

Mariachis and Margaritas support Las Trampas

By Pippa Fisher



Executive Director Daniel L. Hogue hosted the event. Photo provided

A recent “Mariachis and Margaritas” fundraising event organized by Lamorinda Gives Back, also known as LAMA, was fun for all but the real winner was Las Trampas, for whom they raised over \$5,000.

The sold-out event was held at The Coffee Shop in Lafayette and featured mariachi band, Reyna y su Trio, catering by Maria Maria and cocktails by Lost Republic and Dulce Vida.

LAMA is a local charitable organization whose mission statement is to engage Lamorinda residents to make a positive impact in the community through funding, volunteerism and advocacy.

Las Trampas in Lafayette supports adults with developmental disabilities. LAMA President Brian

Britton commented, “Las Trampas is a remarkable organization with great leadership who make real differences for Lamorinda residents on a daily basis.”

Executive Director of Las Trampas, Daniel L. Hogue, was appreciative and enthused about their partnership with LAMA. “Las Trampas is sincerely thankful for the efforts of LAMA. Mariachis and Margaritas was a fantastic event and certainly a reflection of the energy and commitment the organization has for championing our community.”

No LAMA event would be complete without “Hot Notes,” its llama and mascot in attendance and this evening was no exception as he duly put in an appearance to add to the success of the occasion.

LPIE throws thank you Party in the Park

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Working at the Party in the Park, from left, Lisa Spieler (incoming Vice President, LPIE), Amy Parlett (President, LPIE) and Danielle Gallagher (chair of this year’s Power Party and incoming Community at Large Member, LPIE). Photo Pippa Fisher

Families enjoyed a carefree afternoon in the Lafayette Plaza Park June 4, picnicking and playing, listening to music, with snacks and fun activities all provided by Lafayette Partners in Education as a celebration of community and for their support for the children in Lafayette schools.

The free event was organized by Chairperson Kelli Shrader and included a raffle and live music.

Food was available from local restaurants and families were picnicking on the green. Local ice cream store Smitten was scooping ice cream.

LPIE is a community-based education foundation run by parent volunteers working to enhance and expand the educational opportunities for students in Lafayette’s six public schools.

Residents get to rock out on ‘Make Music Day’



What’s better than karaoke? Live karaoke of course and to celebrate “Make Music Day” residents will have their chance to belt out a song with a live band to back them up.

Local musician Paul Cotruvo will be at the Lafayette Library and Learning Center Amphitheatre 6-8 p.m. on June 21 with his band, The Flashbacks, waiting to play backup

— there will be 100 songs from the 60s to choose from. Aspiring rock stars can pick a song and sign up to be the lead singer.

Make Music is a free celebration of music around the world on June 21. Launched in 1982 in France as the *Fête de la Musique*, it is now held on the same day in more than 750 cities in 120 countries. — Pippa Fisher

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