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Community gathers for an early Thanksgiving breakfast in Lafayette

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Filled with soaring seasonal harp music and bedecked in floral displays, Lafayette's Veterans Memorial Center - radiating warmth against the early morning autumn chill outside, was filled on Nov. 7 with Lamorindans eager to begin the holiday season. Some 130 early-risers mingled with their fellow neighbors at the Lafayette Chamber of Commerce's 44th Annual Community Thanksgiving Breakfast. Traditionally, the breakfast rings in the holiday season in Lamorinda and this year was no different: a who's who of locals feasted on a sunrise breakfast, beautifully laid out in the expansive Veterans Memorial building.

City officials, small business owners, educators and, of course, residents got to know each other just a little bit better on what would otherwise have been just another chilly November morning. The breakfast's keynote presentation was devoted to Las Trampas, a local

nonprofit organization which since 1958 has provided services to people with developmental disabilities and their families in our community.

And, as invocations and benedictions were delivered, it was the community that was foremost in people's minds. Best summed up by Lafayette Chamber's Executive Director, Sara Regan, the Thanksgiving breakfast - and the entire Thanksgiving holiday - is about the community coming together and offering thanks for all that we have. She's right, as we look back during this Thanksgiving, we really do have so much to be thankful for right here in Lamorinda.

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