

American Legion dedicates bench at Moraga Bocce Courts

Submitted by Michael Gilson



Photo provided

American Legion Post 517 of Lafayette recently dedicated a new bench at the Moraga Commons Bocce Courts to honor two longtime Moraga residents who loved to play bocce and who loved American Legion.

Dominic Sidari and Tony DeVenuta, both members of Post 517 had been planning to see the bench installed during their time with the Post to honor the town they loved and the game of their passion. Unfortunately, both

Sidari and DeVenuta passed away before the bench could be purchased and the bench installed. Recently Drew Holland and Mike Gilson of Post 517 (pictured) visited the bench to remember and honor their friends who served their country and wanted this bench to honor all veterans and the friends they made playing bocce. The bench includes a plaque to honor Sidari and DeVenuta and the many friends they made in Moraga.

Record sales at this year's Holiday See's Candy shops

Submitted by Steve Woehleke



From left: Karen Reed and Leslie Engler at the Moraga Kiwanis Holiday See's Candy shop.

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Thanks to the Lamorinda community's support of the Moraga Kiwanis' 2017 Holiday See's Candy shops, this year's effort was an outstanding success, producing record sales and many shoppers happy with the easy parking, customized gift wrap and shipping services. The See's fundraiser, along with the club's annual Lobster Fest

provide the majority of proceeds for the Kiwanis Clubs' Giving Program which contributes approximately \$60,000 annually to local charities focusing on children and families.

For further information on this year's Lobster Fest, scheduled for March 24, go to moragavalleykiwanis.org or call (925) 388-0492.

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19 East Bay Debutantes Presented at UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital Oakland Winter Ball

The 60th annual Winter Ball was held Dec. 22 at the Westin St. Francis in San Francisco to raise funds for UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital Oakland. Nineteen debutantes were presented as future leaders in the effort to support the hospitals' mission of providing the best possible health care to all children regardless of their ability to pay. These young women focused on raising funds for a new Neonatal Intensive Care Unit and funding specialized neonatal cribs. A magical evening was enjoyed by all.



Katherine Genevieve Cane, Megan Elizabeth Gordon, Molly Catherine Davis Photos provided

Debutantes from Lamorinda:
Molly Catherine Davis - Lafayette
Katherine Genevieve Cane - Orinda
Kai Marju Otsmaa - Orinda
Makenna Anne Millham - Orinda
Caroline McKinnley Schafer - Orinda
Lucy Elizabeth Stenovec - Orinda
Raquel Maris Wescott - Moraga



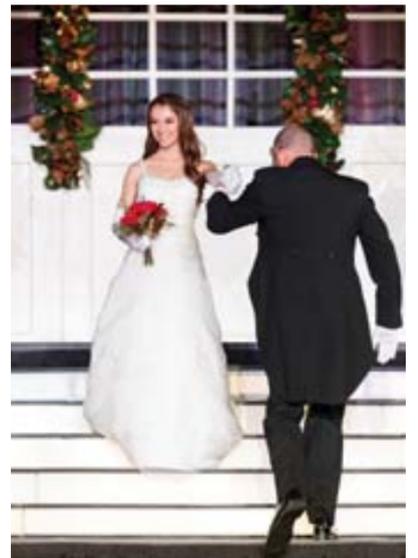
Kai Marju Otsmaa, Caroline McKinnley Schafer



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Lucy Elizabeth Stenovec, Andy Stenovec



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