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## Business Bites

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Rosylyn and Tom Stenzel in front of their store Photo A. Scheck starting the business at a risky time.

Venture Quality Goods honored at Annual Small Business Awards Luncheon

Tom and Rosylyn Stenzel, owners of Venture, a men's and women's clothing store they started during the recession, were honored May 6 at a luncheon, along with recipients of this award from other cities in Contra Costa and Alameda Counties. The event was hosted by the East Bay Leadership Council.

Venture offers quality clothing produced here in California. Tom Stenzel's years of experience in the apparel industry (including a long gig with Levi Strauss) helped him understand their target audience, and the Stenzels have been creative in their marketing, embracing many non-traditional ways to appeal to the community. Their efforts have paid off, as they have beat the odds of

Moraga Country Club's Joel Dantoc Named June Employee of the Month

Moraga Rotary and Chamber of Commerce will honor Joel Dantoc, a food server and bartender at Moraga Country Club, as Moraga's June Employee of the Month. He will be presented with his award, as well as with gift cards for Moraga's Safeway and Pennini's Restaurant, at the Moraga Rotary lunch at Saint Mary's College on July 19.

Dantoc has been serving MCC patrons for the past 12 years, consistently receiving solid reviews from customers and co-workers alike. MCC General Manager Andrew Scott describes him as "a true team player," offering to work longer shifts or extra days when necessary. "He does whatever job ... needs to be done."

Fitbody Boot Camp

Moraga's latest entrant into the local fitness scene is Fitbody Boot Camp, which has taken over Karate Fitness USA's space in Moraga Shopping Center. A nationwide franchised fitness business with locations elsewhere in California, Fitbody Boot Camp offers a fitness and fat loss workout program emphasizing 30 minute High-intensity Interval Training (HIIT) sessions conducted by certified trainers in a group setting.

Further information is available at (925) 794-6048 or [info@fitbodymoraga.com](mailto:info@fitbodymoraga.com).

From the Three Chambers

## Lafayette Chamber of Commerce

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The Lamorinda Small Business Forum will present Protecting Your Business -- Robbery/Recovery/Emergency on Thursday, July 14, 5:30 - 7 p.m., at the Bank of the West Lafayette Branch, 3583 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Lafayette. The program is open to all businesses throughout Lamorinda.

## Moraga Chamber of Commerce

[www.moragachamber.org](http://www.moragachamber.org) (925) 323-6524

## Orinda Chamber of Commerce

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From left: Wendy Scheck, Moraga Chamber President, Angie Rosenberry, Moraga Country Club Food & Beverage Manager, Joel Dantoc, Roger Gregory, Moraga Rotary President Photo Kevin Reneau

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