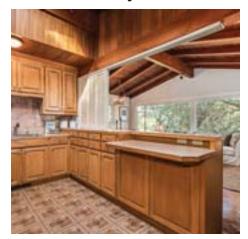
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'Women in Music' Day made official

By Pippa Fisher



Lafayette Mayor Mike Anderson and Pam Freund-Striplen.

he Lafayette City Coun- Contra Costa County. The chamcil enjoyed a short musical ber group feature internationally treat from Pam Freund-Striplen renowned musicians and draws on Monday, Feb. 27 as she gave many of its core members from a brief preview from "Threads", the San Francisco Symphony, her upcoming concerts with the Opera and Ballet Orchestras. Cur-Gold Coast Chamber Players, rently they consider the Lafayette which features female composers Library and Learning Center to be home.

"Threads" is a vibrant program nized Striplen and the Gold Coast inspired by Susan Groag Bell, a Players for all their efforts since historian in women's studies and mation, Anderson declared on bean advocate for gender equality. half of the Lafayette City Council, Originally playing in pri- The council recognized the con- March 5, 2017 to be "Women in vate homes the group gradually cept behind "Threads" which they Music Day" in the city of Lafayexpanded to venues throughout said would bring the issue of genette.

Photo Pippa Fisher

der equality onto the concert stage, presenting music by women who had to breakthrough societal prejudices of their appropriate roles to create music that has left a major imprint on their time in history.

The council also recognized the Players for nearly two decades of educational outreach work within the Lamorinda public schools.

Awarding Striplen the procla-

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throughout history.

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Mayor Mike Anderson recog-

they were formed back in 1999.

They continued their involvechildren progressed from elementary through Stanley and Acalanes High School from 1976-1990.

Additionally Robin, a keen gardener, was president of the Happy Valley Garden Club. The work of this organization is responsible for several areas of beautification around the community, especially the walkways and for donations to Navy in 1981, but, never one to the community gardens.

She and her husband have been very involved on the board of the Friends of the Lafayette Library and Learning Center with Robin serving a stint as president from 2010 to 2012. Ellen Reintjes, current president of the LL&LC, says of Robin that she was instrumental in establishing strong and posithe several library partners in this unique physical and organizational structure.

Robin continued with the Friends the Senior Symposium." Board and has taken on new responsibilities that facilitate celebrating our volunteers and assisting the Library Foundation with fundraising events. In all these roles, tions. LCF has missed Dick's role Robin has impressed me with her as "the conscience of the commucreativity, diplomacy, and positive nity" on its board of directors since attitude," Reintjes said.

from time to time working as substitutes in the bookshop. Reintjes

ment with schools as their three who pitch in to make things happen and are often among the first to respond to requests for volunteers for special Friends and Library events."

> In fact Robin says she is most proud of her contribution to the library, which she notes is an incredible community resource.

> Dick Holt retired from the sit around, he soon became busy, serving on the Lafayette Planning Commission for more than 26 years, from 1983 to 2010.

> He has served as president of the Lafayette Rotary and on the Las Trampas board as well as on the board of the Lafayette Community Foundation for six years.

He still serves on the Envitive working relationships among ronmental Task Force. He was cochair of the Senior Symposium for three years and was, according to the current President of the LCF, "Following her presidency, Cheryl Noll, "One of the pillars of

Noll says of the couple, "His wife, Robin, was with him every step of the way, volunteering along side of him at LCF events and funche stepped off a year ago." Noll Both Holts can still be spotted continues, "Dick and Robin deserve this recognition!"

For the last eight years he has

says "They are the kind of people volunteered as a driver for the Senior Helpline and also works for

> Meals on Wheels. However, he says he is proudest of his work establishing the Concert at the Res 23 years ago, still supported today by the Rotary

Dick is a musician who plays guitar and appreciates Lafayette's incredible music programs and local talent. It was largely due to him through his work at the Rotary and in collaboration with the Community Foundation that a permanent stage was erected at the Lafayette Reservoir three years ago.

This dynamic duo, ever modest about their long list of volunteering in the community, was selected for the award from a field of 15 nominees this year. They will be celebrated at the Citizen of the Year dinner on Friday, March 24 at the Lafayette Hotel and Spa. Registration can be found online at the Chamber of Commerce website, www.lafayettechamber.org.

Dick Holt says that the quality of service in Lafayette is great. His wife continued, "We have met fabulous people." She says that there is so much diversity of backgrounds and service here in Lafayette. Through volunteering, she says, "We have learned so much, had so much fun — so many joyful moments."

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Zooming in

11x14 inches, must be submitted event with their work on display. by April 17 and will be reviewed by the public art committee. All prints is one of the few public meetings will be framed, curated and hung in the art gallery at the Lafayette Library and Learning Center in June. A reception will be held at the city council meeting on June 12 with awards for outstanding entries.

Public art committee member Erling Horn notes that this is a 'wonderful community event with participation by adults and kids of almost all ages." He says the reception at the gallery is a great mixer

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Photos, which may be color or and also introduces the younger black and white and no larger than participant to a real gallery opening

Horn points out, "The opening on city council nights where almost everyone has a big smile on their faces at least between 6 and 7 p.m.' He says it is the art of our citizens, sparkling cider and cookies that makes everyone happy.

Further details are available on the Public Art page of the city website. For questions email JHansen@ci.lafayette.ca.us or call 925-299-3216.



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