

Lafayette Troop 224 welcomes all boys and girls



Some members of Troop 224

Photo provided

Submitted by Chan Whiting

Troop 224 is in recruitment mode and encourages boys and girls to join. The troop is holding their next recruitment event at their Scout hut (located at the back of Happy Valley Elementary) at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 15. Parents and

prospective Scouts can come to the open house to learn about the scouts' experiences, such as backpacking through Desolation Wilderness for 50 miles; freewheeling down a mountainside on a mountain bike or simply sleeping out under the stars.

The boys and girls have a multitude of fun and exciting activities lined up for the

coming year; from a bioluminescent kayaking trip in Tomales Bay, to a week of wet and wild activities on Catalina Island. Additionally, for the older scouts, they are all looking forward to camping on Hawaii's Kilauea volcano and exploring the Big Island's Kona coastline.

Troop 224 prides itself on having the Scouts themselves provide their own leadership within the division of their patrols, with parents only there for safety and support. The Troop commits to using a combination of virtual platforms and/or social distancing methods to keep everyone safe, while continuing to provide a healthy and stimulating set of activities, building character and having them be prepared for life.

Contact Troop 224 for information on these events or to join the Troop at struchenadams123@gmail.com or www.troop224lafayette.com/.

Acalanes DAR Chapter to place wreaths on 290 veteran graves at Lafayette Cemetery



Photo Yoni Mayeri

Submitted by Vanessa Crews

Each year millions of Americans come together to remember the fallen, honor those who serve and their families and teach the next generation about the value of freedom. This gathering of volunteers and patriots takes place on Dec. 18 in more than 2,500 local and national cemeteries in all 50 states as part of National Wreaths Across America Day.

There are 290 veterans

buried in the historic Lafayette Cemetery, and this is the second year the cemetery has participated in the National Wreaths Across America Day. Local members of the Acalanes Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR) are raising funds to place a wreath on each veteran's headstone. To sponsor a wreath, please visit: www.WreathsAcrossAmerica.org/CA0565.

Vanessa Crews, DAR member from Orinda, re-

called a recent trip to the American Cemetery in Normandy, France. "I stood among thousands of crosses marking the graves of fallen patriots of World War II and felt overwhelmed with grief and gratitude for the supreme sacrifice these men and women made for the freedoms I enjoy today. It's an honor to participate with Acalanes DAR members and Wreaths Across America to sponsor wreaths for our veterans in the Lafayette Cemetery."

There will be a ceremony at noon on Dec. 18 at the Lafayette Cemetery, located at 3285 Mt. Diablo Blvd., with wreath laying following the ceremony. The free event is open to everyone. All veterans, active-duty military, and their families as well as the local community are invited and encouraged to attend and learn more about Wreaths Across America's yearlong mission to Remember, Honor, Teach. COVID-19 County Health Guidance protocols will be followed, including mask requirements, to keep our community safe.

Please visit <http://www.WreathsAcrossAmerica.org/CA0565> for safety regulation updates. For more information, contact Terry Lucido at (650) 804-2564, tlachenb@aol.com, or visit Acalanes DAR at www.Acalanes.CaliforniaDAR.org.

Music and dance at Saint Mary's College



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Local residents will have three exciting opportunities in November to enjoy dance and music at Saint Mary's College.

The Davalos Dance Company on Nov. 13 at 8 p.m. will perform "Chocolate," an exploration of the sacred cacao bean. The free dance performance uses Mayan and Aztec creation stories to uncover the origins of chocolate and the healing energy of it. The event will begin with a ritual on the LeFevre Terrace and then move inside for more dancing prior to an outdoor dance party at the end of the evening. RSVP to cdavalos@stmarys-ca.edu

The Saint Mary's College Dance Company will offer its dance concert, "Murmurations," a dance performance created by seven senior choreographers from the Class of 2022, with guest artist and alumna Micah Sallid at 8

p.m. Nov. 18 and 19 and at 2 and 8 p.m. Nov. 20 at LeFevre Theatre. Tickets are \$8-\$15 (www.stmarys-ca.edu/murmurations).

And the Saint Mary's Instrumental Ensemble is scheduled to perform its fall concert at 8 p.m. Nov. 22 entitled "Mystic Embers" featuring the music of Jennifer Rose, Astor Piazzolla, J.S. Bach, Jeff Herwig, and Brian Belmagas. Additionally, the SMC Jazz Band will be featuring the music of Miles Davis, John Coltrane, Lee Morgan, and Henry Mancini. SMC Jazz Singers will also be singing a number of toe-tapping jazz tunes. Tickets are \$8-\$15 (<https://www.stmarys-ca.edu/mystic-embers>). - J. Wake

Correction: In the Oct. 13 Lamorinda Weekly article, "Local nonprofit helps Afghan refugees in resettlement," the last name of Miramonte students was misspelled. Selma and Nilab Ahmed recently started a Keeping Our Promise club at Miramonte High School and have recruited classmates to tutor Afghan children aged 12 to 17. According to their father, the two sisters are looking for volunteers to tutor not only refugee children but adults as well, who wish to improve their English or learn about American culture and history. The Ahmed sisters can be reached at kopmiramonte@gmail.com



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In Memory

Linda Marie Borrelli
Sept. 15, 1939 – Nov. 2, 2021



Linda Marie Borrelli, 82, a devoted and loving wife, mother and grandmother passed away Tuesday, Nov. 2. She was born on Sept. 15, 1939 in Bakersfield, Calif., the daughter of Lois and Leslie Heath. Funeral mass will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 10 at St Monica's Church in Moraga. Reception will follow in the Peace Room. She is survived by her husband Gary Borrelli, sons Matthew, David (Ann): grandchildren Annika, Dominic, and Daniel. Preceded in death by her brothers Joe and Leslie Heath.

Linda grew up on a farm in Oakdale, Calif., and from those early years it engrained in her the love and passion she had for her community and country. She graduated from Oakdale High School in 1957 as the leader of her cheerleading squad and continued her education at the University of California. She met the love of her life while working in Oakland and married Gary on June 15, 1963 and they shared an incredible life over the next 58 years. They were blessed with two sons and Linda was able to shine in her role as a mother and eventually a grandmother. But most of all she is most remembered for her infectious smile and friendly outgoing personality.

Linda was a founding pillar of the Moraga community for over 50 years. Her list of accomplishments and service contributions are a testament of her love and dedication to the town of Moraga. She was a founding member of the Moraga Junior Women Society. She was a board member and active participant in the following associations: The Moraga Rescue One Foundation, The Moraga Fire District, Moraga Parks and Recreation, executive director of the Moraga Chamber of Commerce, president of the St. Monica's Parish Council, and she was awarded the Moraga Citizen of the Year in 1993.