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**Bentley School Science Thought Leaders Night** - a community event to discuss the topic of "Women in Science and Engineering" from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 26 in the Student Performing Arts Center (SPAC) 1000 Upper Happy Valley Road, Lafayette. RSVP on the Eventbrite page.

**Aegis of Moraga 16th Anniversary Art & Wine Celebration** from 4 to 6 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 26 at 950 Country Club Drive, Moraga. Wine tasting by Captain Vineyards, music by Lafayette's Gold Coast, Chamber Players, artwork by Lamorinda Artists, Aegis' executive Chef selections of fruit and cheese, and fine chocolates crafted by Powell's Candies. For info, call (925) 478-7327.

**Free tax preparation for the 2015 tax season is available** starting this month from AARP's Tax-Aide and United Way's Earn It, Keep It, Save It (EKS) programs. All tax preparers are trained and certified by the IRS. For information or to make an appointment for the Tax-Aide sites serving the Walnut

## Not to be missed

Creek area, please call: (925) 943-5851 Walnut Creek Senior Club site; (925) 405-6278 Walnut Creek Grace Presbyterian Church site; (925) 979-5013 Walnut Creek St. Paul's Episcopal Church site. For general information and other site locations, call: (925) 726-3199. For information on EKS sites call 2-1-1 or visit [www.earnit-keepitsaveit.org](http://www.earnit-keepitsaveit.org).

**During the month of February, Curves is raising funds** and awareness for ALS.net. ALS is often referred to as Lou Gehrig's disease. As a special fundraiser, individuals can work out at Curves for five days for \$5. All funds raised go directly to ALS TDI. For more information, contact Curves Walnut Creek at (925) 945-7484.

**Orinda Woman's Club is accepting applications** for the major beneficiary awards of 2015. Accepted applicants will reach the criteria: Serving youth and women and children primarily in Contra Costa and Alameda Counties, and is a 501c-3 organization with an income of no greater than \$2 million annually. Application forms can be acquired from Orinda Woman's Club, Beneficiary Chair, at (925) 254-1162 or [adeline@mcclatchie.com](mailto:adeline@mcclatchie.com). Applications are due by 7 p.m. March 2.

### SENIORS

**Lafayette Reservoir Walking Group led by Jim Scala**, Lafayette Today's "Walking the Reservoir" Columnist. Every Thursday from 10 to 11:30 a.m. the group meets for camaraderie, fresh air and enjoyable exercise, all in magnificent surroundings. Optional bonus: at the end of the walk, Scala will lead you through easy yoga poses and breathing exercises in the most beautiful outdoor yoga studio: the band stage overlooking the water. Please call (925) 284-5050 to add your name to the email notification list. Meet at reservoir parking lot. Free.

**Sons In Retirement ~ Las Trampas Branch 116 welcomes** guests to socialize with us at 11 a.m. on Monday, Feb. 16 at our monthly luncheon at the Walnut Creek Elks Lodge, 1475 Creekside Drive. Our speaker Tom Lindemuth will discuss the important issue of desalination in the likelihood that California will run out of water. Please call (925) 322-1160 for lunch reservations. Cost: \$15.

**Cultivating Your Creativity - Facilitated by Ted Fuller**, Lafayette author and editor. This 5-week course will include exercises and challenges that generate ideas; creations of innovative, even quirky, individuals; and problem-solving guidelines. Field trip(s), a guest speaker or two and myriad resources are all part of this innovative class. Limited to 15 participants. Please call Lafayette Senior Services at (925) 284-5050 to sign up. Classes are held from 10:30 a.m. to noon on Wednesdays from Feb. 25 to March 25 in the Toyon Room, Lafayette Community Center. Members: free; non-members: \$10 per meeting.

### GARDEN

**The Lafayette Garden Club will meet from 9:30 to noon** on Thursday, Feb. 12 at Lafayette Veterans Memorial Hall, 3780 Mt. Diablo Blvd., featuring Rebecca Sweet, who will discuss "Refresh Your Garden Design with Color, Texture, and Form." Sweet has been featured in numerous publications and shares her many secrets in her popular blog, Gossip in the Garden. She owns the design firm Harmony in the Garden, and authored two wonderful garden books, both of which will be available for purchase. For info, email [cpoetzsch@gmail.com](mailto:cpoetzsch@gmail.com).

**Moraga Garden Club will meet at 9:30 a.m. Thursday**, Feb. 19 at Holy Trinity Cultural Center, 1700 School St., Moraga, featuring speaker Robin Stockwell of "Succulent Gardens of Castroville." Her subject will be "Stunning Succulents." Non-members are welcome.

**Montelindo Garden Club Meeting will meet at 9 a.m. Friday**, Feb. 20 at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 66 St. Stephens Drive, Orinda. Speaker Susan Morrison, a landscape designer, master gardener and co-author of Garden Up will discuss Smart Space. For info, visit [www.montelindogarden.com](http://www.montelindogarden.com). Visitors welcome.

**Home Composting for Busy People workshop** from 10:30 a.m. to noon Tuesday, Feb. 24 at Orchard Nursery, Lafayette. Free. Register online at [www.wastediversion.org](http://www.wastediversion.org) or call (925) 906-1801.

Please submit events to: [calendar@lamorindaweekly.com](mailto:calendar@lamorindaweekly.com)

# Service Clubs Announcements



Explore Lamorinda Rotary clubs The heart of Rotary is our clubs- dedicated people who share a passion for both community service and friendship. Learn about Lamorinda's Rotary clubs.



Please join us at our new location **THE LAFAYETTE PARK HOTEL** on Friday mornings at 7am. For more info, please email us at [lamorindasunrise@gmail.com](mailto:lamorindasunrise@gmail.com)

#### February 13:

Myriam Glez, Director, USA Synchronized High Performance will speak to us about 'What It Takes to Perform With Precision'

#### February 20:

Lamorinda Sunrise's own Ray Welles will present his own soliloquy 'Eclipsed by Giants'

Please join us for a great speaker and breakfast!!



## Lafayette Rotary Club



**Step in on a Thursday.** If you are interested in joining Rotary we welcome you to join one of our lunch meetings. Thursday at noon Oakwood Athletic Club, 4000 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Lafayette.

#### February 12:

Four Way Speech Contest

#### February 19:

Speaker: Contra Costa County Sheriff Livingston on the topic of Law Enforcement in Contra Costa County

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# MOVIE REVIEW

## 'Mr. Turner'

Truly a piece of art

By Derek Zemrak



for Cinematography:



Timothy Spall as J.M.W. Turner

Photo Simon Mein, courtesy Sony Pictures Classics

"Mr. Turner" is a must see – not for great storytelling – but for the stunning beauty of every shot in the film, which is a painting unto its own. This film is truly a piece of art, one that would please the 19th century British painter J.M.W. Turner.

"Mr. Turner" is nominated for four Academy Awards: Best Cinematography, Best Costume Design, Best Production Design and Best Musical Score. These nominations alone should tell you that "Mr. Turner" is worth the price of admission. But veteran British actor Timothy Spall's performance of the complex, curmudgeonly J.M.W. Turner is top notch and an excellent character study for any inspiring actor. In most years Spall would be nominated for an Oscar for his performance, but this year the Best Actor category is probably the strongest in Oscar history. I am sure Mr. Turner is grunting and groaning over the missed nomination.

The film is written and directed by seven-time Oscar nominee Mike Leigh ("Secrets & Lies," "Vera Drake") who was also omitted from this year's Oscar race, which is another disappointment. Leigh accurately delivers the film through the eyes of Turner. The audience sees what this brilliant artist saw, from

just the right sunset to the perfect landscape.

The London Film Critics Circle awarded "Mr. Turner" seven nominations, which was the highest for any film this year. Don't miss this gorgeous piece of art. Every landscape, sunset, seascape and valley in film appears as if the actors are standing in front of a masterpiece painting. "Mr. Turner" is cinematography at its best! What a visual treat to have this quality film at the Orinda Theatre. I can see this film being used in film schools for years to come to analyze brilliance in cinematography.

"Mr. Turner" is rated R for sexual content and has a total running time (TRT) of 2 hours and 30 minutes.

*Want to talk more about this year's Oscars? Do not miss the next California Independent Film Festival Founders Night at 7 p.m. Feb. 20 at the Rheem Theatre. Leonard Pirkle and I will be discussing "Everything Oscars" from the history to this year's predictions. See the outstanding performances of the year on the big screen! Tickets are free to CAIFF Leading Role Members and \$7 for the general public, and are available through the Rheem Theatre Box Office or online at [www.lamorindatheatre.com](http://www.lamorindatheatre.com).*