

# Orinda's Troop 303 honors seven Eagle Scouts

Submitted by Mariah Finegan



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**Pictured from left: Nick Eng, Julian Rustigian, David Kepkep, Paul Stephan, Lucas Peterson, Collin Finegan, and Ethan Kong.**

On May 18 Boy Scouts of America Troop 303B in Orinda celebrated seven Scouts who recently earned the highest rank in Scouting at an Eagle Court of Honor held at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church. The Eagle Scouts whose achievement was recognized included Miramonte High School student: Nick Eng, Collin Finegan, David Kepkep, Ethan Kong, Lucas Peterson, Julian Rustigian, and Paul Stephan.

The Boy Scouts of America, a youth development organization founded in 1910, strives to offer a fun program that promotes ethical foundations, citizenship training, and physical and mental fitness. A Scout's years long jour-

ney to the Eagle rank culminates in the Eagle Service Project, which requires Scouts to plan, execute, and lead a project that benefits the community.

Nick Eng's project included repairing a culvert and constructing a drainage trench to help protect Holy Shepard Lutheran Church's facilities from flooding from heavy rains. Collin Finegan restored and improved the Nature Trail connecting the local neighborhood to Orinda Oaks Park and the Mulholland Ridge Trail. David Kepkep refurbished and built benches for The Creek Youth Center's after school program in Walnut Creek. Ethan Kong constructed

a storage shed for organizing outdoor equipment at St. Stephen's Preschool and Paul Stephan rebuilt an 80 ft section of wood fencing at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Orinda. Miramonte High School benefited from two projects: Lucas Peterson constructed a decomposed gravel walkway leading to a basketball court and Julian Rustigian replaced five wood benches in a popular campus lunch area.

The commitment and service of this group of Eagle Scouts was recognized by the Office of the Congressman Mark DeSaulnier, the Office of Senator Steve Glazer, and the Office of Orinda Mayor Darlene Gee. Additionally, they each received an American flag that had flown over the U.S. Capitol. The Eagle Scouts would like to express their gratitude to their parents, Scout leaders, community members, and fellow Scouts who have supported them along their challenging journey of growth and adventure. Orinda's Troop 303 serves both boys and girls.

# Troop 246 honors new Eagle Scouts

Submitted by David Chng



Photo David Chng

**From left: Blaise Clancy, Alex Chng and Cole Hickey**

Moraga Troop 246 held an Eagle Court of Honor on May 19 to recognize three Scouts who achieved Scouting's highest rank. As part of the requirements to earn the rank, a capstone Eagle Project is required.

Blaise Clancy (Campolindo Junior) did a garden project to benefit Camino Pablo Elementary School where he attended K-5. Alex Chng (Campolindo Sophomore) researched, curated, and delivered

fifty care bags with useful tools for early stage patients of ALS, a neurodegenerative disease that affects nerves in the spinal cord and brain. He chose the project in memory of his grandfather who passed from the disease in 2015. Cole Hickey (Campolindo Senior) furnished an apartment for a family facing housing challenges at Hope Solutions, a local housing support organization.

# Basketball team gives to the Food Bank

Submitted by Brad Hilsabeck

The Acalanes basketball program recently conducted a fundraiser for the Lafayette Boys Basketball Association. Rather than raising money just for themselves, the boys wanted to support a worthy cause - The Food Bank of

Contra Costa and Solano.

Over the last three weeks, the boys raised money outside of Diablo Foods, Philz Coffee in Lafayette, and Lunardi's in Walnut Creek. The boys were able to raise more than \$10,000, half

of which they will give to the Food Bank.

More than 600 donors in the community gave to this cause - the generosity of this community toward the high school and the Food Bank is truly inspiring.

# Letters to the editor

## Private Roads

Dear Editor,

The June 19 letter "Private Road Subsidy" contains factual errors, beginning with the allegation that private road residents "purchased their homes at discounted prices (since homes and lots on private roads are cheaper than similar ones on public roads)". A perusal of prices and a tally of the Assessor rolls, indicates just the opposite - higher typical purchase prices and a 29% higher assessed average valuation for homes on private roads. For example, some of Orinda's more expensive homes, such as in Wilder, are on private roads. Orinda's 5,509 residences on public roads represent approximately 73% (\$6.282 billion, or \$1,140,315 per home) of Orinda's \$8.587 billion 2022/23 residential tax base, while its 1,570 residences on private roads represent 27% (\$2.304 billion, or \$1,467,516 per home).

However, the true irony is in Mr. Flagg's claim that

some private road residents are demanding a "subsidy". He completely omits the fact that some private road residents have been continuously providing a subsidy to the rest of Orinda's residents by being required to personally maintain and replace, under their "private" roads, public-works-scale drainage structures that are fed high volume public storm water collected, concentrated, and diverted from public roads, all the while paying taxes to relieve "public" residents of these same expenses. Private road residents also pay their full share of the taxes to repay the road bonds used to repair public residential streets like the one Mr. Flagg lives on. It would be fair to end this subsidization, currently

forced only onto private road residents, of these complex drains - a practice which also poses a fiscal risk to all Orinda residents. Adoption of these roads could also qualify Orinda for added grant and return-to-source funding, and improved FEMA accessibility in the event of a disaster involving one of these "private" roads or drains. I invite Mr. Flagg to meet for coffee on my "private" road and review detailed records showing how we provide concentrated drainage of a public road system, and personally pay for it for the benefit of all Orindans.

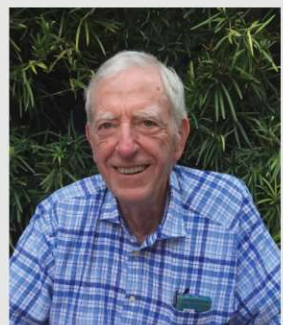
Sincerely,  
Joel Libove  
Orinda

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# In Memory

## William Harrison Broach

June 15, 1935 - June 20, 2024



William Harrison Broach, a ramblin' wreck from Georgia Tech and a heck of an engineer, left this world on June 20, 2024, in Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania, with his beloved wife Barbara and daughter Mary by his side. He was 89. The cause of death was congestive heart failure.

Born in Atlanta, Georgia on June 15, 1935 to Helen Baumgartner Broach and Raymond Charles Broach, Bill was the youngest of four siblings. He grew up in Macon and though he traveled the world, the red clay earth of Georgia always meant home to him. After attending Georgia Tech on a ROTC scholarship, Bill graduated in 1957 with a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering. He earned his MBA from Alabama's Samford University (happily confused with "Stanford" whenever he spoke about his education). In a career that spanned 50 years, he climbed the corporate ladder at General Electric to head the division of Western States, then left to run a solar energy company, worked briefly as a commodities broker, and finally served as a U.S. Bankruptcy Trustee. He was particularly well suited to this last post, where he met people facing one of the worst moments of their lives and treated each one with fairness, compassion, and respect. His most famous client was M.C. Hammer, who gave Bill an unexpected interest in rap music. His two takeaways from his long and varied career were: 1) treating people well pays big dividends, and 2) when faced with a choice between moving and staying put, always make the move, because in movement lies opportunity.

Bill had a deep interest in people, places, and ideas. He loved fast cars, every dog on the planet, tinkering, fixing broken appliances, and watching college football, especially Georgia Tech vs. Georgia. His other favorite preoccupations were a good game of tennis or bridge, a bargain, any new technology, country music, Mary See's chocolates, ice cream floats, his wife's cooking, and Costco. He always said he wanted his ashes scattered at the local Costco parking lot (sorry, Dad).

With his children and grandchildren, Bill was a font of wisdom and opinions. He was known for sending long emails about appliance maintenance, tax deductions, and the best time to take Social Security. To his nine beloved grandchildren, he was their adored "Granddaddy." When they were little, he plied them with sweets, coached them in card games like "Old Hilly," and loved hearing about their school projects and sports tournaments. When they were older, he taught them intricate bridge conventions and gave tips on everything from car insurance to career strategy.

Bill considered himself a very lucky man, but those he left behind are even luckier to have known and loved him. He was loyal to a fault. He had a boundless curiosity and a generous sense of humor. He valued his family and friends above all else, and there was nothing that delighted him more than hearing from a far-flung friend or relative. He was a Southern gentleman and a prince of a fellow.

When Bill married his true love, Barbara Lomont Broach, in 1960, they embarked on a life best captured by their favorite song, George Jones's "Walk Through This World With Me." They moved nine times, living in places as diverse as Brighton, England and Birmingham, Alabama, but the place they loved best was their adopted home of California. They settled in Lafayette for 43 years, enjoying long bike rides; outings to San Francisco, Mendocino, or the wine country with Barbara's sister Annette; and duplicate bridge games and dinner parties with friends - not to mention frequent travel to faraway places. They were each other's steadfast companion and support, right to the end.

Ever the engineer, Bill approached his own death as a problem to be solved, as precise as a mathematical equation. For the past eleven years, Parkinson's had whittled away his physical capacities, with his body rebelling at even the smallest tasks. But on June 20th, when he quickly and quietly exited this world, his body finally did exactly what he wanted.

Bill is survived by his wife of 63 years, Barbara Broach, his three children Mark (Kate Kiguradze), Elise, and Mary Broach (Chris Urheim); his nine grandchildren: Sophie, Julia, and Elliot Broach (Fangfang Lee); Zoe, Harrison, and Grace Wheeler; and Ellen, Jane (Tom Kelly), and Margaret Urheim; his sister Frances King; and a cherished bounty of nieces, nephews, and cousins.

A family celebration-of-life is planned for the summer. In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to the Parkinson's Foundation, <https://www.parkinson.org/> Or reach out to a dear friend or family member you haven't talked to in a while. That would please Bill Broach no end.

## Public Safety

**Emergency response:**  
Emergency: 24 Hours 911  
Police Dispatch: 24 Hours  
925-284-5010

Nixle: Text your zip code to 888777 or [www.nixle.com](http://www.nixle.com)  
**Lafayette Police Department:**  
3471 Mt. Diablo Blvd.  
925-283-3680

Chief of Police, Ben Alldritt  
925-299-3221  
Police Department Tip Line  
945497ip@gmail.com

Police Department Traffic Issues  
945497Traffic@gmail.com  
**Moraga Police Department:**  
329 Rheem Blvd., 925-888-7055

Chief of Police, Jon King ext. 7049  
**Orinda Police Department:**  
22 Orinda Way 925-254-6820

Chief of Police, Ryan Sullivan  
925-254-6820  
[Orindatip@cityoforinda.org](mailto:Orindatip@cityoforinda.org)

### Lafayette Police Department Incident Summary Report June 9 - June 22

|                               |    |
|-------------------------------|----|
| Alarms                        | 38 |
| 911 Calls (includes hang-ups) | 11 |
| Traffic                       | 70 |
| Suspicious Circumstances      | 9  |
| Suspicious Subject            | 15 |
| Suspicious Vehicle            | 8  |
| Service to Citizen            | 27 |
| Patrol Req./Security Check    | 19 |
| Public/School Assembly Check  | 1  |
| Supplemental Report           | 18 |
| Vacation House Check          | 30 |
| Welfare Check                 | 14 |
| Ordinance Violation           | 3  |

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|----------------------------------|--|
| <b>Vehicle violations</b>        |  |
| Auto Burglary                    |  |
| 800 Block Mountain View Dr.      |  |
| Hit And Run Misdemeanor          |  |
| 3700 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.      |  |
| 3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd. (2)  |  |
| 800 Block Rosedale Ave.          |  |
| 1300 Block Reliez Valley Rd. (3) |  |
| 700 Block Moraga Rd.             |  |
| Reckless Driving                 |  |
| Stanley Blvd./Deer Hill Rd.      |  |
| Springhill Rd./Martino Rd.       |  |
| 3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.      |  |
| 3100 Block Cordova Way           |  |
| <b>Other criminal activity</b>   |  |
| Fraud False Pretenses            |  |
| 3400 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.      |  |
| 3100 Block Stanwood Ln           |  |
| 3400 Block Mt. Diablo Apt 104    |  |
| Grand Theft                      |  |
| 1200 Block Monticello Rd.        |  |
| 3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.      |  |
| Identity Theft                   |  |
| 3300 Block Silver Springs Ct.    |  |

Misc Burglary  
1700 Block Toyon Rd.

Petty Theft  
1300 Block Summit Rd.  
700 Block John Way  
3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.

Petty Theft From Veh  
1200 Block Barott Rd.

Shoplift  
3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd. (2)  
3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.

**Nuisance to the Community**  
Disturbance-fight  
3400 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.

Disturbing The Peace  
3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.  
Loud Music  
1300 Block Reliez Valley Rd.

Loud Noise  
3400 Block La Caminita (2)  
Loud Party  
600 Block Los Palos Dr.

Rancho View Dr./Pleasant Hill Rd.  
Public Nuisance  
900 Block Moraga Rd.

900 Block East St.  
800 Block Rosedale Ave.  
Vandalism  
3300 Block Moraga Blvd.

**Other**  
Animal Cruelty  
4000 Block Valente Ct.

Unwanted Guest  
3600 Block Bickerstaff St.  
3300 Block Betty Ln

Violation Restraining Ord  
600 Block Doreen Way  
400 Block Helen Ave.

1000 Block Oak Hill Rd.  
4100 Block Hidden Valley Rd.

**Moraga Police Department Incident Summary Report June 18 - June 24**

|                               |    |
|-------------------------------|----|
| Alarms                        | 3  |
| 911 Calls (includes hang-ups) | 3  |
| Traffic                       | 30 |
| Suspicious Circumstances      | 1  |
| Suspicious Subject            | 0  |
| Suspicious Vehicle            | 2  |
| Service to Citizen            | 15 |
| Patrol Req./Security Check    | 10 |
| Public/School Assembly Check  | 4  |
| Supplemental Report           | 25 |
| Vacation House Check          | 0  |
| Welfare Check                 | 1  |
| Ordinance Violation           | 1  |

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|----------------------------|--|
| <b>Vehicle violations</b>  |  |
| Dui Misd                   |  |
| 10 Block Julianna Ct.      |  |
| Excessive Speed            |  |
| Moraga Rd./Campolindo Dr.  |  |
| Moraga Rd./Ascot Dr.       |  |
| Rheem Center Ifo Homegoods |  |
| 700 Block Parking Lot      |  |

Moraga Rd./Donald Dr.  
Moraga Rd./Corliss Dr.  
Moraga Dr./Alhambra Wy, Pin

Moraga Rd./Lucas Dr.  
Moraga Way/Coral Dr., Ori

**Other criminal activity**  
Rape  
St Marys College

**Nuisance to the Community**  
Disturbing The Peace  
Rancho Laguna Park

Loud Music  
Paseo Del Rio/Calle La Mesa  
Rancho Laguna Park

Homegoods  
Loud Noise  
Donald Dr./Moraga Rd.

Vandalism  
St Marys College  
**Other**  
Threats  
Homegoods

**ORINDA POLICE**

**Orinda Police Department Incident Summary Report June 9 - June 15**

|                               |    |
|-------------------------------|----|
| Alarms                        | 24 |
| 911 Calls (includes hang-ups) | 4  |
| Traffic                       | 32 |
| Suspicious Circumstances      | 1  |
| Suspicious Subject            | 2  |
| Suspicious Vehicle            | 2  |
| Service to Citizen            | 24 |
| Patrol Req./Security Check    | 6  |
| Public/School Assembly Check  | 2  |
| Supplemental Report           | 1  |
| Vacation House Check          | 0  |
| Welfare Check                 | 3  |
| Ordinance Violation           | 2  |

**Vehicle violations**  
Accident Property  
Wilder Rd.

Reckless Driving  
Moraga Wy/Meadowlands Ct.

Tc - Property Damage  
Wilder Sports Fields  
**Other criminal activity**  
Shoplift  
Camino Pablo

Warrant Arrest  
60 Block Oak Rd.  
Wb Sr 24 At St Stephens Dr.

Warrant Service  
60 Block Oak Rd. (2)  
**Nuisance to the Community**  
Loud Music  
100 Block Crest View Dr.

Loud Noise  
10 Block Silverwood Ct.  
Loud Party  
100 Block Via Floreado (2)

Public Nuisance  
10 Block Avenida De Orinda  
**Other**  
Unwanted Guest  
50 Block Moraga Way