

MOVIE REVIEW

# Celebrating Silent Film Star Buster Keaton's Zany Fun

By Derek Zemrak



Buster Keaton

Photos provided

Buster Keaton will be inducted into the Classic Film Hall of Fame this week.

We all know the name Buster Keaton, but do we know him? At 7 p.m. on March 26, Buster Keaton will be inducted into the Classic Film Hall of Fame at the Rheem Theatre, 350 Park St. in Moraga. The evening will include screening of three of Keaton's short films accompanied by a live baby grand piano score by pianist, Patti Leidecker. Derek Zemrak, Founder of the Classic Film Hall of Fame, will be giving a lecture on Keaton and the silent film era during the evening.

Here's a brief history on Keaton: He was born in Piqua, Kansas, on Oct. 4, 1895. His given name was Joseph Frank Keaton IV. How he got his name "Buster" is a great story that has a touch of magic to it that you will learn at the induction on the March 26. His parents Joe and Myra were both vaudevillian actors and Buster began performing with his parents at the age of 3-years-old. Keaton became the pioneer of the silent film-era comedians, taking his vaudeville talent to the screen.

The lineup of great Buster Keaton silent short films is:

"The Scarecrow" (1920): Two farmhands compete for the farmer's daughter. Who will win her heart?

"The Goat" (1922): A series of adventures be-

gins when an accident during the taking of a photograph causes Keaton to be mistaken for Dead Shot Dan, the evil bad guy. He is once again in the wrong place at the wrong time.

"My Wife's Relations" (1922): Keaton ends up marrying a menacing woman by accident when a Polish judge, who cannot speak English, performs the ceremony. Her family is not happy, resulting in a wild chase.

Come enjoy this unique evening of "Old Hollywood," with a live music score for three of the greatest silent shorts ever made. Learn about silent film history and one of its greatest stars. The Rheem Theatre will be offering a small popcorn for five cents with the purchase of a Buster Keaton Festival Ticket. Come dressed in 1920 attire and get free admission. It will be fun for the whole family.



The MORAGA VALLEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
Congregational Care Ministries invite you to:

Remember, Renew and Refill  
A JOURNEY THROUGH GRIEF



Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2016  
8:30am-2:00pm, MVPC Fireside Room

Please RSVP by Monday, April 11<sup>th</sup> at [mvpctoday.org](http://mvpctoday.org)  
or contact Brooke Allen at (925)376-4800 ext. 285  
High school students and adults are welcome.



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## 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.



We meet Friday mornings at 7:00 am  
at **The Lafayette Park Hotel & Spa**,  
3666 Mt. Diablo Blvd, Lafayette.  
For more info, please email us at  
[lamorindasunrise@gmail.com](mailto:lamorindasunrise@gmail.com)

March 25:

Our own **Peggy Cabanis** exposes herself

April 1:

**Linus Eukel** and the John Muir Land Trust

**Wine Barrel Raffle: 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winner drawings on May 1, 2016. Buy \$10 raffle tickets from our Rotary Club members. See particulars at [lamorindasunrise.org](http://lamorindasunrise.org)**



### Lafayette Rotary Club



**Step in on a Thursday and join us for our lunch meeting.**  
Thursday at noon Oakwood Athletic Club, 4000 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Lafayette.

March 24:  
**Club Assembly**

March 31:  
**Mike Toy**, motivational and business related workshops

**COMMUNITY EGG SCRAMBLE**

Saturday March 26, 10 a.m. at Lafayette Plaza Park  
[www.rotarylafayette.org](http://www.rotarylafayette.org)

## Not to be missed

### OTHER ... continued

**The City of Orinda will be beautified and cleaned** during the eighth annual Orinda Action Day of Community Service by community volunteers from 9:30 to noon Saturday, April 23. A new theme this year is "Keep Orinda Beautiful!" To promote keeping Orinda beautiful throughout the year, a Poster Contest for K-12 students is happening in conjunction with Orinda Action Day, with cash prizes for the winners. The winning posters will be displayed in prominent locations around town to remind citizens to pick up litter and help beautify our environment year round. Completed posters are due by noon April 23. They may be turned in at the Library Plaza on Orinda Action Day April 23, or dropped off before at Mechanics Bank, 77 Moraga Way, Orinda. Back of poster must be marked with name, grade and contact information.

**Area residents who own classic cars are invited** to participate in the eighth annual Moraga Classic Car Show from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, May 14 as part of the 2016 Moraga Community Faire. The \$30 registration fee includes an entry ribbon, lunch for two, a commemorative photo, and a chance for owners to display their restoration work to the public. Prizes will be awarded. The registration deadline is May 1. To register, go to [www.moragachamber.org/faire](http://www.moragachamber.org/faire) or call Gloria at (925) 247-4473.

**CCI Greenheart is currently seeking volunteer host families** in the Lafayette area. Program dates: July 7 through 27. Provide a secure and inviting home for a teenage student from France for three weeks. Families with or without children, single parents, empty nesters all welcome. For info, contact local coordinator Randi Grant at [rgrant194@gmail.com](mailto:rgrant194@gmail.com) or (805) 660-1314.

### SENIORS

**Lamorinda Tea Dance - Enjoy afternoon dancing** every Wednesday and

learn some great new dance moves. Professional dancers Karen and Michael provide a dance lesson and live DJ services, playing your favorites and taking requests from 1 to 3:30 p.m. at the Live Oak Room, Lafayette Community Center, first Wednesday monthly. Members: free; non-members: \$10.

**Mindful Aging at the Moraga Library: Elder Law and Medical Planning** at 4 p.m. Thursday, March 31. Ivette Santaella, Esq., from the Educating Seniors Project, the trusts and estates section of the State Bar of California, will discuss areas of law important to seniors such as estate planning and healthcare issues.

**Sons in Retirement Lamorinda Branch 171 meets** the first Wednesday monthly at Holy Trinity Culture Center, 1700 School Street, Moraga. Social hour 11 a.m., lunch noon. The after-lunch speaker on April 6 will be Ms. Kitty Lenhart, who is presently head of the John Muir Weight Management Program in Walnut Creek and senior health educator for the Contra Costa Community Wellness and Prevention Program, will discuss how we can stay young and live longer through good nutrition. For membership information in SIRs, call Larry at (925) 631-9528.

**Men "of a certain age" (semi- or fully-retired) are invited** to hear a presentation from Adam Czekanski, Lt. Col. Of the Army Corp of Engineers, during its regular lunch meeting at 11 a.m. Wednesday, April 13 at Holy Trinity Church, 1700 School Street, Moraga. SIRs welcomes new members. For details, visit [www.branch174.sirinc2.org](http://www.branch174.sirinc2.org) or call Tyler at (925) 284-5561.

**Lunch n' Learn: Spring Cleaning Workshop** from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, April 13 at Byron Park, 1700 Tice Valley Blvd., Walnut Creek. It's time to get organized, clear out the clutter, simplify, and plan how to use your space more efficiently. Is it your closets, the garage, a spare room, or your desk or work space that needs to

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be organized? This workshop will give you the tools and resources you need to begin to de-clutter those areas of your house that you have been thinking about clearing out, and get more organized. Free, lunch generously provided. Space is limited; RSVP to Lafayette Senior Services by April 6: (925) 284-5050.

### GARDEN

**Lafayette Community Garden and Outdoor Learning Center** presents Making the Most of your Relationship with Your Garden from 1 to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 2 at 3932 Mt Diablo Blvd., Lafayette. Darlene DeRose, Certified Master Gardener and Ecotherapist, will lead this workshop designed to deepen garden members' experience between

themselves and the plants that they grow. To register for classes or for more information, visit [www.lafayetteteamcommunitygarden.org](http://www.lafayetteteamcommunitygarden.org). (See story page Bx)

**Prepping Your Edible Garden for spring from 2:30 to 4 p.m.** Sunday, April 3 at 3932 Mt Diablo Blvd., Lafayette. Get your garden ready for a new season of growing. Join Bay Friendly Landscape Professional, Master Composter and Garden Educator Lori Caldwell to learn the basics of preparing a productive, healthy vegetable garden. Free. However, a \$5 donation is appreciated to support education programs. To register for classes or for more information, please visit [www.lafayetteteamcommunitygarden.org](http://www.lafayetteteamcommunitygarden.org).

**Fill your garden with a plethora of plants, including** California natives, shrubs, ground cover, perennials, grasses, ferns, annuals and drought-tolerant plants at The Gardens at Heather Farm's annual Spring Plant Sale from 8 a.m. to noon on Saturday, April 9. The sale takes place, rain or shine, in the parking lot at The Gardens at Heather Farm, located at 1540 Marchbanks Drive in Walnut Creek. Free.

**Please submit events to:**  
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