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Business Bites

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New on the Food and Drink Scene

Some interesting changes have taken place recently in the ever-changing world of Lamorinda's eateries.

On July 15 Baja Cali Taqueria and Grill opened at 23 Orinda Way, Suite H, in the space formerly occupied by La Cocina. Featuring traditional Mexican cuisine with some interesting variations, Baja Cali may offer the only Michelada in town, a concoction of beer, tomato juice and hot sauce. The menu cover alone will make you want to head for the tropical waters of Los Cabos. Find it at BajaCaliTaqueriaGrill.com for dine-in or takeout orders.

Not far away at 21 Orinda Way, Suite C, Genuine Goodness opened up its storefront cafe Aug. 1. Its featured fare is handcrafted, all natural smoothies, soups, salads and goodies, available by ordering online or in person. Find out more at www.gengoodness.com.

Orinda's popular Table 24 has a new chef and a new menu to please your palate. Visit the Theater Square favorite to see what's up.

In Lafayette, the award-winning Coffee Shop has opened a new location at 50 Lafayette Circle, providing yet another option for devoted coffee lovers.

And Moraga? The food truck nights at the Hacienda are turning out to be big winners with sociable Lamorinda residents, who showed up by droves to eat and drink al fresco at picnic tables on the beautiful lawn until the food started running out after dark. The first of these events attracted three times the number of people expected, and even with more trucks, the coffee and donuts were gone by dusk. It's like a monthly Fourth of July picnic, and it gives every indication of being a regular part of Lamorinda life.

Smaller Changes

Branagh Realty has moved into new digs at 3800 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Suite 200 in Lafayette.

Back in downtown Orinda, the name of Canetti's Books has changed to Sleepy Cat Books. Find out why at www.sleepycatbooks.com. And across the street, Sanvitalia Home and Garden in Theater Square has expanded its offerings, in case you are doing a bit of browsing.

Chamber Music

Not much is happening on the chamber of commerce scene during the dog days of summer, but the Aug. 16 Beer at the Bruns mixer was well attended, with a happy crowd enjoying some excellent food and drink catered by Classic Catering of Pleasant Hill. Some of the group stayed on to enjoy the performance of George Bernard Shaw's comedy, "You Never Can Tell."

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Don't miss the Entrepreneur's Lunch, noon, Wednesday, Sept. 7 at Ristorante Amoroma, 360 Park St in Moraga. Digital strategist Robin S. Fox will share "5 Easy Ways to Leverage Social Media to Support Your Business" during the lunch hour. Open to members and non-members. Lunch is \$10. RSVP to kathe@moragachamber.org.

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