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Civic News Orinda

Orinda in Action

Show your civic pride April 20

By Laurie Snyder

hether you care about for seniors to get out and mingle, istrants are also welcome the day of been itching to exercise that green for their world, and Lamorinda garden thumb, or have simply spotted area students to fulfill required a corner of your community which needs a little tender loving care, April 20 is your day to join hands with fellow Orindans to show your civic pride. Organizers of the fifth annual Orinda Action Day are looking for volunteers of all ages, and have a list at 9 a.m. at the Orinda Library Plaza. of ways that residents may pitch in.

which annually draws hundreds of fresh fruit, bagels, and coffee to fuel tion@gmail.com.

creeks, loathe litter, have moms to teach tots about caring volunteer hours for school. Scout troops are particularly urged to participate this year, say event cochairs Jessica Smith and Holly

Registration check-in will begin Volunteers will be given free T-shirts The community clean-up event while supplies last, and treated to helpers has become a popular way up before getting busy. Drop-in reg-

the event.

Volunteers will reassemble at the plaza between 11:30 a.m. and noon for a round of high fives and pizza.

To learn how you can help and pre-register, click on "Orinda Action Day" on the Orinda Community Foundation's website (www.orindafoundation.org), and follow the instructions. Or send an email with volunteer name(s) and preferred project to: orindafounda-

Mayor Recalls Orinda's History and Spirit during State of the City Address

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Worth then added a "fifth P" for by the FBI as "one of the top five through their retirement years." safest cities in California."

As to whom Orindans are in partnerships – between the city and 2013: "Our population under 65 has various county, state and federal agengone down by 10 percent while our cies – and between the city and its respondition of residents over 65 has inidents. She thanked Orindans for creased by 10 percent." Just over supporting Measure L "to signifi- 1,000 are now between ages 20 to 34 cantly increase our investment in road with the bulk – 8,169 – aged 35 to 65. and drain repair," and urged everyone "I think that affirms what we all to continue working together with po-know. That young people move here lice to preserve Orinda's designation to raise their children and then stay

Moving forward, she announced,

"We are going to celebrate and honor individuals and groups who contribute to make Orinda the wonderful community and the friendliest city that it is."

Mayor Worth will deliver her State of the City Address again in a free presentation at 7 pm on April 15 in the Orinda Library Auditorium.

Is for Pat - Orinda's Citizen of the Year

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Orinda Union School District Finance Orinda's Friends of the Library.

"We certainly known it takes a documents on weekends, she gave up

"It's all about the ABC's and village to raise a child," mused OUSD cheering on your team," said Jan Coe, superintendent Dr. Joe Jaconette. "The corollary is that it takes a village Advisory Committee member, as she to educate a child." Sporting a baby used the letters of her colleague's seal-adorned tie to remind all of name to spell out accomplishments. Rudebusch's passion for rescuing ma-Susie Epstein and Linda Landau re- rine mammals, Jaconette described called how Rudebusch always put how OUSD benefitted from her servchildren first – whether volunteering ice on "a very, very productive govfor the schools or on behalf of erning team" during both flush and woman's life. Four words which also lean times. Wading through stacks of personify the spirit of Orinda.

many evenings and prized vacation time as "a skilled problem solver" without any hidden agenda. "She moderated with diplomacy, courtesy, and poise" as she shepherded support for math and literacy programs. Her interactions with others always began with, "'How can I help?""

Four simple words sum up one

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Baby Steps for Potential Path Connector

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Because any proposed improvements would involve three entities, study, which will identify challenges the cities of Lafayette and Walnut and help with long range plans for all Pat Rudebusch of Orinda, who hap-Creek, along with part of unincorpoint volved. The Olympic Corridor rated Contra Costa County, it be- Trail Connector Study will ultimately came clear that spelling out specifics recommend a range of improvements Moraga Trail, commented that any would help clarify the responsibilito be implemented in phases, accordties of each party.

a memorandum of understanding tra Costa County Department of thing,"

was approved to cooperate with the Conservation and Development. ing to John Cunningham, senior At a recent city council meeting transportation planner with the Conjoying the outdoors is "a good

On a sunny afternoon last Friday pened to be walking with her daughter's dog Maggie on the Lafayette future trail improvement that will keep people healthy, walking and en-

Stanley Student Wins Community Service Project Contest

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The girls figured it was a win-win; books. All told, the girls collected community resources.

mation from the mayor at a recent ident of Berkeley, is on her team. city council meeting; she hobbled up to the podium to accept the award five Grand Prize winners from with a cast on one leg from, oddly enough, a soccer injury. She and Wells did it all on their own, explained proud dad Dan Walner, motivating their team and the entire mom—will receive an all-expensesoccer club to donate children's paid trip in May to Walt Disney

parents of fellow soccer players got 1,149 kids' books. "The Oakland lito clean shelves at home of gently brarians were thrilled," said 14-yearused books that they had already en- old Walner. The books were divided joyed and then pass the books along between Oakland's Allendale, to underserved kids who could enjoy Brookfield and Lafayette elementary them too, recycling and sharing schools. The Stanley Middle School eighth grader is a member of the Walner received a special procla- Montclair Soccer Club; Wells, a res-

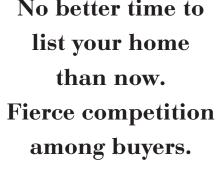
The girls are among a total of across the country, beating out 65 other service project submissions. The young winners and a parent or

guardian—Kate is going with her

World in Florida and a role as a youth leader at Special Olympics Florida Summer Games.

Foudy is a pioneer in the world of women's soccer: she is the former captain of the USA Women's Soccer team, two-time Olympic gold medalist and two-time World Cup Champion. The philosophy of the leadership academy is simple sports and leadership. In her many public speaking events, Foudy credits Title IX, the landmark civil rights ruling that required gender equality for education and athletic programs that receive federal funding, hence the Stanford soccer scholarship that put her on a path to soccer greatness.

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