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**From Front Page**

**Christmas Cheer Soars When Snow Falls in Orinda**

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The general consensus among most of the children, however, was that it was most definitely the good stuff—a bit of North Pole magic flown in by the big guy himself.

The snow was “crunchy,” observed elementary schooler Lauren Schultz. She’s hoping for a scooter and a bike—and a Stuffedies toy. “You can put anything in it, and it’s soft.” Lauren and her mom, Emily, recently made sugar cookies and a ginger-

bread house.

When asked by her daddy what Santa says, 2-year-old Celeste gave an enthusiastic, “Ho! Ho! Ho!” Celeste just moved to the St. Stephen’s neighborhood three months ago with her parents, George and Vanessa. “It looks like she’s really enjoying it,” he said of his daughter’s inability to tear her eyes away. She’s hoping for chocolate.

Broderick and Colton Bornstein,

Photos Ohlen Alexander snug and warm in Chip and Dale hats, had a blast bringing their own Frosty to life. “It was really fun, but we also had fun re-building,” said Broderick. “The head kept falling off and the eyes kept falling out.” Asked what Christmas meant to sister, Paige, she simply said, “Joy!”

New memories were made—and more names were added to the “Nice List.” Not a bad way to end 2013. Merry Christmas, Lamorinda!



If the snow didn't provide enough excitement to keep Santa's sleigh flying for another three centuries, there were also horse and carriage rides with Jerry Christmas high stepping up and down Moraga Way under the moonlight.

*Season's Greetings!*



The Lamorinda Weekly family shared good cheer at a recent holiday luncheon. Back row, from left: Amanda Kuehn (in blue), Ohlen Alexander, Andy Sheck, Cathy Dausman, Nick Marnell, San Kumar, Marissa Harnett, Sophie Braccini, Gint Federas; middle: Lee Borrowman, Cynthia Brian, Laurie Snyder, Cathy Tyson, Elizabeth LaScala, Lynn Ballou; front: Jennifer Wake, Wendy Scheck, Roslynn Aragones Stenzel. Photo Gint Federas

*Whether you are home for the holidays, celebrating quietly or jovially with family and friends, or traveling far and wide ~ from all of us at Lamorinda Weekly to all of you, warm wishes for a festive holiday season, happiness and exciting opportunities in the new year!*