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## Lafayette Juniors Win State Awards for Charity Work

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From left, Tina Sebree, Teli Thayer, Ann Vervut, Rachel Blatt Photos provided

The Lafayette Juniors were awarded first place from the state of California on behalf of the General Federation of Women's Clubs for their fundraising and membership programs for charity. The Lafayette Juniors are part of the GFWC, a 125-year-old international service organization made up of more than 500 clubs and 80,000 women who are dedicated to volunteering their time to make the lives of others better. GFWC clubs including Lafayette Juniors routinely seek to raise awareness of issues from domestic violence to disaffected youth and homelessness through community service, fundraising, and participation in local, state and national legislation.

"The Lafayette Juniors won first place in their club category from both the Mount Diablo District and the state of California because of their creative, unique fundraising, and for their ability to attract and retain Juniors club members that care deeply

about people in need and are called to act on their behalf," says Cary Farrago, president-elect of GFWC's Mount Diablo District.

The Lafayette Juniors raised a record amount at its 22nd Annual Rummage Sale at Lafayette's Our Saviors Lutheran Church to benefit Youth Homes, Diablo Ballet, Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano, and Lamorinda Spirit Van. "The sale's success was made possible because of the dedication of our members as well as the generosity of community members and local businesses who continually support our events," says Christy Mack, president of the Lafayette Juniors.

The Juniors next fundraising event will be their 17th Annual Kitchen Tour on May 14. For information, visit www.lafayettejuniors.org.



From left, Christine Kelly, Mia Kelly, Kari Trimble



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