

## Campo Student Library Project books arrive at Malawi school



Photos provided

Submitted by Carla Barros

The Campo Student Library Project at Campolindo High School teamed up with the global literacy nonprofit, African Library Project, to collect and ship 1,000 gently used children's books to create an elementary school library. Last school year, the club ran a book drive and multiple fundraisers to cover shipping the books to a rural community in Malawi, Africa. It took 10 months for the books to reach their destination, Pambachulu Primary School, where the books were received by local Chief Kuchombe, school administrators and parent committee leaders. The Campo students were thrilled to receive photos from Malawi showing the books that they collected in the hands of local leaders who will create a library that will benefit not only the students, but the entire community.

Campo Student African Library co-founders Emma Bennett and Gracie Woidat are currently raising funds to



ship their latest collection of books to a new elementary school in Malawi, and would be grateful for support of their GoFundMe effort: [www.gofundme.com/f/campo-student-african-library-project](http://www.gofundme.com/f/campo-student-african-library-project)

## Senior class of NCL Acalanes Area Chapter recognized for service



NCL Inc., Acalanes Area, Class of 2020

Photo Juleen Lapporte

Submitted by Jillian Esopa

National Charity League, Inc., Acalanes Area Chapter announced the Senior Class of 2020 has served 8,154 hours in local communities. Through their volunteerism, fundraising and donations, the class of 2020 has made a positive impact on the lives of many people in need. For their Senior project, the girls wrote a grant to a local family foundation to obtain funding to furnish two houses through Grateful Gatherings, a

local charity organization which helps transition families from homelessness or crisis into homes equipped with beds, kitchen items, bedding, sofa and other furnishings. Together with their fathers, the girls assembled furniture, cleaned and hung pictures, made beds and helped make these two spaces into comfortable homes.

For information about the NCL, Inc., Acalanes Area Chapter, please visit <https://acalanesarea.nationalcharityleague.org/>

## Teachers of the Year candidates announced

Submitted by Jonathan Lance

The following Lamorinda teachers were recently recognized as 2020-21 Teacher of the Year candidates to the Contra Costa County Office of Education: Christina Nitsos, Lafayette School District, Lafayette Elementary School; Brett Lorie, Moraga School District,

Joaquin Moraga Intermediate School; and Katherine Sahn, Orinda Union School District, Del Rey Elementary School. The newly honored teachers are not only recognized for their outstanding education achievements, but they also represent the approximately 8,600 teachers educating more than 177,000 students in Contra Costa County's public schools.

## Photographer swaps portraits for cash to benefit MCC



Photo Craig Isaacs

One example of a pandemic porch portrait benefitting Monument Crisis Center

Local photographer Craig Isaacs recently started a fundraising project to benefit the Monument Crisis Center: "People donate to MCC," he said, "and they get a 'pandemic porch portrait.'" So far, Isaacs' photos

have resulted in raising about \$5,000 in donations to MCC. (All donations go directly to MCC via their website or checks sent to the organization - Isaacs says he does not touch or accept any money.)

## Community comes together to benefit local nonprofits



Submitted by Rhonda Andronico

Lafayette Community Foundation would like to thank everyone who participated in the COVID-19 Community Matching Campaign. The community really came together and helped LCF exceed its campaign goal proving that community can't be can-

celed. LCF will distribute more than \$124,000 to 26 nonprofits - the most in its 20-year history. The needs of these worthy agencies are ongoing as they move toward recovering and rebuilding from the crisis. Therefore, LCF will continue to accept donations and steer those funds toward future Excellence Grants. To learn more, please visit [lafayettecf.org](http://lafayettecf.org)

### Community Service:

We are pleased to make space available whenever possible for some of Lamorinda's dedicated community service organizations to submit news and information about their activities. Submissions may be sent to [storydesk@lamorindaweekly.com](mailto:storydesk@lamorindaweekly.com) with the subject header In Service to the Community.

## In Memory

### John Nason Fisher



John Nason Fisher died March 22 after a brief battle with cancer in The Villages, Fla. Survived by his parents George and Julie Fisher, sister Holly Baumgartner (Jim) and Ann Wright (Tim). Loving uncle to Casey Wright and Kelly Wright. Friend to many but especially Mike Worrell, his best friend and roommate.

Johnny had a long career with Johnson Controls as a security service technician - a job he was well suited for as he could figure out how anything worked! We relied on his knowledge of everything technology related and will miss being able to call him on a moment's notice.

Playing the guitar was Johnny's safe haven. His lifelong passion for those six strings led to performing in several bands - "Group Therapy" and "Appomattox Courthouse" at Joaquin Moraga Junior High School, with "Passage", "Messenger", "Valence Shell" and most recently "The Space Between" as an adult. "A Space Between" will hold a tribute concert at a later date. All of his tracks were recorded, so the band will be able to play together one last time.

An avid Raider fan, Johnny was glued to the computer to watch the building of the new Raider stadium in Las Vegas. He loved watching NASCAR races and football. One of his favorite apps tracked rocket launches from Cape Canaveral. Anything that had anything to do with water was a longtime passion. He had been on several cruises and lived on a lake. Coupled with his love of flying (he had taken several flying lessons) he often wore a T-Shirt that said "I love the smell of jet fuel in the morning!" But the last shirt he wore was better - "Cruising through life one port at a time."

When Johnny realized the end was near, he said "I'll just check out what's on the other side."

We will miss his funny sense of humor, his quick wit and ... everything about him. Condolences can be sent to The Fisher Family 856 Folsom Place, The Villages, FL 32162.

Donations can be made to Cornerstone Hospice 601 Casa Bella, The Villages, FL 32162.

## In Memory

### Mary Dorothy Nurre Broad

January 26, 1924 - May 17, 2020



At age 96, "Dottie" passed away peacefully on Sunday. Her smiles and giggles will be missed, but wonderful memories remain. Beloved wife of 71 years to the late Frank Broad. Devoted mother of seven children. Loved grandmother of 13. Great grandmother to 12. Dear sister of the late Anne Nurre "Fritzi" Heidt and Marilou Nurre McMaster. Dottie was involved with St. Monica's church when they lived in Moraga, as well as the Guild at Saint Mary's College of California. After moving to Carmel in 2001, she and Frank

were very involved with their new life at Carmel Valley Manor. She's an alumna of Mount St. Joseph University (called Mount St. Joseph on the Ohio when she went there) and realized the importance of a good education. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to [www.msj.edu/give](http://www.msj.edu/give) in the Tribute Gift area or [www.stmarys-ca.edu/giving](http://www.stmarys-ca.edu/giving), for The Saint Mary's College Guild Annual Scholarship.