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Orinda Chamber to Honor Business Leaders at Special Awards Luncheon Feb. 20

Sue Breedlove awarded Business Person of the Year
By Laurie Snyder



Sue Breedlove Photo provided

Genuinely cares about her clients. Honest. Professional. Gives sound advice. An insurance expert with integrity. Those are just a few of the observations made over the years about Orinda Sue Breedlove – the Chamber of Commerce Business Person of the Year.

A Wisconsin native and graduate of Arizona State University, Breedlove spent much of her professional life in corporate sales before venturing into the insurance arena. As owners of Breedlove Insurance, she and her husband, Jim, represent insurance buyers rather than sellers, and work directly with individuals, families and companies to assess their respective needs for health, business,

life or long-term care insurance. Clients never need to pay increased premium rates or other fees.

“We hear words such as puzzling, perplexing and frustrating when people tell us about their efforts to find the right insurance for their needs,” they explain via their website (www.breedloveinsurance.com/), adding that they’ve solved many a complex client puzzle along the way. Currently, they’re using their blog to teach others about potential tax implications of The Affordable Care Act. In addition, they have been volunteering in the Orinda community for nearly two decades – becoming familiar faces at St. Stephen’s Church and numerous Rotary and Chamber events.

Also slated to be honored at the Feb. 20 special awards luncheon are: Echo Grove (New Business of the Year), McDonnell Nursery (Small Business of the Year), Morrison’s Jewelers (Chamber Member of the Year), and Tom Romanek of Romanek Painting Company (Ambassador of the Year).

The program will be held at the Orinda Country Club, beginning with networking at 11:30 a.m., the luncheon following at noon. RSVPs are requested by Feb. 18. Tickets are \$30 per person, and may be purchased online at: www.orindachamber.org. For information, contact Candis Kattenburg: (925) 254-3909; info@orindachamber.org.

Having the Strength to Be Kind and Loving

Getting to know Orinda’s Rev. Hubert Ivery
By Laurie Snyder



Well before his arrival at St. Mark’s United Methodist Church in Orinda, Rev. Hubert Ivery had the good fortune to meet fellow theologian and Boston University student, Donna Fado Ivery. Now entering their third decade of marriage, they have two grown daughters. (To learn more about Donna Ivery and her art, see “Table of Tears Mosaic” in the Lamorinda Weekly’s March 2013 archives: www.lamorindaweekly.com.) Photo Jennifer Wake

“Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that.” – Martin Luther King, Jr., “Strength to Love” (1963)

Those words written by the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. are inspiring to many Orindans – liberal and conservative, young or old. Touchstones for those who

grew up, chronologically and spiritually, as they listened to Dr. King’s speeches on television during the turbulent 1950s and ‘60s, they have a resonance all their own for younger Orindans who are just now only experiencing King’s wisdom and powerful prose through the lens of history.

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Orinda Action Day Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to join the planning committee for Orinda Action Day, scheduled for April 18, or for the NorCal Kids Triathlon scheduled for Aug. 29. Contact Sue Severson for more details at scseverson@gmail.com or (925) 254-1679.

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 <p>ORINDA \$1,950,000 4/4. New Construction, Lot 7! Visit OrindaOaks.com. Buyer may select finishes. Front landscaping and fencing included. The Beaubelle Group CalBRE#00678426</p>	 <p>LAFAYETTE \$895,000 3/3. Well maintained home in a great, quiet neighborhood on cul de sac. Lafayette schools. Jerry Wendt CalBRE#00178259</p>	 <p>ORINDA \$1,350,000 4/4.5. Coming Soon! Cape Cod style updated with old world charm. Close to downtown Orinda Village. Maureen Wilbur CalBRE#01268536</p>	 <p>MORAGA \$1,100,000 4/3. Single Level in Moraga! Great location, cul-de-sac, 2178 sf, updated kitchen, .26 acres w/flat grass & patio. Elena Hood CalBRE#01221247</p>	 <p>ORINDA \$1,199,000 4/2.5. Never Before on Market ~ Mid-Century 4 bedroom 2 bath two story home with stunning VIEWS! Maureen Wilbur CalBRE#01268536</p>
 <p>ALAMO \$1,549,000 4/3. Located near Roundhill Country Club Entry & Clubhouse this large home has gorgeous views. Julie Millard CalBRE#00921338</p>	 <p>MORAGA \$1,395,000 4/3. Terrific Sanders Ranch. Single lvl home w/ open floorplan and a nice backyard with patio, lawn and gardens. Elena Hood CalBRE#01221247</p>	 <p>LAFAYETTE \$980,000 3/2. Charming with views, close to everything. Extensive upgrades and custom landscaping. Woodward/Jones CalBRE#01335916/00885925</p>	 <p>ORINDA \$2,595,900 5/5. I. New Construction! Stunning custom home on 3.5 acre premium lot w/gourmet kit w/island. Visit OrindaOaks.com. The Beaubelle Group CalBRE#00678426</p>	 <p>ORINDA \$1,289,000 5/2.5. Rare gem with chic modern flare, spacious rooms & flat, sunny backyard plus patio. The Hattersley's CalBRE#00445794/01181995</p>
 <p>ORINDA \$2,695,900 5/4.1. New Construction! Beautiful 2 story on 2.3 acre premium lot w/sweeping views. Visit OrindaOaks.com. The Beaubelle Group CalBRE#00678426</p>	 <p>ORINDA \$2,045,000 4/3. Delight in a classic Orinda setting w/ panoramic views of Mt. Diablo all on 1.43 acres. David Pierce CalBRE# 00964185</p>	 <p>MORAGA \$1,975,000 4/3. Spacious Sanders Ranch! 4075 sqft, + office + bonus room, great floor plan, 1/3 acre lot w/pool & spa. Elena Hood CalBRE#01221247</p>	 <p>PLEASANT HILL \$445,000 2/2. Sun Valley Vineyards beauty. Updated featuring 2 Master Suites. Private patio. Move in NOW! Nancy Stryker CalBRE#01290021</p>	 <p>MORAGA \$975,000 4/2. Great Single level home. 1837 sqft, .27 acre lot, cul-de-sac, close to K-8 top schools. Elena Hood CalBRE#01221247</p>
 <p>MORAGA \$1,125,000 4/2.5. Coming Soon. Impeccable quality Moraga Charming close to Rheem Valley shopping center and schools. Vlatka Bathgate CalBRE# 01390784</p>	 <p>MORAGA \$849,000 3/2. Park like setting. Steps to Mulholland Open Space & Donald Rheem School. Fully fenced yard w/lawn. Walter Nelson CalBRE#01461463</p>	 <p>WALNUT CREEK \$775,000 3/2.5. BEAUTIFUL well appointed townhome in Summit Ridge. 3 bdrm + 4th potential bdrm/office. The Beaubelle Group CalBRE#00678426</p>	 <p>LAFAYETTE \$2,790,000 4/3.5. Breathtaking views! Custom home sits on 4.6 acres w/infinity edge pool, hot tub, pool house, wine rm. Its a 10!! Chad Morrison CalBRE#01905614</p>	 <p>MORAGA \$1,029,000 4/2.5. Gorgeous contemporary. Spacious rooms. Back yard oasis with pool. Valley view. Rick & Nancy Booth CalBRE#01388020/01341390</p>

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