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## National Charity League hosts tea at Moraga Royale

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The members of the 2021 class of the Lamorinda Chapter of National Charity League hosted a tea at the Moraga Royale Assisted Living facility March 25.

The theme of the tea was centered around the floral paintings of Claude Monet. On each table were small floral paintings, and centerpieces made by the girls in the chapter. "The NCL-sponsored tea was inspired by Monet artwork," said Trudy Deutz, a patroness of the 2021 class and coordinator of the event. "The NCL members brought in mini hand-painted reproductions of Monet artwork for the tables, two large screens with a famous Monet bridge painting that the residents walked through to enter the dining room, along with favors and flower centerpieces that all reflected the colors and themes of the artwork." The food served varied from small sandwiches, fruit kabobs, macaroons, cookies, madeleines, and more.

The girls spent time talking with the residents, serving them food, and entertaining. They sang a few songs, and held a raffle for the residents to win the flower centerpieces. "My favorite part about the tea was getting to talk to the seniors and learning about their lives when they were younger," said Helena Bardsley, a member of the 2021 NCL class.

"A highlight of the afternoon was the time the residents and the young ladies from NCL spent together. All the Moraga Royale residents were interested in learning more about their visitors and sharing stories about their lives," Deutz said.

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