

CALENDAR

ON THE CALENDAR

JANUARY

- 4 **Orinda Books**, 10 a.m., Story Hour with Cathy G. 2-4 year olds and their grown-ups are invited for a lively hour of books and fun. Also Jan. 11, 18 and 25. 276 Village Square, Orinda, info@orindabooks.com, 925-254-7606.
- City of Orinda**, 5 p.m., The Taste of the World Market Street Feast food trucks Orinda Community Center. Also, Jan. 11, 18 and 25.
- 5 **First Friday Forum**, 1 p.m., Polar Night! Lafayette-Orinda Presbyterian Church, 49 Knox Drive, Lafayette. See article pg. 7.
- 7 **Orinda Library Art Gallery**, 2:30 - 4:30 p.m., artist reception from 2:30 - 4:30 p.m. with light refreshments. View paintings by Diane Rusnak and Lana Lak, also Barbara Stevens Strauss raku ceramics. See article p. 9.
- 13 **Moraga Art Gallery**, 5 - 7 p.m., reception for exhibit of Wayne Miller's photos of Orinda children circa 1952-58 presented by his daughter, Jeanette Miller. Enjoy wine, light refreshments and music. Also "Garden Abstractions," oil paintings by Lisa Gunn. 522 Center St., Moraga, 925-376-5407. See article p. 11.
- 16 **World Affairs Book Group**, 3 p.m. will discuss *MILLENIUM: From Religion to Revolution: How Civilization Has Changed Over a Thousand Years*, by Ian Mortimer. The discussion will be lead by Jim Sibbring. 276 Village Square, Orinda, 925-254-7606.
- 17 **Orinda Books**, 11:30 a.m., Literary Luncheon with Victoria Sweet (author of *God's Hotel*) discussing *Slow Medicine: The Way to Healing*. \$12, for reservation, call 925-254-7606.
- 27 **McDonnell Nursery**, 10 a.m., Winter Rose Pruning Workshop, call to register 925-254-3713.
- Red Cross Blood Drive**, 9 a.m., St. Mark's Church, 451 Moraga Way, Orinda. To schedule your appointment, or for more information, visit redcrossblood.org. See article pg. 6.
- 28 **Lamorinda Home Expo**, 10 a.m., Vetrans Memorial Building, 3780 Mt. Diablo Blvd. Lafayette, www.homeexpoevents.com.
- 31 **Orinda Books**, 7 p.m., Michael Benanav will discuss *Himalaya Bound*, a gripping story of a nomadic family's migration to the high Himalayan Plains. 276 Village Square, Orinda, 925-254-7606.

AT THE LIBRARY

All events are free unless otherwise specified. For more information, call 254-2184 or visit www.ccclib.org/locations/Orinda.html. The library will be closed on Jan. 1 and 15.

- 5 **Teen Coloring Club**, 4 p.m. Join the Orinda Library TAG to de-stress, relax and have fun. The library provides age appropriate coloring books and colored pencils; you provide the inspiration and creativity. Free and open to all. Also Jan. 12 and 26.
- 6 **Open Hearts Workshop: Where Compassion Meets Creativity**, 10:30 a.m., Join Mindful Littles and the Orinda Library for a fun workshop where families can explore creative ways to learn and practice compassion. Participants will leave with the warm fuzzies and more open hearts. Registration is required. Please sign up at <http://bit.ly/2C5DzBE>. Children must attend with a parent or guardian.
- 8 **Mindful Aging: Brain Chargers** – Registration 10 a.m., for Jan 22, 29, Feb. 5 and 12 at 10:30 a.m. Join us for an hour of brain stimulating activities - Elder Paws (reading aloud to a dog, solving puzzles, and coloring). Space is limited. Open to adults 55 years or older. Sign up for a session by telephone or in person at the Orinda Library.
- Orinda Library Writers Group**, 6:30 p.m. Meet with a friendly group of beginning writers in a supportive environment to motivate, critique and inspire one another. Share two pages of your writing (any genre) and get feedback from the group. Also, Jan. 22.
- 11 **ESL Conversation Circle**, 1 to 3 p.m. For adults, practice and improve English conversation skills in a small, informal group, Registration not required. Also Jan. 18 and 25.
- 19 **Mystery Book Club**, 3-4:30 p.m. Join the Orinda Mystery Book Club to uncover and discuss the new mystery book of the month. Meetings every third Friday of the month.
- Orinda Library TAG Meeting**, 4 p.m., Monthly meeting of the Orinda Library Teen Advisory Group.
- 25 **Introduction to Chair Yoga**, 1 p.m., Get an introduction to yoga in a chair from Atna Yoga Studio.

CLUB MEETINGS

- American Association of University Women (AAUW)** General meetings third Tues., <http://oml-ca.aauw.net> or email Marty Schimbor at mgschimbor@comcast.net. Jan. 16, 9:30 a.m. Kath Delaney, founder of Madera Group, a social impact agency dedicated to moving mission-minded leaders and organizations forward, will be the keynote speaker at the Orinda Community Church. She will address the three obstacles to empowerment and discuss best practices in fundraising and social media to better leverage your brand, preferred charity, cause or candidate.
- Diablo Star Chapter #214**, Order of the Eastern Star. Second Monday, 7:30 p.m. Orinda Masonic Center, Karen Seaborn, 925-689-0995.
- Friends of the Joaquin Moraga Adobe**. Third Monday, 7:30 p.m., Garden Room, Orinda Library, www.moragaadobe.org.
- Friends of the Orinda Creeks**. Fourth Wednesday, 8:30 a.m., May Room, Orinda Library, 925-253-1997.
- Guided Meditation**. Wednesdays, 9 a.m. St. Mark's United Methodist Church, 451 Moraga Way, Orinda, focuses on health, harmony and wholeness, 925-254-5965.
- Lamorinda Alcohol Policy Coalition**. Third Wednesday, 10 to 11:30 a.m., Orinda City Hall Sarge Littlehale Room, 925-687-8844, ext. 227.
- Lamorinda Nature Walk and Bird watching** for seniors. Wednesdays, 9 to 11 a.m., free. Call 925-254-2445 for weekly meeting place.
- Lamorinda Sirs** for retired men. Second Wednesday, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Holy Trinity Cultural Center, 1700 School St., Moraga, Pete Giers, 925-254-4667.
- Lamorinda Sunrise Rotary**. Every Friday, 7 a.m., Lafayette Park Hotel, 3287 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Lafayette, www.lamorindasunrise.com or 925-283-8288.
- Lamorinda Toastmasters**. Every Tuesday, 7:30 p.m., Temple Isaiah, 945 Risa Road, Lafayette, <http://lamorinda.toastmastersclubs.org>.
- Montelindo Garden Club**. Third Friday, 9 a.m., Sept. through May, St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 66 St. Stephen's Drive, www.montelindogarden.com. Jan. 19, 9 a.m., Fresh Ideas for Your Front Yard, with Janet Sluis, Director of Sunset Western Garden Collection and a Berkeley-based horticulturist who will look at new trend-setting ideas for your California front yard. 925-284-8193.
- Orinda Association**. Second Monday, 7 p.m., Orinda Library, May Room, 925-254-0800.
- Orinda Garden Club**, 315 Camino Sobrante, Orinda 925-257-0668 or going to www.eventbrite.com.

“The Spirit of Sharing” Raises Funds for Children’s Health Guild



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(L-R) Orinda residents **Audrey Mao** and **Andrea Brown**, co-chairs of the Children's Health Guild (CHG) Spirit of Sharing fundraiser, are shown here with keynote speaker **Diane Dietz**, President and CEO of Rodan + Fields, and CHG President, **Michelle Berolzheimer**. The event, which was held on Dec. 1 at the Ritz Carlton, San Francisco, was attended by 389 guests and raised \$200K to benefit UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital of Oakland and George Mark Children's House in San Leandro. "These two life-changing organizations together provide the most advanced medical technology and compassionate care to children regardless of their family's ability to pay," said Berolzheimer. For more information about CHG and their beneficiaries, visit www.childrenshealthguild.org.

Orinda Hiking Club. Every weekend and first Wednesday, www.orindahiking.org or Ian at 925-254-1465.

Orinda Historical Society. Call 925-254-1353 for times and location of meetings.

Orinda Job's Daughters. First and third Monday, 7 p.m., 9 Altarinda Road, 925-283-7176.

Orinda Junior Women's Club community service group. First Tuesday, September through June, 7 p.m., www.orindajuniors.org.

Orinda Masonic Lodge #122 F&AM. First Thursday every month, except holidays, at 9 Altarinda Road, Orinda Masonic Center, Orinda. Family Dinner at 6:30 p.m., meeting at 8 p.m., 925-254-5211, www.orindalodge.org.

Orinda Rotary. Every Wednesday, noon, Orinda Community Center, 28 Orinda Way, 925-254-2222, www.orindarotary.org. Jan. 3: Our scribe will introduce the Rotarians to Volcanoes in California. Take a journey to the Fire Mountains of the Golden State, from Mount Shasta to the Berkeley Hills. Jan. 10, Sally Hogarty Live Theater in the East Bay: An Abundance of Artistic Riches. Jan. 20, 6 p.m. All You Can Eat Crab Feed, Masonic Hall, Orinda. Everyone will be served at their tables with wine included and we expect to have a sellout, so get your tickets early. Tickets are \$55 call 254-2222. Jan. 24: Ted Urban will speak about Art in Public Places. Jan. 31, Modern Riffs on the Bard: Translating Shakespeare for Today's Audiences. Cal Shakes Dramaturg, Phillipa Kelly, explains how Shakespeare's plays are made relevant in the 21st Century.

Orinda/Tábor (Czech Republic) Sister City Foundation. Fourth Thursday, 7 p.m., social, 7:30 p.m., meeting, call 925-254-8260 for location.

Orinda Teen Advisory Council. Second Wednesday, 4 p.m., Community Center, 28 Orinda Way, email orindateenadvisorycouncil@gmail.com.

Orinda Woman's Club. Second Tuesday, 9:30 a.m. to noon, call Jean Barnhart, 925-254-3881, or www.orindawomansclub.org.

CITY/FIRE/MEETING SCHEDULE

City Council. First and third Tuesdays, 7 p.m., Library Auditorium, www.cityoforinda.org.

Historic Landmarks Committee. Fourth Tuesday, 3 to 5 p.m., Library Garden Room. Call 925-788-7323.

Moraga-Orinda Fire District. First and third Wednesday of the month, 7 p.m. Visit www.mofd.org/board/meetings; meeting location will be posted on the agenda.

Planning Commission. Second and fourth Tuesdays, 7 p.m., Orinda Library Auditorium, www.cityoforinda.org.

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