

Lafayette Studio Big Band to Play at Local Church

Submitted by Marie Williams



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For the third year in a row, the Lafayette Studio Big Band will perform an outdoor concert on the back patio of the Lafayette Christian Church, 584 Glenside Dr, in Lafayette. The concert will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 28.

Some of the musicians in the 16-piece big band have played with The Temptations, The Harry James Orchestra, Judy Collins,

Sheila Escovedo and more.

Cost is a \$20 donation, which can be paid at the door. Refreshments will be available. Proceeds will go to charities in Contra Costa County. For more information, contact the church at (925) 283-8304. To hear a sample of the music, visit www.lafayettebigband.com.

LL&LC Foundation Seeks Community Members for Board

Submitted by Cheryl Noll

The Lafayette Library and Learning Center Foundation is once again looking for applicants to fill openings on its board of trustees for two year terms. Applications are available at www.lllcf.org/volunteer-opportunities or a print copy is available in the LLLCF office on the mezzanine floor of the library. Please visit the website for information on the duties and responsibilities of a

board of trustee member.

Applications are being accepted now through Sept. 9. Interviews will occur thereafter. Please return the application to: LLLCF 3491 Mt. Diablo, Suite 214, Lafayette, 94549.

For additional information call (925) 283-6513, ext 104.

Moraga Pear Harvest Nets 7,000 Pounds of Fruit for Food Bank

Submitted by Karen Reed



From left, Kaitlin Starnes, Megan Edelman and Lauren Edelman stand with their boxes of pears they helped pick at the Moraga Pear Harvest. They and their mothers are volunteers from the National Charity League. Photo Provided

Over 100 years ago, pear orchards were planted in the Moraga Valley. Most of the orchards are long gone, but the remaining trees still produce great Bartlett pears. The old pear trees can be found on public land, open spaces and undeveloped parcels. Recently, volunteers harvested the pears in Moraga for the Solano and Contra Costa Counties Food Bank.

The Moraga Park Foundation has sponsored the volunteer pear harvest for 18 years.

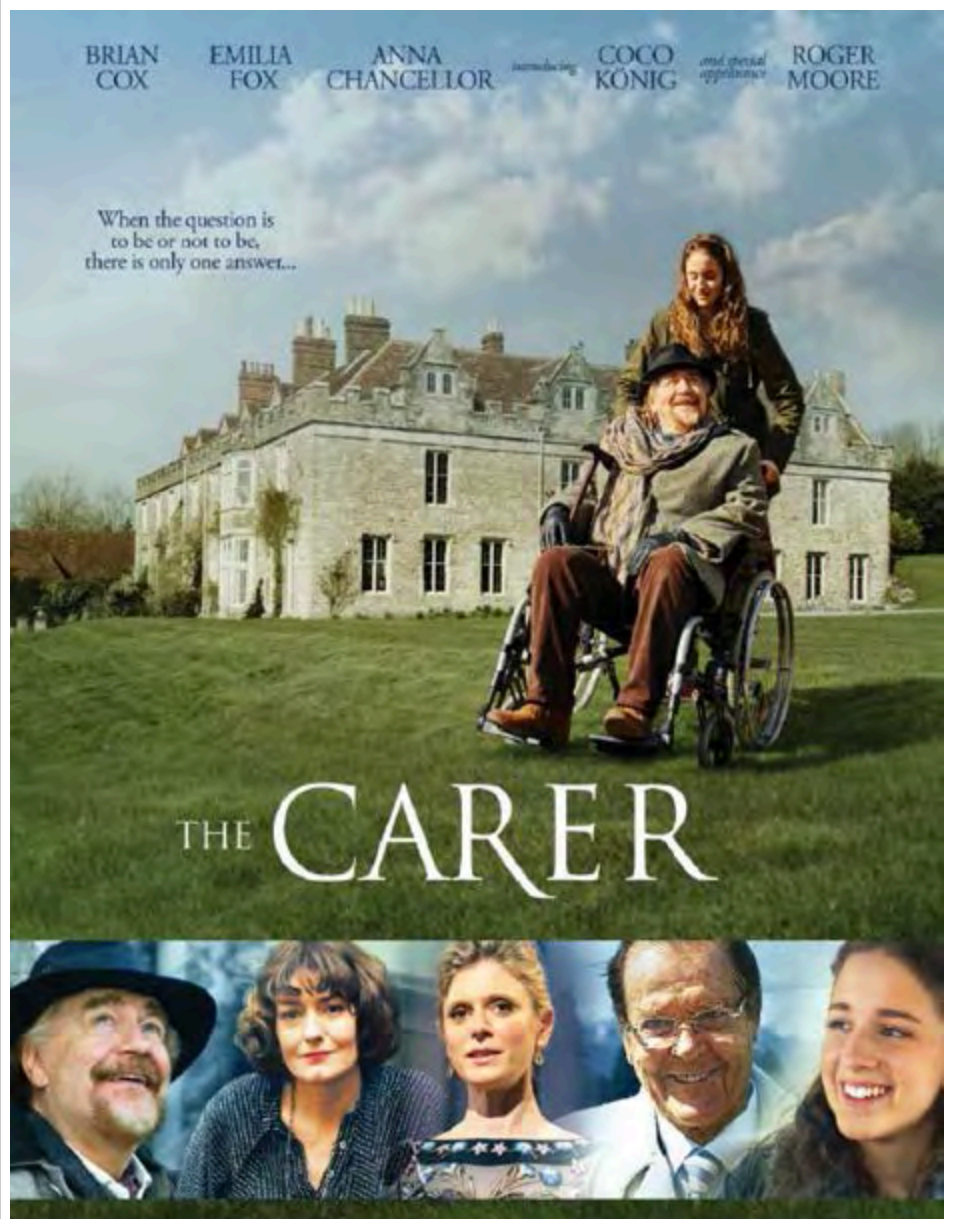
Over 150 volunteers from the National Charity League, Boys Team Charity and Kiwanis Club picked the pears, which are given to the Food Bank.

Pear harvests were smaller during the drought years, but the health of the trees improved after last winter's rains and pruning by volunteers. This year's harvest resulted in 7,000 pounds of fresh pears for the families served by the Food Bank.

Community Service: We are pleased to make space available whenever possible for some of Lamorinda's dedicated community service organizations to submit news and information about their activities. Submissions may be sent to storydesk@lamorindaweekly.com with the subject header In Service to the Community.

'The Carer' is Filled with Life

By Sophie Braccini



"The Carer" is playing at the Orinda Theatre.

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How can a movie about a dying man be about so much life? "The Carer," which will be presented in Orinda for a week starting on Sept. 2, offers great life lessons and resilience, passion and friendship, a wonderful and touching movie for all audiences.

The story is a simple one. An old Shakespearean actor and a British legend, Sir Michael Gifford, played by Brian Cox, is becoming increasingly impacted by a rare form of Parkinson's disease. He was a great film and stage performer and his physical decline is leaving him bitter and impossible to live with. His daughter hires a young caregiver from Hungary to take care of her father. A beautiful friendship and complicity — she is an aspiring actress — slowly grows between the old man and the young girl, leading to the blossoming of a new level of conscious-

ness and love of life for the two of them.

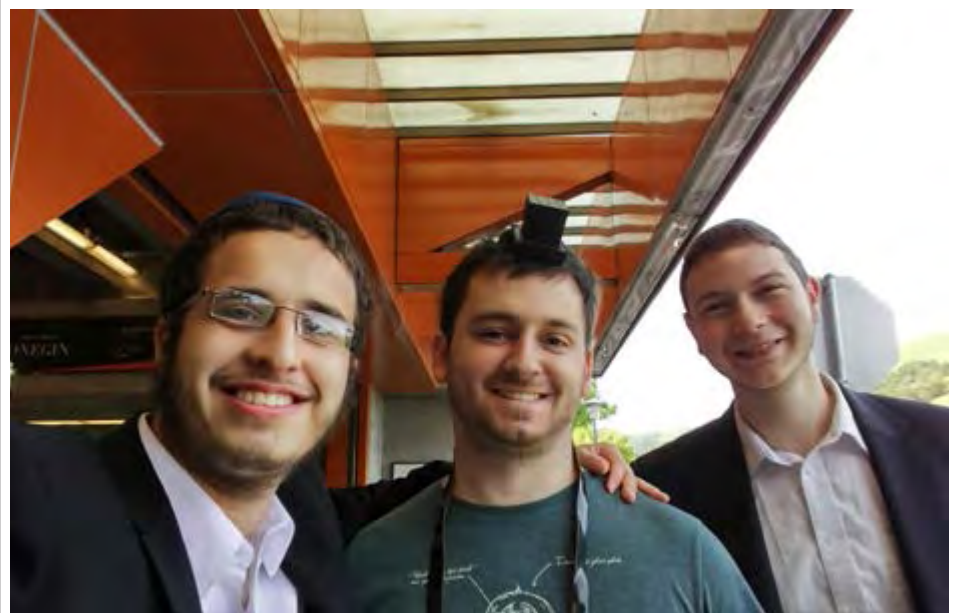
The last scene played by Cox, at the top of his game, is breathtaking and will have a lasting positive impact on viewer of all ages. Cox is himself a Shakespearean actor, especially revered for his interpretation of King Lear; he was aged to play in the movie.

"The Carer" is a coproduction from England and Hungary directed by János Edelényi. The action is situated in England and everyone speaks British English. One character, Dorottya, is played by Coco König, a young Hungarian and Austrian actress.

"The Carer" is part of the International Film Showcase in Orinda that features a foreign film of great quality not yet released in the area, and sometimes a first in the country. More information is available at www.internationalshowcase.org.

The Roving Rabbis Take to the Streets of Lamorinda

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The Roving Rabbis are a hit around town.

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The Roving Rabbis program was started more than 60 years ago and is run by Merkos L'inyonei Chinuch, the educational arm of the Chabad-Lubavitch movement. "We have been empowered by the world leader of the generation, the Lubavitcher Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem M. Schneerson," says Weinfeld. Chabad, or Chabad-Lubavitch, is an Orthodox Jewish, Hasidic movement, well-known for its outreach.

Weinfeld and Erlenwein will continue their work in this area until early September. If you would like to contact Rabbis Weinfeld

and Erlenwein you can email them at men-delwein@gmail.com or call them on 925-434-1745.

Locally, Rabbi Yisroel Labkowski has been the director of Chabad in Lamorinda for about a year. He offers Shabbat services and Hebrew school out of his home. No membership fees are charged and Weinfeld says it is a stimulating and welcoming atmosphere in which to learn about Judaism. If you are interested in finding out more, visit its website at www.chabadoflamorinda.com.

Share Your Celebrations and Remembrances

If you would like to share an announcement about a special event or achievement, such as a wedding, engagement, scholarship or graduation of a local resident, or about a special person from Lamorinda who has passed, send a photo along with your text (up to 250 words) to storydesk@lamorindaweekly.com, and include "Celebrations and Remembrances" in the subject line.