



Orinda Civic News

Public Meetings

City Council

Tuesday, Jan. 21, 7 p.m.
Auditorium, Orinda Library,
26 Orinda Way

Planning Commission

Tuesday, Jan. 28, 7 p.m.
Auditorium, Orinda Library,
26 Orinda Way

Historical Landmark Committee

Tuesday, Jan. 28, 3 p.m.
Gallery Room, Orinda Library,
26 Orinda Way

Check online for agendas, meeting notes and announcements

City of Orinda:

www.cityoforinda.org
Phone (925) 253-4200

Chamber of Commerce:

www.orindachamber.org

The Orinda Association:

www.orindaassociation.org

School Board Meeting

Orinda Union School District

TBA

OUSD Office, Vintage Building

25 Orinda Way, Suite 200

www.orindaschools.org

See also AUHSD meeting page A2



Orinda Police Department Crime Statistics Month of December, 2013

Calls for Service:

False Residential Alarms (43)

Auto Burglary

Orinda Oaks Park

Commercial Burglary

Davis Road
Wilder Road/Upton Rd
Orinda Wy

Residential Burglary

Charles Hill Ln
Nelson Ln
Muth Dr
WB SR 24/Wilder Blvd
Broadview Terr

Petty Theft (vehicle)

Sycamore Rd
Meadow Ct
Van Ripper Ln (2)
Dalewood Dr

Recovered Stolen Vehicle

Virginia Dr

Felony Vandalism

Honey Hill Ct

Stolen Vehicles

Muth Dr
Dalewood Dr
Camino Sobrante
Amber Valley Dr

Arrests:

DUI

Camino Pablo/Ardilla Rd

Vehicle theft

Camino Sobrante

Orinda BART Reports/Arrests

No arrests reported



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Whirlwind Year on World Stage for Orinda/Tábor Sister City Foundation

By Laurie Snyder



Orinda/Tábor Sister City student Roxana Rayová (in white) celebrates New Year's Eve with her Orinda host family at their home in Merida, Yucatan, Mexico. Pictured: Host sister, Lauren (in black to Roxana's right); mother, Carla (in coral top); and father, Carlos (to Carla's right, black shirt); and members of Carlos' extended family.

When an international envoy arrived in the Bay Area recently with a mission to nurture positive relations between his country and the United States, he made sure that Orindans were included in the conversation.

Networking on behalf of Orinda with Ambassador Petr Gandalovič of the Czech Republic were former mayor Bobbie Landers, one of the founders of the Orinda/Tábor Sister City Foundation; 2013 mayor Amy Worth; and a young woman who has captured the hearts of many in the community – Roxana Rayová, Orinda's 2013-14 visiting Czech student.

Rayová represented Miramonte High School and her native and honorary home towns with great poise, according to Landers, while adding invaluable civic and international affairs experience to her resumé as she

witnessed Worth, Landers, and others dialogue with Gandalovič and Richard Pivnicka, the honorary Consul General who serves as the face of the Czech Republic to San Francisco and Silicon Valley. In addition to speaking at a cybersecurity conference at Stanford University and visiting a startup accelerator in early November, Gandalovič was on hand to honor former Secretary of State George P. Shultz at a black-tie gala and banquet in Foster City. Shultz was presented with the highest award given by the Czech Republic's Ministry of Foreign Affairs – “the Silver Medal of Jan Masaryk in recognition of [his] role in implementing foreign policy that led to the conclusion of the Cold War, and for his global contributions as a statesman,” said Pivnicka. In addition, Worth talked tunnels and transportation with the envoy while others picked the brains of future



2013 Orinda mayor Amy Worth and former mayor, Bobbie Landers, joined Honorary Counsel General Richard Pivnicka in welcoming Ambassador Petr Gandalovič to the United States at a special reception in November. From left: Gandalovič, Worth, Pivnicka, Landers. Photos provided by the Orinda/Tábor Sister City Foundation

The Sympathetic Fibers of Orinda

Residents' altruism makes life better in and beyond city's borders

By Laurie Snyder

“A community is like a ship; everyone ought to be prepared to take the helm.” With those words by Henrik Ibsen, a small group of thoughtful citizens launched an enterprise which would quickly, quietly become part of the bedrock of Lamorinda. “Orinda is home to many cre-

ative and caring people who work hard to support our schools, library, seniors and youth,” wrote Richard Westin in June 2010 as he announced the formation of the Orinda Community Foundation (www.orindafoundation.org). Its purpose, he explained, would be to enhance the quality of life

for Orindans while ensuring that the community's most beloved traditions would continue even as the nation's economy persisted in its stubborn sluggishness.

The letter was signed not just by Westin, but by younger and older residents from diverse birthplaces, spiritual traditions and political

backgrounds, and has been responded to ever since with countless small and large contributions which have been put back into the community to fund the arts, educational initiatives, recreation and sports activities, and civic and community engagement projects. ... continued on page A11

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