

# Garden Club learns to color seasons

Submitted by Karin Biasotti



Members and guests, at the Moraga Garden Club's February meeting were treated to a presentation by Laurie Callaway of Laurie Callaway Garden Designs. Her topic was, "Secrets of a Four Season Garden." She revealed how gardens can be colorful and beautiful throughout the year, and not just the spring and summer seasons.

From left, Moraga Garden Club member Joyce McClellan, guest speaker Laurie Callaway and Linda Foley, president. Photo provided

# 2017 National Charity League Class honored

Submitted by Laurie Dunn



Front, from left, Jessica Carlin, Julia Mueller, Caroline Clark, Mia Carvotta, Madison Stuart, Marla Wong, Meghan Nuti, Olivia Lindgren; Middle, from left, Isabel Kirke, Sara Lemelin, Lauren Ladrech, Katharine Larson; Back, from left, Paris Thomas, Sarah Ryles, Katherine Dunn, Caroline Sernett, Lindsay Dunn, Jenna Sposato, Shelby Bocks, Justine Bon, Morgan Rogers, Caroline Phipps

Members of the National Charity League, Acalanes Chapter, Class of 2017, were honored for six years of leadership and service to our community at their Senior Celebration held on Feb. 11 at the Diablo Country Club. The National Charity League is a mother-daughter philanthropic organization committed to community service, leadership development and cultural experiences. Over their six years, the class of 2017 volunteered over 5,000 hours with 28 non-profit organizations across the East Bay.

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# Saklan students donate to All-access playground

Submitted by Gary Irwin



Saklan students display All-access Playground poster. From left, Head of School Peter Metzger, students Mikayla Perrin, Sadie Zippin, and Nikko Choi, and Moraga Rotary President Kevin Reneau.

Saklan School students held a baked goods and hot chocolate sale to raise \$780 to donate to the Lamorinda All-access Playground, to be built at the Moraga Commons. The Saklan Student Council picked this project for the students to support as their contribution to the community, according to Peter Metzger, the Head of School. The check was recently presented to Moraga Rotary President Kevin Reneau at a school assembly, who remarked that the broad support from the Lamorinda community made him very optimistic that construction could begin in the fall.

This project is sponsored by Rotary Club of Moraga to commemorate its 50th anniversary in June. The playground will provide exercise equipment for both able-bodied and special needs children, and will be promoted to special needs groups throughout the East Bay.

# Campo's Girls and Boys State representatives chosen

Submitted by Kate Ginley



Katherine Ginley Photo provided

Campolindo Junior Katherine Ginley is this year's Girls State Representative.

The American Legion Auxiliary runs the Girls and Boys State program and chooses 500 girls and 500 boys from California to represent the program each year. For 75 years, these programs have taught teenagers the structure and responsibility of government. Boys and Girls State is known for producing U.S. Presidents such as the Bushes and Bill Clinton.

Girls and Boys State is essentially a week of participating as self-governing citizens while campaigning to get higher positions. Ginley says she hopes to win the Supreme Court Justice position, although the one who wins the position of State Governor gets to proceed to Girls National in Washington D.C and meet with either the President or members of Congress.

Campolindo's Boys State will be represented by junior Kyle Davis.

# 2017 Poul Anderson Writing Contest launches in Orinda

Submitted by Julie Rossiter

The Friends of the Orinda Library announces the 2017's Poul Anderson Creative Writing Contest, open to all students who reside or attend high school in Orinda.

Entry Categories are Science Fiction/Fantasy, Essay/Memoir/Biography, Poetry and Short Story. Students may submit one entry in any of the four categories for a total of not more than three entries. Submission deadline is Friday, April 21st at noon.

Entries are evaluated by a panel of local judges who are involved professionally in reading, writing or publishing. Up to four winners will each be awarded \$250 prizes at the close of this school year, underwritten by the Friends of the Orinda Library.

The contest is named in honor of the late Poul Anderson, a popular science-fiction writer and Orinda resident, who was a true friend to the community for 40 years.

Entries should be submitted to individual school representatives or at the Orinda Library. For additional information go to: www.friendsoftheorindalibrary.org or email Julie Rossiter at jrossiter@me.com.

# St. Monica's students donate to VESTIA

Submitted by Eric Moon



St. Monica's fifth-grade basketball team stand by items they collected for the county's homeless. Photo Eric Moon

In January, St. Monica's fifth-grade American Boys Basketball team organized a sock and sleeping-bag drive in conjunction with Volunteer Emergency Services Team in Action (VESTIA). After collecting items from members of the community, the boys were able to donate 12 sleeping bags and 102 pairs of socks to VESTIA, which will distribute these items to Contra Costa County's homeless population.

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