

# LAMORINDA WEEKLY



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## business briefs

### **All Hands On Deck, Massage Cottage**

71 Lafayette Circle, will have its ribbon cutting ceremony on May 15th at 4:40PM.

### **Union Bank of California, Moraga branch:**

Grand opening and ribbon cutting on May 20th. Moraga Rd, Moraga.

### **Orinda Curves "Gift-raises" for the Blue Star Moms**

Pati MacDonald, owner of Curves in Theater Square in Orinda supports the local "Blue Star Moms" group that is collecting gifts and funds for soldiers in Iraq. This group has children in uniform either here or in Iraq. The soldiers fighting in Iraq have given them "wish lists" of things they miss and would like to get. This includes items like Frisbees, tennis balls, granola bars, Pop Tarts, cotton t-shirts, etc. People can give a check for \$10.95 as well to cover the shipping cost of one box. "Since I have a women's workout facility full of Mom's, I thought it's the least we could do to get some of these items collected and sent over to Iraq," says MacDonald. "My members are excited about the thought of helping and I'm sure the community would be as well," she adds, "if we can't bring them home, we might as well make their lives a little easier." The mailing date for the next shipment is May 10th; all who want to help are welcomed. Deliveries should be made to the club before May 6th. Contact Pati at 254-4199

### **Clocks Etc.: Lafayette Small Business of the Year**

Store owners Wendy Tamis and Scott Hampton were chosen by the Lafayette Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors for their business acumen and the important contributions they've made to the business community and community at large. Their 4th Annual "Time to Celebrate Life" event last October helped get the message out about ovarian cancer. The month long event had been organized in partnership with the Oakwood Athletic Club. The two business partners are active members of the Lafayette Chamber of Commerce, Wendy serves on the Board of Directors and Scott is chairman of the Ambassador Committee. A luncheon in their honor will be held at the Concord Hilton 1970 Diamond Blvd. on May 9th. Tickets are \$45, to register, call 284-7404 before May 2nd.

### **Lamorinda Dines Out for Life**

On April 24th restaurants in the Bay Area participated in the "Dining out for Life" event during which they all gave 25% or more of their sales for the day to Vital Life Services, a non-profit providing essential services to those living with HIV/AIDS and other critical illness. Five Lamorinda restaurants participated: Giardino, Pizza Antica, Ristorante Amoroma, La Piazza and Shelby's. Shelby's donated 50% of their breakfast, lunch and dinner sales and diners also donated more if they wished. Shelby's raised \$1950. [www.diningoutfor-life.com](http://www.diningoutfor-life.com).

### **Police Give Advice About Employee Theft**

During a recent meeting, Lieutenant Priebe from the Moraga Police Department discussed with business owners the difficult subject of theft by employees. According to the officer, more than 33% of all employees admit to stealing from their employer at some time. Priebe, who has had to deal with many occurrences, had some advice for the business owners. He first recommended a

background check before hiring help. "Agencies can do that for you, there are sites on the Internet as well that can provide you with loads of valuable information." He explained the procedures to the business population and then told them what most defense attorneys would try to do during a trial, "they will attempt to make you look greedy, stupid and not following your own procedures." He stated that the best evidence are videos and that business owners need to have very precise procedures in place that are put in writing, signed, posted and followed by everyone. Of course, there shouldn't be any password sharing or other voluntary security lapse in a business.

### **News from the three Chambers of Commerce**

#### **Lafayette Chamber of Commerce, 100 Lafayette Circle, Lafayette**

[www.lafayettechamber.org](http://www.lafayettechamber.org)

- May 14th Lafayette Chamber Mixer, 5:30 PM Lafayette Community Center, 500 St Mary's Road
- May 15th Entrepreneurs Club meeting 8:30 AM Chamber Office
- May 21st Green Committee meeting 12PM Chamber Office

#### **Moraga Chamber of Commerce, [www.moragachamber.org](http://www.moragachamber.org)**

- May 10th Moraga Community Faire, 11AM to 4PM Rheem Center. See pages 18-19
- May 30th Chamber Mixer, 7:45AM to 9:30AM Hacienda de las Flores, 2100 Donald Dr, Moraga

#### **2008 MORAGA CITIZEN OF THE YEAR**

Moraga Chamber Vice President Ken Tom has been chosen Citizen of the Year. Last year Ken was the key organizer for Chamber-sponsored educational programs covering topics from fraud protection to preparing for a flu pandemic. Last month Ken organized the Business CERT preparedness seminar. He was also the force behind last years' very successful Chamber-sponsored Luau. Ken is an active member of the Moraga Kiwanis Club and has been involved in many different philanthropic activities. Come support Ken at the award dinner on Friday, May 9th at 6:00 PM Soda Center St. Mary's College. Call Larry Swindell for details 376-5692

#### **Orinda Chamber of Commerce, 24 Orinda Way, Orinda, [www.orindachamber.org](http://www.orindachamber.org)**

- May 16th, 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Theater Square, Orinda. The Orinda Chamber of Commerce and the City of Orinda celebrate the opening of the 2008 California Shakespeare Theater Season. Come join the celebration, and pick up your new schedule for the 2008 performance schedules. Look for lots of fun, food and music at our Cal Shakes Festival Night.
- The Orinda Chamber of Commerce needs your enthusiasm and expertise. Volunteer for an upcoming event or participate on one of our committees by calling the Chamber office at 925-254-3909 or by email to our address at [info@orindachamber.org](mailto:info@orindachamber.org)