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Remember, Renew and Refill – a Journey Through Grief. This workshop and luncheon to honor lost loved ones will take place from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Saturday, April 18 at Moraga Valley Presbyterian Church, 10 Moraga Valley Lane, Moraga. Opening and Closing Speakers will be Diane West, executive director of Moraga Royale, and author Diane Shore; breakout sessions will be led by Jeffrey Ismael, bereavement services manager for Vitas Hospice, and Marilyn Hunt, LMFT. No charge, but reservations are requested: (925) 376-4800 x285 or www.mvpctoday.org.

Annual Moraga Beautiful event will be held rain or shine Saturday, April 18 from 9 a.m. to noon at Moraga Commons Park. Volunteers should meet at the park and wear old clothes for weeding and the beautification of the park picnic benches. The Town will supply gloves, brushes and stain. Individuals and groups welcome! Call (925) 888-7045 for more information.

Not to be missed

Registrations are being accepted for the Moraga Classic Car Show. Area residents who own classic cars are invited to participate in the 7th annual Moraga Classic Car Show, which takes place from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 9 as part of the 2015 Moraga Community Faire. The \$30 registration fee includes an entry ribbon, lunch for two, a commemorative photo and a chance for owners to display their restoration work to the public. Prizes will be awarded. The registration deadline is May 1. To register, go to www.moragachamber.org/faire or call Gloria at (925) 247-4473 or Jason at (925) 788-3889.

starts offered for sale to the Lamorinda backyard gardener. For information, contact curtinm@gmail.com.

Fourth Annual Contra Costa Master Gardener Great Tomato Plant Sale from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, April 4 and from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 11 at “Our Garden,” the Contra Costa Master Gardeners’ demonstration garden at N. Wiget Lane and Shadelands Drive, Walnut Creek. Experts will be on hand to provide advice about plant selection, site location and preparation, planting, fertilizing, pruning and harvesting. For info, visit <http://ccmg.ucanr.edu>.

SENIORS

Sons In Retirement Lamorinda Branch 171 meets the first Wednesday monthly at Holy Trinity Culture Center 1700 School St., Moraga. Social hour 11 a.m.; lunch at noon. The after-lunch speaker on April 1 will be John Brisco, distinguished lawyer, author and noted raconteur who will talk about the law of the sea, and some land and water use highlights in California and nationally. He will also have some comments about good food (he wrote a book on Tadish Restaurant) and wine. For membership information, call Larry at (925) 631-9528.

Sons In Retirement - Branch 116 welcomes guests to socialize at monthly luncheons beginning at 11:30 a.m. Monday, April 20 at Walnut Creek Elks Lodge, 1475 Creekside Drive. The speaker, Jane Kreidler, outreach coordinator, Contractors State License Board, will share her experiences to help seniors recognize scams and provide steps to proactively resist fraud. Lunch is \$15. Guest are welcome. For reservations, call (925) 322-1160.

GARDEN

Moraga Gardens Farm Annual Plant Sale from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays, March 28 through April 19, 1290 Moraga Way (between the fire station and School Street). Many varieties of heirloom and hybrid tomatoes, peppers, eggplant, herb

The Lafayette Garden Club will meet from 9:30 a.m. to noon Thursday, April 9 in the Lafayette Veterans Memorial Hall, 3780 Mt. Diablo Blvd., and will feature Rosemary Loveall presenting “Companion Planting with Herbs.” Loveall is owner of Morningsun Herb Farm in the countryside of Vacaville. With degrees in both forestry and environmental horticulture, she operates this specialty nursery where she propagates and sells over 600 varieties of herbs and many unusual landscape perennials. For info, email cpoetzsch@gmail.com.

The Walnut Creek Garden Club will hold its general meeting at 9:30 a.m. Monday, April 13 at the Gardens at Heather Farm at 1540 Marchbanks Road in Walnut Creek. Kathleen Elliot, landscape designer and horticulturist, will share information on olives and lavender at Hillcrest Ranch. For more info, email mslittle44@gmail.com.

Montelindo Garden Club Meeting will be at 9 a.m. Friday, April 17 at St. Stephen’s Episcopal Church, 66 St. Stephens Drive, Orinda. James (Doc) Hale, a wildlife biologist, naturalist and ethno biologist will discuss wildlife in the East Bay. For info, visit montelindogarden.com. Visitors welcome.

Please submit events to: calendar@lamorindaweekly.com

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Please join us at our new location **THE LAFAYETTE PARK HOTEL** on Friday mornings at 7am. For more info, please email us at lamorindasunrise@gmail.com

March 27:

Lamorinda Sunrise’s own Ernie Furtado will “Expose Himself”. Ernie is the SVP and Chief Accounting and Compliance Officer for Textainer Group Holdings Ltd.

April 3:

Our speaker will be Jency James Recycling Coordinator from Republic Services. Jency majored in Environmental Studies at Saint Mary’s College.

Please join us for a great speaker and breakfast!!

Lafayette Rotary Club

Step in on a Thursday and join us for our lunch meeting. Thursday at noon Oakwood Athletic Club, 4000 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Lafayette.

April 2:

Norma Bishop from Lindsay Wildlife Museum will be our speaker.

April 9:

We will meet at the new Merill Garden Retirement Homes, 1010 2nd St, Lafayette for a tour and lunch.

www.rotarylafayette.org

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Please join us for our next meeting:

WHEN: Wednesday, April 1st
Social 5:30-6:00 p.m.
Meeting 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

WHERE: The Buttercup Grill
660 Ygnacio Valley Road, Walnut Creek.

For more information, contact:
Regina Englehart @925-876-9076
or go to: soroptimist24-680.org

M-O-R-A-G-A Well-Represented at County Spelling Bee

Submitted by Shirley DeFrancisci

Moraga schools held spelling bees over the past two months and four students were named as the top spellers after several grueling rounds of correctly spelling words that most adults would have difficulty spelling.

Ashley Cloza, a fourth grader, took Rheem Elementary School’s top spelling honor as her peers watched and applauded during their school’s longest spelling bee on record, which went into “overtime” and lasted one hour. Participants were armed with special “mustache power” bracelets to give them extra confidence during the competition.

At Camino Pablo Elementary, spelling bee participants were introduced to an adoring crowd like rock stars as they took the stage with the Olympics theme song in the background. Tyler Garcia, a fifth grader, won with the tricky herb and homonym, “thyme.” Tyler was an active participant during the lunchtime practice sessions leading up to the big day.

At Joaquin Moraga Intermediate School, the winning word, “apocalypse,” was spelled by Jeffrey Brown, a seventh grader who won from a panel of 27 students from all grade levels, sixth through

eighth. Jeffrey then went on to score in the top half of all spellers at the county competition.

Los Perales Elementary School students experienced déjà vu as they cheered on their classmate, Sarah Yuan, a fourth grader who won the Bee for the second year in a row. There were 17 other participants. Sarah coincidentally won the LP contest with the same word that won at JM, “apocalypse,” and then she spelled “osculate.” Sarah came in 11th place in the County Bee.

The Moraga School District has much to be proud of with these local spelling champs.



Los Perales Elementary School winner Sarah Yuan with principal Amy Black. Photos provided



Camino Pablo Elementary School winner Tyler Garcia with principal Tom Rust



Joaquin Moraga Intermediate School winner Jeffrey Brown at the County Bee. (Not pictured, Rheem Elementary School winner Ashley Cloza.)

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