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## Lamorinda Village celebrates Afternoon of Gratitude

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Over 100 community members gathered at the Lafayette Community Center on Dec. 9 for the 8th Annual Lamorinda Village Afternoon of Gratitude. Before the awards presentation, guests mingled and enjoyed wine, finger food, and a beautiful performance by the Orinda Intermediate School Choir.

Lamorinda Village Executive Director Kathryn Ishizu thanked volunteers, members, donors, and sponsors for their part in helping the Village continue to thrive. Over the last two years, Lamorinda Village has doubled the number of senior members who receive services and participate in the many programs offered by the Village and its partners, none of which would be possible without the time and contributions of all its supporters.

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Lamorinda Village presented member and volunteer Andy Amstutz with the first annual Don Jenkins

Volunteer Service Award for his wide-ranging work for the organization. Don, who passed away this year, was an integral part of both Lamorinda Village and the wider community, giving his time and boundless energy to improve the lives of many in Lamorinda. Lamorinda Village created the award in Don's honor to acknowledge his contribution and pay tribute to his legacy of volunteerism and dedication to service. Additionally, Amstutz was honored by Lafayette Mayor Teresa Gerringer with a City Proclamation and received the Paul Harris Fellows award from the Lamorinda Sunrise Rotary.

Judy Hatz, who recently joined Lamorinda Village as a member, emailed later to say, "The Volunteer of the Year party was wonderful. Thank you for enriching our lives and giving us things to look forward to."

After the ceremony, attendees enjoyed a chance to reconnect and socialize and the opportunity to express their gratitude for Lamorinda Village during the busy holiday season. For information about Lamorinda Village, visit <https://lamorindavillage.org/>



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