

Community Service

We are pleased to make space available whenever possible for some of Lamorinda's dedicated community service organizations to submit news and information about their activities. Submissions can be sent to storydesk@lamorindaweekly.com with the subject header In Service to the Community.

Orinda Community Foundation Turns 2

Submitted by Sue Severson



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The Orinda Community Foundation celebrated its second birthday on February 29, 2012. OCF trustees are pleased to announce that every dollar raised this past year, over \$38,000, was put to good use "enhancing the quality of life in Orinda." Most grant recipients sent representatives from their organizations to celebrate another successful year.

Boy Scout Troop 237 Announces Five New Eagle Scouts

Submitted by Kevin J. Cullen



Left to Right: Tyler Kirchberg, Tanner Cullen, Drew Holland, Jason Lammert and Charlie Wiser
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Orinda Boy Scout Troop 237 awarded five Scouts the prestigious rank of Eagle Scout at a Court of Honor on Feb. 26, at the Moraga Valley Presbyterian Church. The Court was opened and closed by Aklan District Commissioner Wick Smith. Reverend Frank Baldwin provided the Invocation and Benediction. John "Tanner" Cullen, Drew Holland, Tyler Kirchberg, Jason Lammert, and Charlie Wiser achieved Boy Scouting's highest award after completing their individual community services projects, which included building a cobb bench in The Garden of Learning at St. Perpetua School, organizing the collection of fruit from Urban Farmers and donating to the Contra Costa Food Bank, constructing a new trophy case at Orinda Intermediate School, installing new flower beds and landscaping at the TOPS Preschool, and building a new bench and restoration of the garden at the Orinda Community Church.

Boy Scouts of America Troop 237, chartered by the Orinda Community Church, has been serving the Orinda community for over 58 years and has recognized 188 Eagle Scouts over its history. Each candidate must earn a minimum of 21 merit badges, including 12 Eagle-required badges. They must also demonstrate leadership, outdoor skills, Scout spirit plus successfully complete a service project with a minimum of 100 volunteer hours to earn the Eagle award.

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Orinda Community Foundation 501c3 nonprofit public benefit corporation 2011 Grant Recipients		
4th of July Parade (2011-2012)	Orinda Association	\$10,000
Concerts in the Park 2012, add new concert	Orinda Community Center Auxiliary	\$1,000
Food Bank of Contra Costa & Solano		\$2,000
Lamorinda Senior Transportation		\$3,000
Opera in the Park Concert 2012	Orinda Community Center Auxiliary	\$1,000
Orinda City Beautification - plant bulbs	Orinda Garden Club	\$600
Orinda Chamber of Commerce (2011-2012)		\$1,000
Orinda Historic Mural	Orinda Historical Society, OAC	\$2,200
Orinda Idol youth sing competition (2011-2012)	Orinda Arts Council	\$4,350
Orinda in Action Community Service Day		\$3,000
Orinda Library Gallery artwork lighting	Friends of Orinda Library	\$2,500
Orinda Library Gallery surveillance system	City of Orinda	\$500
Orinda Theatre digital upgrades	CAIFF	\$1,000
Public Art purchase - Peacock	Art in Public Places Committee	\$5,000
Youth Ink writing competition	Orinda Junior Women's Club	\$500
Youth rehabilitation scholarship	Xenophon Therapeutic Riding Center	\$1,000
		Total = \$38,650
Partnership Grant: Lamorinda Adult Respite Center (LARC) partnership with Ernest & Lola Poll Trust \$5,000		

Cub Scouts Duped During Behind-the-Scenes Tour

Submitted by David Sanguinetti

Moraga Police Officer Michael Dreyfuss led an exciting behind-the-scenes tour of the Police Department on Rheem Blvd. for cub scouts from Moraga Cub Scout Pack 54 Den 5 (and some of their younger siblings). While the boys enjoyed learning about all of the equipment Officer Dreyfuss carries on his uniform, the highlight of the trip was when the boys got to sit in the back of the patrol car. Officer Dreyfuss shut the door and casually asked the boys to "come on out." Den leaders watched them search for the door handles before figuring

out they'd been duped -- there are no door handles in the back seat! The first-grade boys passed a requirement toward their Tiger Cub rank by learning about how police officers help people in our community. Officer Dreyfuss, a former Eagle Scout, was even invited to the Den's next Pinewood Derby Races to hand out speeding tickets to the winners. The Police Department's willingness to host these Cub Scouts demonstrated their commitment to the community and gained them several new fans (and responsible citizens).



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