

Kiwanis Club Honors Graduating Seniors From Local High Schools

Submitted by Barry Behr



From left: Gloria Eive, scholarship recipient Fiona Stewart and Barry Behr. Photo provided

Kiwanis Club of Moraga Valley presents an annual award honoring a graduating senior from each of Lamorinda three high schools. The three seniors who have received the Kiwanis awards this year are Fiona Stewart (Campolindo High School), Nathan Brickman (Acalanes High School), and Misaki Kobayashi (Miramonte High School). These outstanding seniors have devoted their time and energies throughout high school to organizing and actively par-

ticipating in philanthropic and community service projects on behalf of their fellow students and their community. Kiwanis is proud to honor these distinguished and exemplary students whose interests and priorities demonstrate their sense of responsibility and concern for their society.

For more information please visit the Kiwanis website at www.moragavalleykiwanis.org.

Girl Scouts Beautify Del Rey Campus

Submitted by Yuka Akera



Troop 32450 members, from left: Emi Ross, Lily Namdaran, Merrin Morrissey, Hannah Johnson, Courtney Mercer, Avery Welch, Ingrid Navarrete Gonzalez, Alexa Gutu, Lauren Stone, Alice Ball

Photo provided

Junior Girl Scouts in fifth grade at Del Rey Elementary, Troop 32450, decided to use its Bronze Award project to beautify the Del Rey elementary school campus by decorating the new chain link fence that was installed around the entire campus at the beginning of the 2015-16 school year. The girls installed 30 feet of chain link fence art

— two six- by 10-foot blue, white and grey dolphins (the school mascot) and a large 10-foot blue and white “Del Rey” sign. As they graduate from Del Rey, Troop 32450 hopes to inspire Del Rey school spirit and to encourage others to continue to add art to the fence to beautify the school.

Lafayette Rotary Supports Three Local Charities With \$5,000 Each

Submitted by Matthew Pease



Lafayette Rotary members pose by a giant check showing its gifts to charity. Photo provided

On Thursday July 21, the Lafayette Rotary Club made three donations of \$5,000 each to local charities who support excellence in education, community involvement and health, food and housing for those in need.

At the club's weekly meeting the club gave a grant to the Salvation Army's Garden Street Facility in Oakland that provides transitional housing for homeless families and early childhood education in the Oakland area. They also gave a grant to the Contra Costa Interfaith Housing organization that provides permanent, affordable housing and vital support services to homeless and at-risk families and individuals in Contra Costa County. The club also made a grant to the Court Appointed Special Advocates of Contra Costa County, which recruits, trains and supports volunteer advocates as a voice for the best interest of abused and neglected children during a court process, in order to help children thrive in a stable and permanent home.

“The mission of Rotary International is to provide service to others, promote integrity, and advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through its fellowship of business, professional and community leaders,” according to Norma Evans, the President of the Lafayette Rotary Club. “We are delighted to support these worthwhile charities who have such an important impact in our local community.”

“We raise these funds through the events we host throughout the year and from the generosity of our members and businesses throughout Lafayette and it is rewarding to see these efforts put to good use,” said Dino Riggio, who as a past president of Lafayette Rotary led the efforts to make these awards.

Lafayette Rotary just completed its 70th anniversary and meets every Thursday from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. at the Oakwood Athletic Club. For more information about Lafayette Rotary, email info@rotarylafayette.org, or visit its Facebook page at [facebook.com/Rotary-Club-of-Lafayette-Ca](https://www.facebook.com/Rotary-Club-of-Lafayette-Ca).

Town Hall Theatre Awarded Major Grant from Leshner Foundation

Submitted by Laura Bergman



portant in helping us build momentum as we enter our 72nd season.”

Like most nonprofit theatres, Town Hall ticket receipts do not cover all operating costs. As part of their mission, ticket prices are deliberately kept affordable, so they cover only 40 percent of overall costs. The rest is covered through generous support from patrons, local businesses, and foundations.

Town Hall Theatre Company of Lafayette was awarded its first-ever \$20,000 grant from the Dean and Margaret Leshner Foundation. This was the most significant grant the nonprofit organization, with its modest budget and skeleton staff, has ever received.

Managing Director Dennis Markam, who also doubles as a Teaching artist, was thrilled. “Over the past decade Town Hall has taken sometimes slow, but always steady steps toward improving how we serve our community, our patrons, our volunteers, and our employees. This grant is immensely im-

The grant comes at the perfect time, as this year Town Hall is completing a new strategic plan that includes going green, hiring top notch artists for their Youth Program, and upgrading public areas to make them more welcoming. This grant is intended to help Town Hall cover these costs, and will be disbursed in \$10,000 increments over two years.

Town Hall is located at 3535 School Street in downtown Lafayette, CA. For more about the theatre, its shows or youth program, check out www.townhalltheatre.com.

7-Eleven Gives More Than Slurpees

By Peggy Spear



Moraga 7-Eleven owner Samir Saleh and employee Jennifer Wang pose with the boxes of pizzas that were delivered to the Contra Costa Food Bank. Photo provided

For many folks, July 11 — or 7/11 — was just about free slurpees at the retailer of the same name. But Moraga's 7-Eleven took it one step further. Owner Samir Saleh asked patrons, who were receiving the free drinks, to donate money to order pizzas for the Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano. The pa-

trons responded, and within just eight hours, enough money had been donated to buy 108 pizzas that were delivered last week. “From the bottom of my heart I want to thank Moraga and I'm proud to be doing business in Moraga,” Saleh said.

In Memory



HERB SIHNER

Herbert Howard Sihner, 88, of Orinda, passed away peacefully at his home on Tuesday, July 12.

Herb was born on October 21, 1927 in San Francisco to Otto and Martha Sihner. Both of Herb's parents were immigrants from Germany. Herb graduated from Lincoln High School in San Francisco in 1943. He served in the Army with the occupation troops in Japan attached to the Sixth Army Engineers and received an honorable discharge in 1946. He graduated with honors

from U.C. Berkeley in 1951 and received a Bachelor of Arts degree in History of Architecture and Art. Herb started his career working as a planner for Kern County and Alameda County for about six years. In 1960 Herb and his family moved to Orinda after he became employed as a land planner at Lincoln Development Co. of Lafayette. Herb's work soon shifted to site design and architecture.

After Lincoln Development he worked as an architect for U.S. Plywood, Champion Paper, and Braddock and Logan. He was a senior partner at Braddock and Logan for the past 40 years. Herb did not know the meaning of the word retirement as he continued working until just a month prior to his passing. He was involved in community service in Orinda as he served on the board of directors of the Orinda Association before the city was incorporated. Herb enjoyed playing tennis for most of his life and was an avid sailor, spending many weekends out on the bay in his sailboat.

Herb is survived by his wife, Betsy (Johnson) Sihner; two sons, Christian Sihner and his wife Kathy of Colfax, Calif., Craig Sihner and his wife Martha of Castro Valley, Calif., daughter Wendy Sihner of Walnut Creek, Calif., two stepsons, Michael Furay and his wife Susan of Lafayette, Calif., and Jonathan Furay and his wife Erin Hawker of New York, NY; three grandchildren, Erin and Kelly Furay and Sara Sihner; and a brother, Howard Sihner and his wife Jonnie of Elk Grove, Calif. He was preceded in death by his parents, his first wife, Ann (Larimer) Sihner in 1973, stepson Christopher Furay in 1993, and his brother Bob Sihner in 2015. A celebration of Herb's life will be held at a future date.

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