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Donation from Hacienda Foundation earmarked for Casita improvements

Village



Casita building at Hacienda de las Flores

Photo Vera Kochan

By Vera Kochan

The Hacienda Foundation of Moraga, established in 2006, had a mission to "enhance, promote and preserve the Hacienda de las Flores."

To raise money for its many improvements the foundation hosted several events through the years, such as the Cinco de Mayo Fiesta, Hacienda Nights Food Trucks, October Fest and the Hacienda Holiday Faire, with all profits going directly toward continual refurbishments.

With the dissolving of The Hacienda Foundation, the organization has generously

donated \$120,000 with the hopes that it would turn the Casita into a general purpose room that the community could use for recreational

classes or a meeting room for various community groups and organizations.

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Nominate a 2019 Moraga Citizen of the Year

Now is the time to consider who you would like to nominate for Moraga's 2019 "Citizen of the Year." The selection committee is made up the 2018 Citizens of the Year Sam and Susan Sperry as well as representatives from the Moraga Chamber of Commerce, Saint Mary's College, Moraga Citizen's Network and the Moraga Valley Kiwanis Club.

The basic criteria for selecting this year's Citizen are:

- 1. The nominee must be someone who has given of their time, talent and energy to make Moraga a vibrant community, one where people want to live, work and shop.
- 2. The nominee must be someone whose body of work has brought the community together and makes folks proud to be Moraga residents.
- 3. Nominees may include any resident with a Moraga address other than paid public officials, current elected members of the Moraga Town Council, or other elected officials.
- 4. In making your nomination, please include examples of their contribution to Moraga.

Please email your nominations to nominations@lamorindaweekly.com or send them to "Moraga Citizen of the Year Nominations," Lamorinda Weekly, PO Box 6133, Moraga CA 94556.

The deadline for receiving your nomination is March 27. The celebration dinner will be held on Saturday, April 27 at Saint Mary's College Soda Center.

Mayor proclaims March as American **Red Cross month**

By Vera Kochan

Given the constant rate of global natural disasters, few, if any, have not heard of the American Red Cross and the amazing work it has done to alleviate humankind's misery. During Moraga's March 13 town council meeting, Mayor Roger Wykle proclaimed March as American Red Cross

American Red Cross Lead-

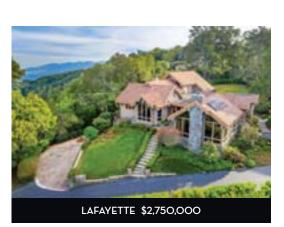
ership Council Chair of Contra Costa County Disaster Cycle Services Briana Taylor enthusiastically accepted the proclamation in honor of the many volunteers throughout the county who gave over 43,000 hours of assistance to their neighbors in crisis. Taylor has worked tirelessly to achieve 23 such proclamations countywide and has seen firsthand the comfort these efforts provided to fire victims during the past few years while being on

the scene of the devastations. She replied, "It's true what they say, that a tragedy brings out the best in people.'

The Red Cross' roots go back 160 years to the summer of 1859, when Swiss businessman Jean-Henri Dunant traveled to war-torn Northern Italy on a business trip. He witnessed the aftermath of the Battle of Solferino (a small town south of the Lake of Garda).

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