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Moraga mayor declares Prescription **Drug Abuse Awareness Month**

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Results from the 2017 National Survey on Drug Use and Health show "an estimated two million Americans misused prescription pain relievers for the first time within the past year, which averages to approximately 5,480 initiates per day. Additionally, more than one million misused prescription stimulants, 1.5 million misused tranquilizers, and 271,000 misused sedatives for the first time."

Prescription drug abuse can strike young and old alike. Nearly 60 percent of adolescents and young adults surveyed admitted to either buying or receiving prescription drugs, for non-medical use, from a friend or relative. More than 80 percent of older patients (ages 57-85 years) use at least one prescription medication daily which could result in unintentional misuse when combined with over-the-counter medicines, dietary or herbal supplements. These drug interactions along with age-related changes in drug metabolism can make misuse more dangerous to the elderly.

NIDA states, "Patients can take steps to ensure that they use prescription medications appropriately by: following

the directions as explained on the label or by the pharmacist; being aware of potential interactions with other drugs as well as alcohol; never stopping or changing a dosing regimen without first discussing it with the doctor; never using another person's prescription and never giving their prescription medications to others; and storing prescription stimulants, sedatives and opioids safely."

To learn more about prescription drugs and other drugs, visit the NIDA website at www.drugabuse.gov or call (877) 643-2644.

Moraga's 2019 Citizen of the Year announced

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A banquet in Weil's honor is scheduled for Saturday, April 27, in the Soda Center at Saint Mary's College. A Social Hour will begin at 6 p.m. (event tickets will include two free drink tickets for beer, wine or soft drinks). Dinner will be served at 7

p.m., followed by the formal program at 8 p.m.

Reservations are now available through the Moraga Chamber of Commerce, a cosponsor of the event. The event ticket cost is \$60 per person, which must be paid in advance. (Tables of eight

can be purchased for \$480.) To make reservations and purchase tickets, visit www.moragachamber.org or contact Kathe Nelson: (925) 323-6524 or kathe@moragachamber.org. Deadline for reservations and payments is Monday, April 22. Seating is limited. Look for a feature profile of Weil in an upcoming issue of Lamorinda Weekly.



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