

Fundraising support with a focus on literacy

Submitted by Domini Tarman



A Monument Crisis volunteer accepts books and toiletries from Pi Beta Phi Contra Costa Alumnae Club members Lynn Hoaglin and Domini Tarman, an Orinda resident. Photo provided

In addition to friendship and social activities, the Pi Beta Phi Alumnae Club of Contra Costa promotes and supports community service projects, with a special focus on literacy. The club comprises women from numerous colleges all over the country who now call this county home, including a significant number of Lamorinda residents.

Members were pleased this year to support another county-based organization, the Monument Crisis Center. MCC is a nonprofit family resource center for central

and east Contra Costa County that provides food, helpful programs and referrals to low-income individuals, teens, families and seniors.

The club collected much-needed toiletries such as shampoos, soaps and lotions for MCC, and facilitated a book drive this spring to donate dozens of children's books to the center.

At the time of donation, MCC had a summer camp going and counselors were thrilled to get the new books.

Rivals join forces for a good cause

Submitted by Emma Workman



Emma Workman, far left, and co-planner Maisey Mills, far right, at with some members of the Oakland Lacrosse Club at the March 30 event night. Photo provided

Division rivals Acalanes and Miramonte faced each other March 30 in a pivotal girls lacrosse game. In the up and down battle, Miramonte narrowly pulled out the win, 13-12. For junior midfielder Emma Workman from Acalanes and senior defender Maisey Mills from Miramonte, however, the game had a larger meaning.

For the last two years Workman and Mills have volunteered for the Oakland Lacrosse Club, a nonprofit that uses lacrosse to develop leadership skills, provide academic support, and wellness education to youth from Oakland public middle schools. Both Workman and Mills served as coaches during the fall program, introducing beginners from Oakland public schools to the sport of lacrosse.

Mills, who will be attending Claremont-Mckenna College next year, shared what she enjoyed about her Oakland Lacrosse experience: "I volunteered for OLC because I loved seeing the spirit and passion of the girls who came out to play lacrosse. For two hours every Sunday they gave practice all they had and had the most fun I've ever seen. I knew I needed to be a part of that energy. I wanted to help organize this fundraiser to allow more and more kids to be a part of the incredible energy that OLC exudes."

Workman explained why her time with

Oakland Lacrosse has been so meaningful to her: "Oakland Lacrosse has emboldened me as a player, coach, and person to give my all into everything that I do. The players at OLC have especially inspired me, having a certain resilience and grit that no other lacrosse players, that I've seen, could match."

Workman and Mills valued their experience so much that they decided to join forces and run a joint fundraiser at the Acalanes versus Miramonte game. They helped raise awareness of the OLC through a Gofundme page and an email campaign encouraging people to donate. Collectively they raised \$2,000 for the OLC.

"One of my favorite aspects of running Oakland Lacrosse is seeing how the collective lacrosse community comes together to support our organization. I have been especially impressed with Emma and Maisey," said Kevin Kelley, the founder and executive director of the Oakland Lacrosse Club. "Not only are they part of the Oakland Lacrosse high school coaching council, but they took the initiative in creating this joint fundraiser. It is both impressive and inspiring to see young people to see young people take action."

To learn more about the Oakland Lacrosse Club check out www.oaklandlacrosse.org.

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Lafayette Little League donations help children in Dominican Republic

Submitted by Tony Dudum and Andy Orear



Photo Oakland A's staff and Tony Dudum

Lafayette Little League parent and manager Tony Dudum organized a baseball equipment drive over the summer to benefit kids in the Dominican Republic. It was a huge success with hundreds of pieces of equipment ranging from bats, balls, helmets, and uniforms donated by the families of Lafayette Little League. This will help needy

kids in the Dominican Republic play baseball at a more comfortable level.

With the help of Lafayette Little League parents and kids, as well as the Oakland A's Assistant General Manager Dan Feinstein for shipping the donations, the equipment is now in transit to the children of the Dominican Republic.

In Memory

Charles Bullard



Charles Frederick Bullard III passed away peacefully at his home surrounded by his family. Charles is survived by his son, Sydney, and his daughter, Helen. He was preceded in death by his wife, Susan, in 2006. He is also survived by his brothers, Philip and John, his sisters, Frances and Marie, and sister and brother-in-law, Karen and Lee. Charles was an accomplished artist and builder, having constructed a 37-foot sailboat in Hawaii in the 1970s which he and Susan sailed to San Francisco and Florida before settling down to build their family home in California. Charles' ashes will be spread in the woods around his home, La Buandarie in France, in the near future.

In Memory

Jennifer Wightman Harlow

Resident of Cape Town, South Africa
Formerly of Tahoe City, California
December 9, 1984 - May 13, 2018



Jennifer Wightman Harlow, 33 years old, died in a rock fall accident on May 13, 2018 while hiking on Table Mountain above Cape Town, South Africa. Jen will best be remembered for her steadfast individualism, infectious laugh, and stellar dance moves.

The daughter of Dianne Shorett Harlow and Peter Wightman Harlow, Jen was born in 1984 and grew up in the North Lake Tahoe area of California. She enjoyed Nordic skiing and academic challenge, and in 2003, graduated as Valedictorian of her class at North Tahoe High School. During her late teens, Jen was a part of the Far West Nordic Ski Association, and

twice competed in the US Junior National Cross Country Ski Championships in Alaska and Utah.

Jen followed her father, grandfather, and great-grandfather to Harvard College, where she captained their intercollegiate Nordic ski team and earned an A.B. in Physics.

Following her undergraduate work, Jen made her way out to the Rocky Mountains, where she earned her Ph.D. in physics from the University of Colorado, Boulder. From 2007 to 2013, Jen studied and worked at JILA in the lab of Konrad Lehnert. She and friends often hiked the peaks and valleys there, enjoying breathtaking views of the Flatirons.

After completing her graduate education, Jen moved to Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, as the tech manager for EGG-energy, a small company focusing on affordable solar energy access for people without electricity. A year later, she moved to Cape Town, South Africa, to work with Dimagi, Inc, a global social enterprise using mobile application technology to increase access to critical services in developing countries. Jen played a critical role in some of Dimagi South Africa's biggest projects, collaborating with NGOs and community health workers in countries throughout the African continent. Her development work included addressing HIV, TB and malaria treatment, empowerment of female farming collectives, and most recently, leading the design of a mobile application intended to improve maternal and newborn health outcomes in rural Ethiopia.

In South Africa, Jen found a ready group of likeminded hiking enthusiasts who made regular trips up the rugged terrain of Lions Head and Table Mountain. In January 2018, she joined Hiker's Network Search and Rescue team, excited to spend time outdoors and to help keep others safe. The last few years of her life were the happiest for she had found her true home there.

Jen is preceded in death by her father, Peter Wightman Harlow, and grandparents John Hopkins and Elizabeth Eddy Shorett, and Albert Mason and Hazel Wightman Harlow. She is survived by her mother, Dianne Shorett Harlow of Moraga, CA, her brother Michael Shorett Harlow of St. Paul, MN, and brother Stephen Wightman Harlow of Venice, CA.

A celebration of life will take place at 4 pm on August 4th at Tahoe XC Ski Center in Tahoe City, CA. The family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations be made in Jen's name to The Tahoe Nordic Search and Rescue Team (www.tahoenordicsar.com; PO Box 7703, Tahoe City, CA 96145; 530-581-4038).