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Many Faces of Gynecologic Cancers from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 16 at the Cancer Support Community, 3276 McNutt Ave., Walnut Creek. Join an engaging panel of medical experts as they explore the unique issues of ovarian, cervical and uterine cancers. The panel will offer insight into ongoing screening guidelines, latest treatment options, advances with minimally invasive surgery and sexual and menopausal issues facing gynecologic cancer survivors. Q&A session will follow the presentation. Free. Reservation recommended: call (925) 677-5041.

The Saint Mary's College Guild will hold a tea from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 17 in the Soda Center. Cost: \$30. Please make checks payable to SMC Guild and mail to Jeanie Beatson - 9 Teodora Ct., Moraga, CA, 94556. For information contact Jeanie at (925) 376-3201. Proceeds will benefit students seeking financial aid.

The Friends of the Moraga Library will hold their semi-annual book sale from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19 at the Moraga Library. There will be a \$5 Bag Sale from 1 to 2 p.m. when a large paper grocery bag can be purchased and filled with as many books as the bag will hold. The money raised goes to fund library materials and programs, and to staff Sunday hours at the library.

Orinda takes part in National Coastal Cleanup Day 2015. Trash accumulates along San Pablo creek in Downtown Orinda and flows downstream all the way to San Pablo Reservoir and beyond to San Francisco Bay. Help take care of the fragile marine environment by volunteering your time right here in Orinda. Join Friends of Orinda Creeks at 9 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 19 in the parking lot next to Vintage House (25 Orinda Way). Bring sunscreen, gloves (if you have them), and wear long pants and sturdy shoes. All other equipment will be provided. For info, contact Jim Luini at (925) 254-6208.

Lamorinda quilters exhibiting at the Diablo Valley Quilt Show Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 19 and 20 include Charlene Dakin, Audrey Mantle, Nancy Townsend from Lafayette, Sue Harris from Orinda, and Carol Roach and Sally Socolich from Moraga. More than 230 quilts from members of the Diablo Valley Quilt Guild will be on exhibit reflecting all facets of today's quilting world – traditional, innovative art quilts, and modern quilts with bold colors and graphic designs – at Tice Valley Community Gym, 2055 Tice Valley Blvd., Walnut Creek. Admission: \$10. For info, visit www.diablovalleyquilters.com.

League of Women Voters of Diablo Valley monthly Saturday program and discussion, "Are You Suffering From Common Core Confusion?" will be from 3 to 4:30 p.m. Saturday,

◆ Not to be missed ◆

SENIORS

Sept. 19 at the Lafayette Community Center. Mary Maddux, the highly-regarded assistant superintendent of curriculum and instruction for the Lafayette School District, will be providing information helpful to gain an understanding of Common Core and its fundamental nationwide school district goals.

Lafayette Art, Wine & Music Festival, Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 19 and 20 in downtown Lafayette. Stroll among stalls of art and hand-made crafts, sample foods from top local restaurants, and enjoy quality wines and microbrews. "This little sidewalk sale has grown to be an award-winning Art, Wine and Music Festival with four stages, 21 live bands, 260-plus Artists, KidZone, great food – and arguably the largest selection of wine, beer and ale of any San Francisco Bay Area festival," says Chamber Executive Director Jay Lifson. The festival will be held on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. For info, go to www.lafayettechamber.org/events/art-wine-festival. (See story page A3)

Antiquities of California is coming to Moraga from 3 to 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 21 at the Moraga Country Club. View up to 30 autographed and memorabilia items from TV and movies, Star Wars, Grateful Dead, a piece from the World Series, Disney and more. Viewing the items is free of charge, but all items will be available for purchase in a silent auction to keep for your office or home. Pieces for purchase will start as low as \$100. Sponsored by the Moraga Chamber of Commerce.

Visit the Be the Star You Are!@ booth at the Pear and Wine Festival from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 26 in Moraga to receive a free book as part of the charity literacy outreach program sponsored by Children's Success Unlimited, Michael Verbrugge Construction, and Lamorinda Weekly. Info at http://starstyleradio.net/Events/Entries/2015/9/26_Pear_%26_Wine_Festival_2015.html.

Blood Drive from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 26. Moraga Valley Presbyterian Church will host an American Red Cross Blood Drive. To schedule your appointment or for more information visit redcross-blood.org and enter Sponsor Code MVPCC. For info, visit www.mvpc-to-day.org or call 376-4800x227.

Are you the next Miss Contra Costa County or Miss Contra Costa County's Outstanding Teen? For info and to apply to compete, email info@misscontracosta.org or visit www.MissContraCosta.org.

The Moraga-Orinda Fire District will kick off Fire Prevention Week with its Fall Open House and Pancake Breakfast from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 3 at Station 41, 1280 Moraga Way.

Restaurant Walk: A Benefit for Girls' Science Education. More than 20 Walnut Creek restaurants will be providing delicious samples from their menus during the Walnut Creek Restaurant Walk from 6 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 6, sponsored by the American Association of University Women. Enjoy some wonderful food and help provide this important experience for more girls by sending your check for \$30 per person to Jan Cushman at 143 Meadow View, Orinda, CA 94563. Checks should be made out to AAUW OML Community Outreach Fund, Inc. For more info, visit <http://oml-ca.aauw.net/techtrek/>.

Contra Costa County AARP Tax-Aide is looking for volunteers to become members of a team providing free tax preparation for individuals of all ages. Orientation is in November and classes for tax counselors start in January. Service from February to April 15, 2016. If interested, apply online, www.aarp.org/taxvolunteer or call LaVerne Gordon at (925) 726-3199 for additional information and to apply.

Sons In Retirement - Las Trampas Branch 116 welcomes guest to socialize with us at its monthly luncheon beginning at 11 a.m. Monday, Sept. 21 held at the Walnut Creek Elks Lodge, 1475 Creekside Drive featuring guest speaker Dr. Michael Barrington, a former Missionary in Nigeria where he lived for 10 years, both during and following a bloody civil war. Barrington will be discussing humanitarian efforts to save millions that were subjected to genocide, starvation and famine. Call (925) 322-1160 to make lunch reservations if you wish to attend.

Lunch n' Learn: Favorite Apps and How to Use Them from 10:30 a.m. to noon Tuesday, Sept. 22 at Merrill Gardens Lafayette. Learn how to use popular and helpful apps such as Google Maps, Yelp, Pandora music, and texting. Lunch served by Merrill Gardens. When you call to reserve your spot, say what other apps you would like to learn about. Space is limited; reservations required by Thursday, Sept. 17. Call Lafayette Senior Services at (925) 284-5050. Free for members; \$10 non-members.

The Alzheimer's Association will be hosting a three-part education series for individuals with a diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease or a related dementia, who are in the early stages, and for their care partners. Facilitators will discuss what you need to know, what you need to plan and what you can do as you navigate this chapter of your life. Separate classes are offered concurrently for early stage individuals and for care partners. Dates and Location: Wednesdays, Sept. 23, 30 and Oct. 7, in Lafayette. Classes are free but pre-registration is required. Contact Lan Trinh at (800) 272-3900 or ltrinh@alz.org to register

GARDEN

Lafayette Garden Club meeting from 9:30 a.m. to noon Thursday, Sept. 10 will feature Stefani Bittner of Homestead Design collective, who will discuss "The Low Water Edible Garden" at the Lafayette Veterans Memorial Hall, 3780 Mt. Diablo Blvd. Guests welcome. For info, email cpetzsch@gmail.com.

Gardening All Year: Prepping Your Garden for fall from 3 to 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 13 at 3932 Mt. Diablo Blvd. This class will go over a variety of techniques to help the transition to your fall garden: seed saving, crop rotation, soil amending, cool weather edible crops, sheet mulching and planting natives. Participants should bring seed heads, pods, fruit, etc. to prepare and trade with others for a simple seed swap. Register at lafayettecommunitygarden.org/classes-and-events. Cost: \$5 donation requested.

The Walnut Creek Garden Club will hold its general meeting from 9:30 a.m. to noon Monday, Sept. 14 at the Gardens at Heather Farm located at 1540 Marchbanks Road in Walnut Creek. The topic of the program is Pollution Prevention. Kit Ohlman from the Contra Costa Sanitary District will talk about what goes down our drains that can eventually hurt our environment. For more info, email mslittle44@gmail.com.

The Moraga Garden Club meeting will be held at the Holy Trinity Church, 1700 School Street, Moraga at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 17 featuring guest speaker Paul Licht, director of the U.C. Botanical Garden, who will be giving a presentation on "Gardening with Rare Plants." Interested parties are welcome to attend the 9:30 a.m. social time, marketplace table, and meeting at 10 a.m.

Montelindo Garden Club Meeting will be at 9 a.m. Friday, Sept. 18 at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 66 St. Stephens Drive, Orinda. Topic: Mediterranean Mounds. The speaker is Jeff Rosendale, who will explain how to create elevation changes in a flat garden and make it all look natural. Visitors welcome.

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

September 11:
Our speaker will be Chrissy Orangio from Global Student Embassy - developing community leaders through action oriented environmental education.

September 18:
Laura Slattery, Executive Director of the Gubbio Project will speak to us about their work with the homeless community.

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