Pruning Workshop at 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 24 is a must for rose lovers. Rejuvenate your rose bushes and encourage beautiful new canes to produce the best blooms. Workshops are held in a covered outdoor area. Dress warmly and be prepared to learn a lot! Call (925) 254-3713 or email info@mcdonnellnursery.com to reserve a seat.



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