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Lamorinda Village holds ninth annual Afternoon of Gratitude

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Don Jenkins Community Service Award recipient Ruth McCahan (center) Photo provided

Lamorinda Village, a Lafayette, community-based organization dedicated to supporting older adults and fostering a strong sense of connection, hosted its 9th annual Afternoon of Gratitude event on Dec. 8, in celebration of its members, dedicated volunteers, and outstanding community supporters. The event, held at the Jennifer Russell Building in the Lafayette Community Center, brought together more than 150 attendees, including the distinguished presence of six incoming, current, and former mayors representing all three towns. Attendees enjoyed wine and appetizers from Town Bakery and were treated to a captivating performance by the Stay at Tone Moms.

A highlight of the afternoon was the presentation of the Don Jenkins Service Award. Don was a prominent figure in the community known for his efforts in helping numerous nonprofits establish and sustain themselves, including Lamorinda Village. Lamorinda Village Executive Director, Kathryn Ishizu, said, "The foundations of Lamorinda Village stand strong today, thanks in large part to Don's tireless dedication and enthusiasm. That's why we have chosen to associate his name with our Service Award. It's a way of honoring his contributions and keeping his legacy alive."

This year, the award was presented to Ruth McCahan, the organization's longest-serving volunteer, champion,

and founder. Ruth's journey began in 2006 when she stumbled upon an article in The New York Times about a grassroots organization called Beacon Hill Village. Inspired by the concept, Ruth channeled her determination and vision into establishing a similar village for the Lamorinda community. Lamorinda Village has thrived under her leadership, becoming the vibrant community it is today.

The ceremony was further honored by then Lafayette Mayor Carl Anduri, who presented Ruth with a City Proclamation, acknowledging her outstanding contributions to the community. Lamorinda Sunrise Rotary, Conrad Breece, and Becky Jenkins also bestowed Ruth with the prestigious Paul Harris Fellow recognition, adding to the accolades she received for her exemplary service.

As Lamorinda Village continues to thrive and expand its impact on the community, the Afternoon of Gratitude serves as a poignant reminder of the power of unity, volunteerism, and the enduring spirit of those who work tirelessly to create a stronger, more connected community.

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