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Parent Education Speaker Series, "Building Resiliency Through Life: How to help your child thrive and make healthy choices". Thursday October 22nd, 7pm - 8:30pm, Joaquin Moraga Intermediate School Auditorium, 1010 Camino Pablo, Moraga. This talk will focus on how parents can effectively communicate with their children in an age appropriate manner in order to promote the development of skills that will ultimately empower and educate children to make healthy/safe decisions regarding drugs, alcohol, and peer pressure.

Moraga Junior Women's Club is proudly sponsoring three one hour Self Defense Classes for Middle School Girls at The Karate & Fitness Place USA in Moraga in November. Educate yourself and learn self defense techniques in a fun and safe environment. Sign up today, as space is limited! See exact dates and times and register at www.moragajuniors.org by Thursday October 29th. Cost is \$30.00.

Attention Parents of Middle School Girls! Ever wish you could have at your fingertips the wisdom of experienced moms to help you navigate the middle school years with your daughter? Here's the next best thing: "How to Raise a Strong, Independent Daughter and Survive--True Confessions of Mothers of Daughters", a Q&A with a panel of moms who did. They will share their strategies, dilemmas and successes raising their own daughters in our community. Join us for a lively session Wednesday, November 4, 7:00-8:30 at JM Intermediate School. Light refreshments served. Sponsored by the Lamorinda AAUW Sister to Sister Conference Team.

Fun at the Moraga Library Crafty Storytime, Tuesdays, October 20 and 27 at 4pm, Stories and crafts for ages 4-7.

Lapsit Storytime, Wednesdays, October 21 and 28 at 10 am, For babies 6 to 24 months and their caregivers. Toddler Time, Wednesdays, October 21 and 28 at 10:45 am, Ages 2 to 3-1/2 with adult participation. "Tarantula in the Yard" on Thursday, October 15 at 4 p.m. East Bay Regional Park ranger Mike Moran to describe the habits of tarantulas in our local area. October 20, 21 and 22--3 to 5 p.m. "Wizard of Oz Wand" drop in to make a wizard wand. For kids and preschoolers. October 20, 21 and 22--3 to 5 p.m.

Seminar: "Getting into College" presented by Kaplan Test Prep, Thursday, October 15 at 6:30 pm at the Moraga Library. For parents and teens to gather basic understanding of the college admissions process and the importance of admissions test scores. Registration required; go to Kaptest.com/practicetest or call 1-800-KAP-TEST. Event code: SKBK9111.

OTHER

17th Annual Lafayette Reservoir Run will take place on Sunday, October 25th. The start location is on Mt. Diablo Blvd. between First St. & Moraga Rd. Registration Opens at 6:30am. Staggered Start Times: 5k 8:30am, 10k 8:45 am, 2mi run/walk (dogs and strollers ok) 9:00am. Adult registration fee: \$28; Race Day fee:\$33. Elementary school fee:\$20; Race Day fee:\$25. Register on-line at www.lafayettechamber.org or at the Chamber offices at 100 Lafayette Circle, Suite 103. (925) 284-7404. See story page 7

Do you like working with people? Are you good with numbers? Contra Costa County AARP Tax-Aide is looking for volunteers to become members of a team providing free tax preparation for individuals of all ages. Volunteers are trained by Tax Aide and become IRS Certified tax counselors. If interested, call LaVerne Gordon, District Coordinator, at (925)335-8749 for information and to apply. Orientation is in November 2009 and classes for counselors start in January 2010.

How to maintain excellence is K-12 schools in spite of budget constraints --A Forum on October 20 in Moraga.

School superintendents John Stockton of the Acalanes Union High School District, Richard Schafer of the Moraga School District and Joe Jacquette of the Orinda Union School District will address "Maintaining Excellent Schools in Tough Financial Times" and answer questions from the public concerning this important topic on Tuesday, October 20th at 10:00 am, at the Serbian Orthodox Church, 1700 School Street, Moraga. The forum is sponsored by the Orinda-Moraga-Lafayette branch of the American Association of University Women, it is free and open to all.

Come to Acalanes High School electronic e-waste drive. This October 24 and 25 from 9:00am-3:00 p.m. at Acalanes' front parking lot, 1200 Pleasant Hill Road, Lafayette. Drop of your old monitors, computers and electronics, and get your tax write off. For more information go to unwaste.com or call (888) 832-9839.

Ægis of Moraga is hosting a Fabulous '50's Outdoor Show and Picnic on Sunday, October 25th from 1pm to 4pm. Free admission. Music, Dancing, and Cars of the 1950's. Bring your vintage 1950's car for a casual cruise-in. Listen to toe-tapping 50's classics by Hot Rod Jukebox. Enjoy refreshments, dancing and picnic on our front lawn. A prize will be given for "People's Choice" car. To reserve your parking space, please RSVP to Virginia Sargent at (925) 377-7900 or Virginia.Sargent@AegisLiving.com.

The Rheem Theatre (350 Park Street, Moraga, CA) will be holding a free 10p.m. showing of "Monty Python and the Holy Grail" on Friday, Oct 16th. Please bring a can of non-perishable food as your admission. We are donating the cans to the Contra Costa Food Bank. The show is open to all ages!

Join us for a special Fall Fundraising event at the Captain Vineyards in Moraga! Guided tour, generous wine tasting, Middle Eastern feast and exclusive art & craft items to benefit The Hungry Duckling, helping orphaned children in Asia. Saturday, October 24, 2- 5 pm, 1969 Joseph Drive, Moraga. Suggested tax deductible donation \$55. Max: 30 participants Reserve your spot: Ksenija.Olmer@254-05439, Xenija@aol.com.

"Redefine Your Vision of Success -- People, Planet, and Yes, Profit" Triple Bottom Line Companies Panel Discussion (with dinner and wine reception) October 15, 5:30-8:30 P.M. at the Soda Center, Saint Mary's College, Moraga. Featuring Michael Hannigan, Give Something Back, Peter Liu, New Resource Bank, and Marisa Massie, Salesforce.com. Moderator: Phillip Gordon, Director of the Center for Socially Responsible Business, Mills College. It's not just about profits anymore -- See how three companies are redefining success by focusing on the triple bottom line. Dinner and the wine reception is \$35. Please go to the following link to register (select "member") <http://www.stmarys-ca.edu/news-and-events/item-event.html?ID=3648>.

Serbian Food Festival, Saturday, October 17, Noon - 9pm. Featuring authentic Serbian cuisine, delicious homemade pastries / Live Serbian music. Free admission. Everyone welcome! Holy Trinity Cultural Center, 1700 School Street, Moraga. For info. (925) 376-6850.

The first Many Faces of Breast Cancer Event in the East Bay will address the needs of Breast Cancer Survivors. An esteemed panel of experts will discuss the latest research and issues affecting 2.5 million breast cancer survivors on Saturday, October 24 10am. to 12:00pm. (Registration begins at 9:30 a.m.) Admission, refreshments and parking are free. WHERE: Lesher Center for the Arts, Stage 3, Knight Theatre, 1601 Civic Drive, Walnut Creek. RSVP: Space is limited. Advance registration required. To register, call 1.877.732.6033 or email ManyFacesEastBay@zenogroupevents.com.

Moraga Garden Club Meeting, October 15, 2009, 9:30 am, Holy Trinity Cultural Center - 1700 School St., Moraga. A program "Designing with Roses in Lamorinda" will be presented by Laurie Callaway of Laurie Callaway Landscape Design.

Are your holidays nutty enough? They can be even nuttier when you help support the Girl Scouts of Northern California through the annual Fall Nut and Magazine Sale! Local Girl Scout Troops will be out and about in Lamorinda taking pre-orders through October 18, and from November 6 through November 22, Girl Scouts will be selling nuts at various locations throughout Lamorinda, so watch for Girl Scout booths at our local Safeway, Starbucks, CVS Pharmacy, Diablo Foods and Noah's Bagels. Or, to find a troop near you and arrange purchases, please call 800-447-GIRL ext. 190.

HALLOWEEN EVENTS



David Marron, a first-grader, lugs a giant pumpkin at Lafayette Elementary School's 'Westival' on October 10

Annual Halloween Carnival: Orinda's favorite Pumpkin Patch Festival raises money to support vital School Programs. The Del Rey Pumpkin Patch will be held at Del Rey Elementary School, 25 El Camino Moraga in Orinda, Saturday October 17, from Noon to 3pm. Activities, games and contests offer fun for all ages. Admission is \$8.50 per person, which includes all activities. The popular Bake Sale, Auction and Halloween Costume Sale are back this year. Lunch catered by Top Dog. Tickets available at: <http://www.orindaschools.org/delrey> or at the door.

Sleepy Hollow Elementary School invites local families to spend a fun-filled day at its Annual Pumpkin Patch on Saturday, Oct. 17 from 11:00 a.m. -- 3:00 p.m. Head over to the school's grounds, located at 20 Washington Lane in Orinda and enjoy a day of old-fashioned fun and games with family and friends. This year's attractions and festivities include a haunted house, pumpkins, carnival games, jump houses, home-made treats, a cake walk and more.

Haunted House. Please join us at the Lafayette Community Center in the Live Oak Room for a ghoulishly good time! Friday, October 23 and Saturday, October 24 from 5:00-7:00pm (not too scary; parents accompany children 7 and under) 7:30-9:30 (very scary - for children 8 and over) Ages 7 and under \$3. Ages 8 and over \$5. Sponsored by the Lafayette Youth Commission.

The Moraga Junior Women's Club will hold its 33rd Annual Halloween Carnival on Sunday, October 25th from 10am to 2pm at Campolindo High School located at 300 Moraga Road in Moraga. The annual Carnival is a fun and fanciful event perfect for children ages 2 to 8 years, and attracts over 500 children each year. Participants will be able to choose a pumpkin from the pumpkin patch, enjoy carnival games and hands on crafts. Pizza, snacks, refreshments and various homemade ghoulish goodies will be available to purchase. Admission is \$5 per child, plus a small charge for game tickets and food. All children are encouraged to come in costume. Bring your own trick-or-treat bag and receive 3 free game tickets. For more information and online ticket sales, go to www.moragajuniors.org.

POLITICAL GATHERINGS

Ygnacio Valley Republican Women Federated meets at the Oakhurst Country Club, 1001 Peacock Creek Road, Clayton, and welcomes Laurie Firestone, the former White House Social Secretary to President George H. W. Bush to their Wednesday, October 21, 2009 Dinner Meeting. No-host Cocktails 5:30 P.M. Speaker 6:30 P.M. Dinner and Brief. Business/Legislation/Americanism 7:15 P.M. \$35 RSVP: Barbara Allen (925)672-5061 or jngcabot@pacbell.net Please assist our Hospitality Ladies with payment by check or exact amount when possible (no credit cards).

Saint Mary's College of California will host a forum for candidates seeking California's 10th Congressional District seat in the Nov. 3, 2009 general election to replace U.S. Rep. Ellen Tauscher, D-Alamo. The forum is open to the public and features candidates Jeremy Cloward, Jerry Denham, John Garamendi, David Hamer, and Mary McIlroy. Contra Costa Times political editor Lisa Vorderbrueggen will moderate the forum and take questions from the audience, which will be put to each of the candidates for a response. Monday, October, 26 from 7 - 9pm at the Soda Activity Center, Saint Mary's College of California, 1928

St. Mary's Road, Moraga. Co-sponsored by: the League of Women Voters of Diablo Valley and the Contra Costa Times.

Veterans Day Vigil, November 11th at 5:15pm. We will come together in peaceful fellowship, to express our grief for the loss of life in Iraq and determination to put an end to this war. Please join us. PLACE: The Crosses of Lafayette, located on the corner of Deer Hill and Oak Hill Road, across from the Lafayette BART station. Sponsored by: The Crosses of Lafayette, Mt. Diablo Peace & Justice Center, Lamorinda Peace & Justice Group, and Buddhist Peace Fellowship.

VISITING INTERNATIONALLY RENOWNED IRISH PSYCHIC MEDIUM SANDRA O'HARA

Sandra has brought tremendous healing through her gift of delivering spirit messages for more than 25 years in Ireland and the U.S. Avail of a rare opportunity to see Sandra in her debut appearance at HCH in Lafayette, and experience an extraordinarily moving evening in which Sandra will deliver spirit messages from departed loved ones.

Friday, October 30, 2009, 7-9pm

Venue: HCH, 3702 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Lafayette, CA, Fee: \$100
Contact: Carrie Kehoe at 925-878-5435 or livingitwell@gmail.com

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Join us at Ægis of Moraga for a Fabulous '50's Outdoor Show and Picnic

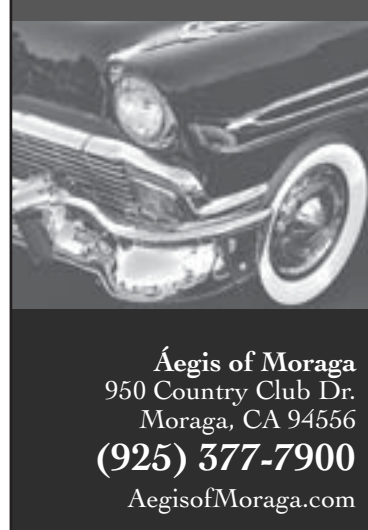
Sunday, October 25th
1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Music, Dancing, and Cars of the 1950's

Listen to toe-tapping 50's classics by Hot Rod Jukebox. Bring your vintage 1950's car for a casual cruise-in. Enjoy refreshments, dancing and picnic on our front lawn. A prize will be given for "People's Choice" car.

To reserve your parking space, please RSVP to Virginia Sargent at 925-377-7900 or Virginia.Sargent@AegisLiving.com.

See a preview of our entertainers, Hot Rod Jukebox at www.hotrodjukebox.com.



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