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Section A is filled with information about arts, people, entertainment and special events. There are education stories, a variety of features, and the arts and entertainment and bulletin board.

## PG&E Bankruptcy May Not Affect Community Choice Power

By Ron McNicoll

East Bay Community Energy (EBCE) doubts there would be any negative impact on its power delivery program, if PG&E files bankruptcy, according to EBCE CEO Nick Chaset.

Chaset said that EBCE is working on an official statement about the topic, but he told a reporter that the potential bankruptcy "would have no meaningful impact on our program."

"We go out and buy energy, and serve our customers with energy sources," said Chaset. EBCE does not necessarily have to buy power generated by PG&E. In fact, one motivation for Alameda County supervisors' creation of EBCE was to encourage formation of more clean power generating firms, to help meet long-term state green power goals.

News reports indicate PG&E has such tremendous potential legal liability from wildfires that allegedly may have been caused by its power lines that the firm might not be able to survive financially, unless it applies for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection. PG&E stock value has been dropping, because of the news.

The California Community Choice Association (CalCCA), a group that represents EBCE and other Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) entities throughout the state, issued a statement on Jan. 14 about PG&E.

"CCAs are committed to providing reliable service, clean energy at competitive rates, and innovative programs that benefit people, the environment and the economy in communities across California. They are closely monitoring any developments related to PG&E's financial situation and are in the process of evaluating potential impacts on CCA

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## LHS Sports Complex to Go Out to Bid

The Livermore School District Board of Trustees authorized going out to bid for the Livermore High School Athletics and Aquatics Complex Project.

The vote also included approval of the project concept, described as a "program rich design."

The Livermore High School (LHS) Athletics and Aquatics Complex Project was identified in the Measure J Bond Project List as one of the projects to be completed.

The vote at the January 15 meeting was unanimous. Board President Craig Bueno called the proposal a "signature project" made possible by community support through its approval of the bonds.

The board asked that staff return with more information regarding parking, as well as entrances and exits to the parking areas.

The current student parking lot will be used as the staging area



Saturday's Tri-Valley Women's March in Pleasanton was one of over 300 marches taking place in cities and towns across the nation. Over 800 people participated in the march and rally, advocating for equality. This was the first Women's March to take place in Pleasanton. Assemblywoman Rebecca Bauer-Kahan joined a line-up of speakers, including a representative of the local Ohlone, Yokuts, and Miwok people, representatives from NAMI Tri-Valley and Tri-Valley Haven, as well as Las Positas College students. The event was organized by the Tri-Valley Women's March Action Group, Livermore Indivisible, Students for Social Change, and OFA East Bay Central. (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

## Zone 7 Eyes Two Drought Water Projects

By Ron McNicoll

Zone 7 Water Agency directors have voted to renew their participation in two water storage projects so that the water wholesaler can continue to plan for more alternative water sources during droughts.

The State Water Project (SWP) supplies 80% of Zone 7 water. Directors have plans to make the agency's supply more diverse, so it can continue to honor the policy commitment of meeting at least 85% of water demand for Tri-Valley users 99% of the time.

The board voted unanimously to participate in phase 2 of the Sites Reservoir project, a JPA formed in 2010 to create a reservoir 75 miles northwest of Sacramento. The Reservoir is located upstream from Lake Oroville, the source of SWP water that flows to Zone 7 through the Delta and the South Bay Aqueduct.

The plan is conceptual, and to be reviewed annually.

The agreement recognizes that the project is in the conceptual stage; there are no assurances that it will be constructed.

Also, by a unanimous vote, directors committed up to \$355,000 for a second phase of participation in the expansion of Los Vaqueros Reservoir in southeastern Contra Costa County.

Zone 7 made a cash contribution of \$100,000 in 2016 for preparation of environmental documents as a first step in expanding the reservoir from 160,000 AF to 275,000 AF. An acre foot is an acre of water to a depth of one foot. It can supply two homes.

Sites Reservoir would "significantly improve the reliability of Zone 7's water supply system by providing storage and new water supply," a staff report stated. This

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## A Director's Take on LLNL History

By Jeff Garberson

The most complete history to date of Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory has been published by a former laboratory director, Bruce Tarter.

The history, titled "The American Lab", and published by Johns Hopkins University Press, describes the evolution of the Laboratory from near-total focus on nuclear weapons in the 1950s to the wide range of programs of the 1970s and '80s, and significant uncertainties and managerial challenges following the end of the Cold War.

While the book first establishes historical context in ways that

have been described elsewhere, such as disputes over whether the nation needed a second weapons lab, it also offers Tarter's personal insights into the events and personalities that influenced development of the institution.

In a talk earlier this month to a meeting of the Livermore Laboratory Retirees Association, Tarter emphasized the two key players in the establishment of the Laboratory and its scientific culture.

Famed physicist Edward Teller was responsible for the Laboratory's creation, which powerful forces opposed.

The decision to go ahead with the Livermore "Rad Lab" was a

"very, very close call...a cliff-hanger" that came out the way it did because of Teller's national reputation and powerful personality, Tarter said.

Once the laboratory had been established, however, "Everything about it was due to Lawrence" - that is, Ernest O. Lawrence, inventor of the cyclotron, whose multidisciplinary team approach had revolutionized science at Berkeley.

"The organization, 99 percent of the people, those were Lawrence's," Tarter said.

"It was...Lawrence's style. It had integrated teams, it had all kinds of his personality."

As for Teller, organization "was not what he did. He did science."

"Lawrence make things work." Delving into history following his retirement in 2004, Tarter concluded that the Laboratory's history can be seen divided three broad eras.

First, in the early days, devoted almost exclusively to nuclear weapons, was a period of innovation, self-confidence and high energy, raising LLNL to a dominant role in the design of U.S. thermonuclear weapons.

Second, coincident with the tenure of the late Roger Batzel, director from 1971-1988, the Laboratory doubled in size and

(See LLNL HISTORY, page 10)

## New Tri-Valley Representatives Elected To the Democratic Central Committee

By Bruce Gach

Evan Branning from Livermore and Shawn Kumagai from Dublin were recently elected District 16 delegates to the Democratic State Central Committee. They will advocate for local issues, as well as promote the California Democratic party agenda and candidates.

Branning serves as a member of the Alameda County Public Health Commission and the Livermore Human Services Commission.

He states that his goal is to work with the community and help Livermore improve. He wanted to become a delegate to move the party into a more inclusive, compassionate direction. He believes that the most effective way to bring about change is not to stand alone as the one voice in the room, but to bring people together so that all are heard. In this way, coalitions can be built to influence local and state politics and decisions.

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## Airport Tenants Buy Lunch Daily for Traffic Controllers

Tenants at the Livermore Airport are buying lunch every day for the dozen or so air traffic controllers there, a token of their appreciation for people whose personal budgets are stressed, because they are not getting paid during the federal government shutdown.

Airport manager David DeCoteau said that controller staff-

ing through the week employs about 10 to 15 people, including administrators and the controllers themselves. One, and sometimes two, controllers keep an eye on air traffic; at least one other oversees ground traffic.

DeCoteau bought lunch on Jan. 18 for the controllers, and paid

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Employees from Kaiser Permanente and their families celebrated Martin Luther King Jr. Day by volunteering in a variety of projects at Joe Michell School in Livermore. Kaelyn Chung, pictured, works on creating a new mural for the school. Other projects included planting trees, mulching gardens, and building benches for students to use at the playground. (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

## PUSD

### Funding for a New School to Get Closer Look

Pleasanton Unified School District (PUSD) trustees dug a little deeper into the financing of the city's future 10th elementary school. They found that they will need a workshop to learn more about their funding options.

Staff presented an update on the issue of building a new school at the board's Jan. 15 meeting. The timeline for continuing action has included February as the month for determining a funding plan.

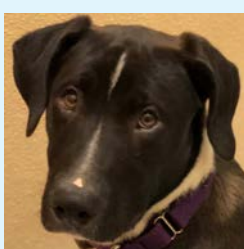
Deputy Superintendent Micaela Ochoa discussed figures from earlier meetings about the cost of the 10th elementary school, which would be built on the Donlon Elementary School site. The current K-5 Donlon school would be converted to a K-3, a separate school with a capacity for 700 students.

The new school, with its 4th and 5th grades, would have a capacity for 500 students.

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## PET OF THE WEEK

### STEINWAY



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# Lab Foundation Provides Variety Of Opportunities for Students

Livermore Lab Foundation (LLF) issued its first annual report encompassing highlights from its inception in 2016 through this year.

LLF launched its initial projects in an effort to provide opportunities at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL) to students ranging from high school to university graduates. The initial efforts focused on Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) education, "because STEM education is vital to the scientific enterprise and provides rewarding career opportunities to the next generation."

LLF's long-term goal is to raise funds to underwrite research at LLNL to enhance human health, safety, and quality of life for current and future generations. The University of California, Office of the President, provides operating funds for LLF. This support means 100% of donations to the LLF directly pay for programs that are designed to make a difference in the lives of young scientists.

Programs include the following:

- Girls Who Code. LLNL partners with the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District to offer Girls Who

Code clubs at all Livermore middle and high schools. Students learn computer programming, presentation skills, applications, and how to collaborate; plus, they meet professional women role models in computing. In Fall 2017, as an outgrowth to this partnership, LLF brought 29 high school students to LLNL for a one-day hands-on workshop. Currently, the Foundation is raising funds to expand this program in 2019 to include use of the LLNL supercomputers.

- FAMU Student Support. In Summer 2018, LLF provided travel and housing support for a graduate student and a postdoc researcher from Florida A&M University (FAMU). FAMU, a historically black university, has a unique high energy density (HED) physics program.

- High School Internship Program - Also in Summer 2018, LLF supported a high school internship program at LLNL. Six high school students selected from Livermore's three high schools (Del Valle, Granada, and Livermore) participated in a 4-week program of project work in additive manufacturing (3D printing), bioengineering, and

micro and nanotechnology, closing with a professional-level poster celebration. Each student also received a \$2,000 college scholarship award.

Sfurti Gaudani, a Livermore High student, said of the program, "I am delighted that my bioengineering project on surgical tools will contribute to real life research to cure neurological diseases."

Abby Fraser, a student at Granada High, added, "Being able to experience what goes on inside the lab and working with scientists in their day to day lives helped me establish what I want to pursue for a career."

- Future Programs, 2019 and Beyond - The Foundation continues to work on summer STEM activities with the goal of expanding these programs to include more students in the future.

As part of the mission to promote diversity in STEM, LLF has been working with LLNL and Cal State University East Bay (CSUEB), recently named among the most diverse college campuses in the nation, to develop a yearlong internship supporting one CSUEB undergraduate in 2019-20. The intern will be announced soon and will start his/her

internship this summer.

On March 14, 2019, the LLF is sponsoring author Janet Beard as she discusses, "The Atomic City Girls" a book about the overlooked history of women in the Manhattan Project at the Rae Dorough Speaker Series.

Research in the future - One of the Foundation's top goals is to advance scientific innovation by supporting some of the most cutting-edge LLNL research for the greater public good. In the coming months, there will be an announcement of an innovative, very timely research project that LLF will be supporting with the help of donors.

The Foundation welcomes charitable contributions from individuals, businesses, colleges and universities, and other nonprofits.

David J. Rakestraw, LLNL program manager, commented, "The DOE

National Laboratories play a critical role in our national R&D enterprise. The ability of LLNL to continue to serve the nation should not be taken for granted. I donate to the LLF with the hope that the Foundation will help assure the future of LLNL by supporting our future ST&E (science, technology and engineering) leaders in creative and innovative ways."

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## Retiree Lawsuit Trial Postponed for Talks

A February 11 trial in the lawsuit aimed at returning Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory retirees to University of California healthcare programs has been postponed to May 6 while the two sides engage in face-to-face discussions.

The discussions are taking place under the supervision of Maria-Elena James,

a retired judge. Neither party was able to comment on the discussions.

UC healthcare benefits were available to LLNL retirees from 1961, when the University's Board of Regents authorized them for both employees and retirees, until 2008, shortly after a for-profit consortium took over as manager.

The retirees considered the loss of UC healthcare to be a violation of promises made during their careers at the Laboratory -- promises on which some of them based career decisions. In 2010, they filed a lawsuit which became a class action four years later.



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Furloughed air traffic controllers Joe Bishop and Emily Oxsen enjoyed lunch with dogs Ace and Dude at Casse-Crouete Bakery in Livermore on Tuesday. Owners Lenore (pictured at left) and Richard have been offering free lunch for furloughed government employees and their families during the Federal Government shutdown. For more information, visit [www.c-cbakery.com](http://www.c-cbakery.com) or call 925-371-7700. (Photo – Doug Jorgensen)

## Conflict Can Create a Narrative

By Bruce Gach

“People will really not listen until they really feel heard.” That was the advice that Amanda Ripley, a journalist, gave the Tri-Valley Citizens Climate Lobby in her video presentation January 15. She addressed how people deal with conflict in their jobs.

Over the past five years, Columbia University’s Difficult Conversation Laboratory has studied how people react to news and published articles concerning issues that could lead to high conflict. How the stories are worded, even if information from both sides is represented, often causes people to become more entrenched in their pre-existing beliefs. This results in an “us versus them”, “good versus evil” discussion.

Conversations can be divided into two categories. In one, people stay very negative, frustrated and angry, and don’t want to include any additional information. In the other, moments of frustration and anger still show up, but the participants can cycle into other feelings. Here, people are willing to hear information from a variety of sources and viewpoints, can ask questions and can listen. This takes the intensity of the conversation to a more acceptable level, even if the individuals do not change their minds.

According to Ripley, the rules of engagement are

different when discussing a polarizing topic. Facts alone do not persuade a person who is very emotional about a subject. When presented carefully with listening, curiosity, complexity and many different points of view, facts can be persuasive. This leads to more high-quality conversations.

Ripley also noted that infographics provide a powerful way to explain something to people, especially if they don’t want to hear it. Don’t just say it, show it.

Ripley stated, “When somebody says something that has any emotion in it, you really need to listen to what is important to them. Then repeat what you heard back to the person, even if you do not agree with them. They may correct you, but they feel heard.”

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### Host Families Sought

Above and Beyond (AnB) Education, a non-profit organization pairing foreign high school students with volunteer host families is currently looking for volunteer host families in the local area.

AnB Education is the leading non-profit sponsor of J-1 students and has been developing rewarding relationships between students and their families, schools, and communities for over 22 years. AnB Education places students from many countries for semester-long and year-long academic years.

Students who participate in the AnB program have their own spending money and are fully insured.

They attend local high schools in order to learn more about American culture, make friends, participate in sports and student activities, volunteer in the community, and most of all—become lasting members of the local community.

Anyone interested in hosting or for more information, please contact Carol Berger by calling 209-567-2412, or e-mail Carol at [arielpdog1@yahoo.com](mailto:arielpdog1@yahoo.com).

### Friends of Livermore Committee 2016 to Pay Reduced Fine

The California Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) approved a \$6,000 fine for the Friends of Livermore Committee 2016 (FOLC 2016) for three election violations.

The maximum penalty would have been \$15,000. However, the FPPC report found no evidence of deliberate omission or attempts to conceal. Further, respondents did not have a prior history of violating, notes the report.

The matter was part of the January 17 consent agenda. No one commented on it.

FOLC 2016 was charged with failure to timely file 24-hour independent expenditure reports, timely file subvender payments, and provide sufficient notice to

potential major donors. In 2016, the Committee spent \$213,998 on the Livermore City Council race, both for and against candidates.

In describing the organization, the FPPC stated, “Friends of Livermore (the “Committee”) was a city general purpose committee that was formed in 2007 for the purpose of ‘supporting candidates and measures that share the vision of preserving open space and agriculture in the Livermore Valley and improving the quality of life for Livermore.’”

The Friends of Livermore Committee 2018 last year engaged an expert in FPPC rules to help the committee avoid any future issues.

### Tri-Valley Organizations are Ready to Serve During Government Shutdown

110,000 Alameda County residents rely on CalFresh or SNAP to buy groceries for their families. Because of the government shutdown, February CalFresh benefits will be issued early. For thousands of families, that means it could be 40 days or longer before they receive benefits again.

Tri-Valley nonprofits are ready to serve the community and urge furloughed workers to utilize their services. “We are happy to assist families with groceries,” said Ann King, Tri-Valley Haven’s Executive Director. “That way, they can use their limited cash for medication, rent and gas, or other necessary items.”

Cash-strapped families are turning to organizations like Tri-Valley Haven and Open Heart Kitchen for help every day. “We don’t want families to turn to us long after they should have. We want families to know that help is available before they start skipping meals,” said Heather Greaux, Executive Director of Open Heart Kitchen.

The Tri-Valley Haven’s Food Pantry has opened to federal workers or current CalFresh recipients every week for assistance instead of the usual once per month. The organization asks that those seeking assistance bring evidence of federal employment or Cal Fresh enrollment. The food pantry invites anyone in need to utilize its services. Call the Haven’s Food Pantry for more information at (925) 449-1664.

Open Heart Kitchen’s Hot Meal Program is open to anyone in need 7 days a week. Anyone can show up at any location and receive a free, hot meal. For more information about Open Heart Kitchen, visit: [www.openheartkitchen.org](http://www.openheartkitchen.org).

As local nonprofit organizations, Open Heart Kitchen and Tri-Valley Haven don’t want anyone to go to bed hungry. “Thanks to our generous community we have the resources to share food. We can help; please come see us!”

### AIRPORT LUNCH

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for it out of his own pocket. Five Rivers Aviation, the Fixed Base Operator (FBO) at the airport, has signed up airport businesses who agree to buy lunch for the traffic controllers.

As the FBO, Five Rivers brings in businesses to provide gasoline sales, hangar space, and other related services.

The free lunch is not fancy — fried chicken or hamburgers from local restaurants are the selections. However, it’s the thought that counts for the controllers, who provide an essential service keeping planes flying.

Five Rivers CEO Pete Sandhu helped get the free lunches rolling by paying

for the Jan. 17 treat. Other sponsors include 30 West Jets and Cirrus Aircraft, said Sandhu.

Five Rivers Customer Service Supervisor Mady Canepa said that Five Rivers picks up the food at a restaurant, pays with a gift card, and delivers the food to the controllers.

There are six tenants at the airport. Each has signed up for a given day, said Canepa. Others who have hangars at the airport have heard about it, and are chipping in, she said.

According to Canepa, the goal is to treat the controllers to meals seven days a week. She stated, “We’ll probably do it until the government goes back to work.”

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# EDITORIAL

## Education Funding

The Pleasanton Unified School District, Association of Pleasanton Teachers, and Classified School Employees Association have put out a call to local and state elected officials to provide full and fair funding for public education.

In a letter, they note that while California is now the fifth largest economy in the world, its schools are funded in the bottom 10% when compared to other school systems in the United States.

The California legislature is being asked to raise school funding levels to the national average by 2020, and to the average of the top ten states by 2025.

A letter invites community members to contact their local and state elected officials to support the passage of key legislation aimed at improving California's public education funding model.

The letter states, "It will take all of us, focused on improving the State's funding model, to ensure we are able to meet the needs of the next generation of learners. We must fight for what's right for our children."

A well educated population is a plus for all and necessary for the jobs of the future. We urge all to join in the effort to provide the funding to make that happen.

## MAILBOX

### Eliminating "Fake News"

John Cameron

If our current president is really concerned about "fake news," then maybe it's time to bring back the Fairness Doctrine. For those who don't know what it was: it was introduced in 1949 and required holders of FCC licenses to present issues of public importance in an honest, equal and balanced manner. Basically it required that controversial issues receive equal time for varying viewpoints.

Since it was suspended by the Reagan Administration in 1987, it has allowed biased political agendas, and not facts, to influence the public. It has allowed pundits to express opinions under the guise of "breaking news." It has also allowed people to pick the news they want to hear, instead of different points of view. All this has done is separate and divide us even further. By removing the Fairness Doctrine, fact-based information has been obscured in a fog of misinformation and biased agendas.

I think if the president was really concerned about fake news, he would advocate for bringing back the Fairness Doctrine. No matter what your political identification is, most of us can get onboard with wanting the truth.

### The Homeless Games, Part II – Gimme Shelter

Greg Scott, Livermore

Shelter is the number one necessity of human existence. In the "Plan to End Homelessness" by the non-profit EveryOneHome ("Report Says County Can End Homeless by 2023," The Independent, 1/10/2019) it is stated on page that "the goal is not more shelter, it is fewer people needing shelter." This is wishful, unrealistic thinking that manifests exactly why we are not on the pathway to solving the homeless problem.

We need to stop equating housing with shelter. Housing is a subset of shelter – not the totality of all possible forms of shelter.

We are almost all in competition for housing as shelter. Even if one owns their house or houses outright they are still in competition for housing by the required economic contributions of property taxes, insurance, utilities and other fees. Rent is also a competition in housing. There are social costs to this competition and the economic inequality that looms in our society.

Obviously the homeless cannot compete in the housing realm. Even if we

wanted to, we do not have the resources to house all the homeless. Consider that the County of Alameda point-in-time count of homeless in 2017 was 243 in Livermore. Now think about – if we could – build a housing unit for \$200,000. We would need around \$50 million to house the point-in-time count of homeless in Livermore. Get real! If we extrapolated the \$17 million cost for Vineyard 2.0 to house 24 homeless, we would need \$170 million to house the 243!

We need to think differently if we are to solve homelessness (and the affordable-housing issue also for that matter). California Assembly Bill 2176 (CAAB 2176) is a framework for a homelessness solution. CA AB 2176 is a mechanism to change building codes for 'bridge housing'. A bridge housing example would be a tiny house which would be considerably less expensive to build than what we think of as regular housing.

We need more shelter, not less shelter and bridge housing is an example to accomplishing that for far less money than regular housing. Please, Livermore, change the course to one of overall solution on homelessness.

### Shutdown: Business as Usual (For Some)

Caroline and Peter Jacobson, Livermore

On January 18, CNN listed 102 members of Congress who have refused their paychecks during this partial government shutdown. Kamala Harris, Dianne Feinstein and Eric Swalwell were conspicuously absent from CNN's list.

Lawmakers have repeatedly tried to pass legislation that would freeze congressional pay during a shutdown, but such a bill has yet to pass both houses of Congress (USA Today, January 1).

A week ago, we sent inquiries to our two senators and our congressman via their websites. We asked whether they planned to refuse their paychecks during this shutdown, and how they have voted on shutdown pay freezes for Congress. Neither Ms. Harris, Ms. Feinstein nor Mr. Swalwell responded. Mr. Trump donates his salary to various government programs (USA Today, December 30) so we didn't ask him.

Maybe our senators and representatives would negotiate more enthusiastically to end the shutdown if all of them all felt its impact personally. Ours don't, and we'll remember it next time

they run for office.

### Why?

Ken Bradley, Livermore

The facts about the Red Bear development by Blacksmith Square are now public knowledge, but questions remain.

Why was the city council in such a hurry to close the deal with Red Bear for the development next to Blacksmith Square?

Why did the city council sell the property that was appraised at \$789,200 for only \$50,000?

Why did the city council give away \$1,558,000 to the developer when they claim they don't have enough money to maintain city facilities?

I guess the council just likes this developer.

### What's New in Science?

Rich Buckley, Livermore

1.) Star Trek-like Communications: Research and development in China, of a deep space communications many times faster than light speed, using entangled particles as communication switches. The science is backed up by mainstream science as to theory. If the receiving space craft is using entangled particle receiver/transmitter, it would be possible (in theory) to pinpoint navigate space drones in real time instantaneously to land on the dime, no matter where they are located in the universe.

2.) On Atmospheric Research, much of Earth's population is walking around with a compromised health system caused by chemtrails. Many of us demonstrate several of the chemtrail symptoms we attribute to other causes. There is no known elected official providing oversight to global chemtrail programs. The pretense is, everything in the sky is simply a natural effect. It isn't, and we should have the courage to learn why.

### Letter to Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi

Kenneth Nather, Livermore

Congresswoman, you represent me and the rest of the nation. I and many others are upset with your actions regarding our southern border. Your obstinate attitude toward our president is shameful.

I think we need to stop the illegal entry into our country. Our welfare, food stamps, HUD, hospital, legal, and education systems all have strained budgets because of illegals residing in our country. And you, Congresswoman, appear to want more illegals to enter. I suspect you will get them registered to vote Democrat.

I propose we deport all illegals. Some people are concerned about splitting up families. The deportees may take their families with them. The families don't have to be split up.

## SHORT NOTES

### Nerd Bowl Football Tournament Returns Jan. 26

On Saturday, Jan. 26, watch teams from Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, Facebook, Sandia National Laboratories/CA and SLAC National Accelerator Laboratory battle it out in the Bay Area's smartest flag football tournament.

The first game of Nerd Bowl II will kick off at 2 p.m. at the Livermore High School field, located at 3011 Fourth Street, followed by the championship round at 3:30 p.m.

The inspiration for a flag football tournament grew from a group of LLNL employees who play during their lunch break. A tournament presented an opportunity to promote LLNL's work/life balance and foster camaraderie between other Bay Area national laboratories and private industry tech companies.

In the spirit of that other big game, the Super Bowl, companies were challenged on social media at the beginning of the 2018 National Football League season, and the inaugural Nerd Bowl was held on Jan. 27, 2018.

Nerd Bowl II is open to the public and spectators are welcome. On game day, check out LLNL's Facebook, Twitter and Instagram accounts (@Livermore\_Lab) for live score updates, photos and video from the tournament. Follow the hashtag #NerdBowl. The final game of the series will be broadcast on the Lab's Facebook page LIVE at about 3:30 p.m.

### Chabot College Celebrating Opening of Dream Center

Chabot College is set to provide support, resources, information and referrals for undocumented students and allies with the grand opening of the college's Dream Center.

As a safe and confidential space, students using the center will be free from fear as they learn about options available to them including scholarships, financial aid, legal services and workshops, specialized counseling and the laptop lending program.

The grand opening of Chabot's Dream Center will take place on Thursday, January 31, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Chabot College, Dream Center, Building 700 South, 25555 Hesperian Blvd., Hayward.

Refreshments will be provided. Call (510) 723-6714 with questions about accessibility or accommodations.

The Dream Center will be open Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Visit [chabotcollege.edu/dreamers](http://chabotcollege.edu/dreamers) for more information on Chabot's Dreamers.

### Longtime Chabot-Las Positas Community College District Board of Trustee Member Retires

At its regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, January 16, the Chabot-Las Positas Community College District Board of Trustees president announced that longtime trustee Mr. Carlo Vecchiarelli decided to retire from the Board after 50 years of service. The Board and administration look forward to more formally recognizing Trustee Vecchiarelli's tremendous dedication to the District in the near future.

Trustee Vecchiarelli's long history and service to Chabot-Las Positas Community College District began 50 years ago. In 1968 he became a faculty member in the science department at Chabot College. He taught until becoming the dean of admissions in 1975-a position he held for over twenty years. Most recently, the District has benefited from his leadership as a trustee since 2004.

Mr. Vecchiarelli has represented Area 5, which includes Pleasanton and Dublin. He has served as board president three terms throughout his board tenure. "On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I thank Carlo for his dedication and leadership to our students and community," said Mr. Edralin J. "Ed" Maduli, president of the Board of Trustees.

The Chabot-Las Positas Community College District Board of Trustees will solicit applications from community members in Trustee Area 5 interested in service as an appointed member of the Board until the next regularly scheduled election for governing board members in November 2020. More information on the appointment process will be announced in the coming weeks.

## Pleasanton Council Modifies Hacienda Planning Rules

The Pleasanton City Council approved major modifications to the planned unit development (PUD) that governs the Hacienda Business Park. Changes updated conditions of approval and clarified permitted uses in each zone.

In addition, all current Hacienda design guidelines were put into one document. Before, three sets of Design Guidelines governed different aspects of the development.

The vote for changes at the January 15 meeting was 4 to 0, with Karla Brown absent.

Hacienda today covers a total of 833 acres.

Jennifer Hagen, associate planner, told the council that the changes to the overall development program focused on streamlining rules and procedures and creating design guidelines that are easy to navigate and understand. They provide a unified approach on how overall development in Hacienda is determined.

None of the modifications would result in any increase to allowable devel-

opment capacity, development intensities, or substantially modify development standards including on site parking requirements.

The two main changes to the PUD development plan include developing a single method of calculating the square footage cap of allowable development within Hacienda, and updates of the permitted uses within each planning district to be more user-friendly and consistent with the use categories reflected in the City's Zoning Code revision adopted in February 2017.

The 9,900,000-square-foot development cap would remain in place.

Hacienda has used two methods to account for development within the development cap. Initially, all development was based on gross building square footage. Later, traffic trips generated were used to calculate development on 31 sites.

In the future, all development will be based on square footage. When the trip generated method is converted to square foot-

age, the amount of developable capacity remaining is reduced from 1.1 million square feet to 740,000 square feet. The difference relates to warehouses, which are large, with relatively few employees, and therefore fewer trips.

James Paxson, general manager of Hacienda, likened the changes to putting a new foundation on your home. "You know there is a firm base for everything else you do. Changes will help facilitate the process for getting new projects approved. This has been a long time coming. We got a lot of things cleaned up and now have a much easier process to follow."

Councilmember Kathy Narum noted, "Hacienda is the economic engine that helps fund our activities. Given the competition to the north, anything we can do to make it more user friendly in building buildings, modifying buildings, talking about permitted uses and providing one set of design guidelines is a plus. We want this to be user friendly."

## BANKRUPTCY

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customers and operations," said the statement.

The PG&E bankruptcy topic arose at the EBCE board of directors meeting Jan.16 in Hayward. A staff member told the board that as part of a presentation on EBCE's marketing campaign, workers at its call center have been given talking points about how to respond to questions about the possible bankruptcy filings.

The idea is to give clear guidance about the bankruptcy, because it is a legal issue, and call center staff should not be giving their own opinions about it, said the staff member. She did not say what is in the talking points given to the call center workers.

In another report, the board learned that signups for EBCE have continued at a 98% acceptance rate in the total number of member cities and the unincorporated area. That means a total of 2% opted to be transferred back to PG&E.

PG&E customers are automatically transferred to EBCE, but they can call or go on line and have themselves opted out of the changeover. By doing so, they keep PG&E as their power source buyer.

As people become new EBCE customers, the power continues to be delivered at the meter by PG&E. No wiring or hook-up changes are needed for joining EBCE.

When EBCE started last year and projected its bud-

get, the expected opt-out rate was 10%. In the Valley, residents of Livermore, Dublin and Sunol can switch to EBCE. Pleasanton has not joined EBCE, so its residents are not offered the choice. The Pleasanton City Council said it will see how EBCE works out, and may make a decision about it later this year.

The board also heard a report from a partner from the firm that audited the EBCE books. He gave an "unqualified opinion," an auditing term that means the financial books are materially accurate. The material accuracy shows that it faithfully represents the information that it purports to present.

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# Stanford Health Care – ValleyCare Cancer Program Accredited by The Commission on Cancer of the American College of Surgeons

The Commission on Cancer (CoC), a quality program of the American College of Surgeons (ACS), has granted Three-Year Accreditation with Commendation to the cancer program at Stanford Health Care - ValleyCare. To earn voluntary CoC accreditation, a cancer program must meet or exceed the CoC quality care standards, be evaluated every three years through a survey process, and maintain levels of excellence in the delivery of comprehensive patient-centered care.

Three-Year Accreditation with Commendation is only awarded to a facility that exceeds standard requirements at the time of its triennial survey.

Because it is a CoC-accredited cancer center, Stanford Health Care - ValleyCare takes a multidisciplinary approach to treating cancer as a complex group of diseases that requires consultation among surgeons, medical and radiation oncologists, diagnostic radiologists, pathologists, and other cancer specialists. This multidisciplinary partnership results in improved patient care.

“At Stanford Health Care - ValleyCare, we strive to provide the most effective, high-quality, compassionate care to our cancer patients, and we are extremely proud that our program meets such rigorous quality standards,”

said Tracey Lewis Taylor, Chief Operating Officer. “We are humbled that our patients allow us into their lives during such personal and important moments.”

The CoC Accreditation Program provides the framework for Stanford Health Care – ValleyCare to improve its quality of patient care through various cancer-related programs that focus on the full spectrum of cancer care including prevention, early diagnosis, cancer staging, optimal treatment, rehabilitation, lifelong follow-up for recurrent disease, and end-of-life care. When patients receive care at a CoC facility, they also have access to information on clinical trials and new treatments, genetic counseling, and patient centered services including psycho-social support, a patient navigation process, and a survivorship care plan that documents the care each patient receives and seeks to improve cancer survivors’ quality of life.

“Accreditation from the CoC cements Stanford Health Care - ValleyCare’s personalized and quality-driven approach to our patients” says Denise Estrada, Manager of Cancer Services. “Our standards of care are verified by a respected and reputable national organization and demonstrate adherence to the highest performance measures.”

Like all CoC-accredited facilities, Stanford Health Care - ValleyCare maintains a cancer registry and contributes data to the National Cancer Data Base (NCDB), a joint program of the CoC and American Cancer Society. This nationwide oncology outcomes database is the largest clinical disease registry in the world. Data on all types of cancer are tracked and analyzed through the NCDB and used to explore trends in cancer care. CoC-accredited cancer centers, in turn, have access to information derived from this type of data analysis, which is used to create national, regional, and state benchmark reports. These reports help CoC facilities

with their quality improvement efforts.

The American Cancer Society estimates that more than 1.7 million cases of cancer will be diagnosed in 2018. There are currently more than 1,500 CoC-accredited cancer programs in the U.S. and Puerto Rico.

CoC-accredited facilities diagnose and/or treat more than 70 percent of all newly diagnosed cancer patients. When cancer patients choose to seek care locally at a CoC-accredited cancer center, they are gaining access to comprehensive, state-of-the-art cancer care close to home. The CoC provides the public with information on the resources, services, and cancer

treatment experience for each CoC-accredited cancer program through the CoC Hospital Locator at <https://www.facs.org/search/cancer-programs>.

Established in 1922 by the American College of Surgeons, the CoC is a consortium of professional organizations dedicated to improving patient outcomes and quality of life for cancer patients through standard-setting, prevention, research, education, and the monitoring of comprehensive, quality care. Its membership includes Fellows of the American College of Surgeons. For more information, visit: [www.facs.org/cancer](http://www.facs.org/cancer).



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## Lab Director Names UC Vice President Kim Budil To Lead Weapons and Complex Integration

Kim Budil has been named Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory’s new principal associate director for Weapons & Complex Integration (WCI), Director Bill Goldstein announced on Tuesday. The appointment is effective Feb. 4.



**Kim Budil, LLNL’s new principal associate director for Weapons & Complex Integration (WCI).** (Photo courtesy of LLNL)

Budil will lead the Laboratory’s nuclear weapons program in its responsibilities to ensure the safety, security and reliability of the nation’s nuclear deterrent and to support the transformation of the stockpile and the nuclear weapons enterprise for the future. She also will be responsible for stewardship of the broad range of science, technology and engineering capabilities and infrastructure that underpin the Stockpile Stewardship Program and lay the foundations for the long-term health and vitality of the Laboratory.

“I’m looking forward to being part of an incredibly important national enterprise that helps to ensure our nation’s security,” Budil said of her new role. “It’s an honor to be part of a team responsible for critical systems in our nuclear deterrent and making sure the Lab sustains and advances the science and technology capabilities it needs to carry out its missions.”

“Kim brings broad scientific and national security leadership experience to this position,” Goldstein said. “I look forward to working closely with her as a member of the senior management team.”

Budil has a long career with the Laboratory and the University of Califor-

nia. She joined LLNL as a graduate student in Laser Programs in 1987 and became a postdoc in the weapons program in 1994. Over her career she has held roles of increasing management responsibility across LLNL programs including Weapons and Complex Integration, Global Security, the National Ignition Facility and Physical and Life Sciences.

She served twice as a detailee in Washington, D.C., first at the National Nuclear Security Administration in the Office of Defense Science and then as a senior adviser to the undersecretary for Science in the Department of Energy.

Since 2014, Budil has served as the vice president for national laboratories in the UC Office of the President (UCOP). In this role, she has been responsible for the governance and oversight of the three UC-affiliated national laboratories (LLNL, Los Alamos and Lawrence Berkeley) as well as the development of strategic partnerships between the 10 UC campuses and the laboratories.

She served as an executive committee governor on the LANS and LLNS Boards of Governors and a Director on the Triad National Security Board (LLNS manages the Laboratory for the Department of Energy/National Nuclear Security Administration).

Budil received her Ph.D. in engineering/applied science from the University of California, Davis in 1994 and obtained her bachelor’s degree in physics from the University of Illinois at Chicago in 1987. She has published extensively in scientific and programmatic contexts and participated in numerous professional and community outreach activities.

Budil replaces Charles Verdon, who left the Laboratory in October after he was appointed deputy administrator for Defense Programs at the National Nuclear Security Administration. In announcing Budil, Goldstein also thanked WCI manager Derek Wapman for serving as the acting principal associate director.

# DON'T GET STEAMROLLED

*If you're one of the 6,641 residents who signed a certified referendum asking the City Council for a better downtown plan, watch out. Instead of listening, the City Council avoided a vote of the people and are steamrolling us with their flawed plan.*



## HERE'S WHAT'S WRONG WITH THEIR PLAN:

- **Not enough parking.** The Council wants 383 fewer spots near Livermore Ave, forcing many to walk as much as 3 blocks.
- **No Central Park.** The Council failed to seize the opportunity for a grand, activated downtown park.
- **Hotel in the wrong location.** A relaxed Wine Country Hotel is only possible on the west side of Livermore Ave., the site the community supported 3-1 in the Outreach Process. Defying the public, the Council chose the constrained east side location instead.
- **Housing in the wrong location.** The Council is pushing forward with 130 units of 3- and 4-story housing just where a Central Park belongs. Housing should be placed on the periphery of the site, not in the center.

## THERE IS TIME FOR A BETTER PLAN

The Community Group is committed to a plan with more parking where it is needed, a continuous Central Park, a quality hotel and housing that does not dominate the site. Residents won't be steamrolled!

Ad produced by Community Group.  
For more information, visit us at [VibrantLivermore.com](http://VibrantLivermore.com).





Students hailing from across the entire Bay Area region and as far away as Sacramento competed at the Battle of the Bay robotics competition on Saturday. The event was hosted by the Gael Force Robotics Club at Dublin High School. Students were given a challenge and judged on how well their robot met the criteria. Students winning the local event go on to the state-wide competition. For more information on the Gael Force Club, go to <https://gaelforcerobotics.github.io/index.html>. (Photo – Doug Jorgensen)

## SPORTS BID

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for construction. Currently, plans show a shortage of 90 spaces in replacement sites. Staff continues to look at other areas to use as a temporary parking lot.

A budget of up to \$53 million has been identified. Construction would be scheduled to start this fall and be completed by the fall of 2022.

The 2-story, approximately 50,000 square foot building will be built next to the current two gymnasiums. The old gyms will remain until construction of

the new building is completed. The land where the old gyms were sited, would then be available for a classroom building, if needed.

The new facility will include a main competition gym with bleachers on both sides, a full size auxiliary gym, girls and boys locker rooms, PE classrooms, adaptive physical education/dance classroom, a weight room, wrestling room, training room and varsity room area.

The facility will be air conditioned. Skylights

on the roof will allow for the use of natural lighting whenever conditions allow.

A lobby will feature banners for different team and trophy cases.

The pool area will include a new 38 meter by 25 foot wide pool, an equipment storage building and changing facilities.

Also proposed in the bid package will be solar panels and a drop-off area for students along Cowboy Alley. The solar power will help to offset the cost of the air conditioning.

## PUSD FUNDING

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Ochoa summed up the cost of constructing the 10th school's buildings as \$54.53 million. An additional \$380,000 would cover conversion of some Donlon classrooms to kindergarten facilities. That brings the construction total to \$54.91 million.

However, the board would like traffic mitigation in the neighborhood, which would mean a new parking lot design and expansion near Denker Drive. That would cost an additional \$6.34 million, bringing the total estimated project cost to \$61.25 million. The parking lot expansion is a financial problem that the board would have to solve, if it wants the traffic mitigation.

Staff suggested looking for "community partners," which may include the city. City staff have already helped by conducting studies that outlined the traffic congestion around the site.

In a look at other financing sources, Ochoa named the following: developer fees, \$3.48 million as of June 30, 2018; the Sycamore Fund, \$7.17 million; a separate, special capital fund, \$3.9 million; and the Measure II allocation approved by voters for a new school, \$35 million.

The grand total reaches \$49.55 million, short of the \$54.91 million that the new school and Donlon kindergarten conversion would cost. On top of that, \$6.34 million for the parking upgrade is needed.

The Sycamore Fund came under discussion, with some trustees expressing anxiety about using its total \$7.17

million for the new school. The Sycamore Fund was created with proceeds from the sale of a school property on Sycamore Road south of Pleasanton.

The district, whose borders go beyond the city limits, acquired the Sycamore property in the 1960s, figuring then that a new high school would be needed as Pleasanton grew. However, a few decades later, the board membership concluded it would not be needed, and decided to sell it.

Trustee Mark Miller noted that the district has counted on the Sycamore Fund over the years to get the district out of budget tight spots.

Trustee Joan Laursen commented, "It has been our safety net for some time. It is conceivable to spend some of it down, but I'd hate to go to zero. But, if we did, we should consider having an increase in our deferred maintenance contributions, because we would have no other fail-safe fund for problems that happen, and we'd have to cover them."

Board President Valerie Arkin stated that she does not feel the same way about the Sycamore Fund. "It has been our safety net, but it's a sale-of-property fund. I don't have the feeling that we should not spend it. If we need to (use it), I'd say it fits the purpose of that money."

Trustee Jamie Hintzke said that she understands what Arkin said about the connection between the origin of the Sycamore Fund as revenue from property sale, and using it to help build a school. "It's hard to give up

the safety net, unless you have other ideas for a safety net."

Superintendent David Haglund explained that there are options in regard to using the Sycamore Fund. The board could use the fund until it is replenished; trustees can devise a strategy to replenish it.

The board also could sell property it owns. It won't be able to evaluate the revenue from those sources until it looks at the market.

Hintzke referred to the district headquarters property, which could become vacant if the district were to sell it for rezoned real estate, and leased a headquarters elsewhere. The district headquarters would be worth millions, she said.

The district also owns the Neal Elementary School site on Vineyard Avenue.; it's too far south to meet future school housing demands projected for the city's north side. In addition, the district owns the upper athletic field on Bernal Avenue, next to district headquarters. Hintzke said a workshop would be an excellent meeting for looking into potential real estate revenue.

### COMMUNITY MEETING SET

Haglund announced that a community meeting will be held from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Feb. 5 in the multipurpose room at Hart Middle School. The meeting is an opportunity for parents and community members to talk to board members and district administrators.

## SPORTS NOTES



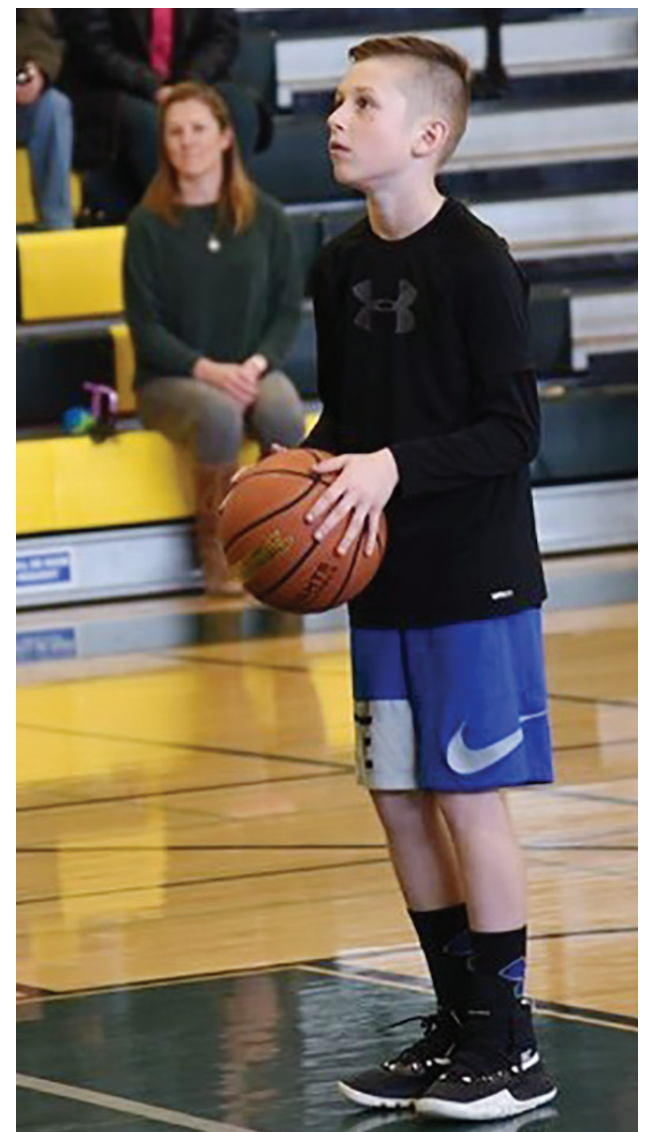
Grant Dufex (#30) and Ajai Franklin (#11) of Livermore High wrestle the ball away from a Granada Player during Friday's game. Granada won 65 to 36. (Photo – Doug Jorgensen)

## Winners of Livermore Free Throw Competition

The Knights of Columbus hosted a Free Throw Competition at Livermore High School on Saturday, January 13th. Young athletes competed for prizes and bragging rights. The top shooters were Brayden Rutherglen (age 9), Grant Weber (age 10), Alexander Martinez (age 11), William Arnold (age 12) and Michael Maloney returned as a champion for the second year in a row in the 14-year-old bracket. Maloney put on a 3-point shooting exhibition for the crowd as he also won that portion of the competition.

Each winner received a Knights of Columbus basketball and trophy. The winners will advance to the District Competition to be held on February 17th at St. Elizabeth Seton Gym in Pleasanton.

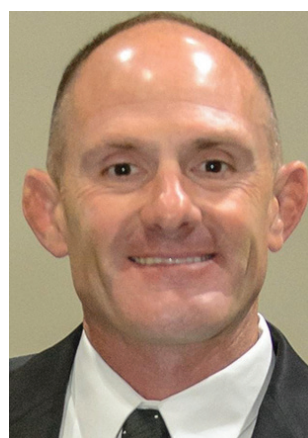
The Knights of Columbus is a Catholic fraternal organization devoted to works of charity. They raise funds through various community events and donate the net proceeds to worthy causes, mostly in Livermore and the Tri-Valley region.



Top: Alex Martinez wins age 11 group. Bottom: A focused shooter lines up the shot.

## Livermore High School Alumni Clark Conover To Be Inducted Into CA Wrestling Hall of Fame

Livermore High School alumni Clark Conover (class of 1990) will be inducted into the California Wrestling Hall-of-Fame



Clark Conover, who currently serves as Granada High School's Vice Principal, will be inducted into the CA Wrestling Hall of Fame on May 11.

(Lifetime Service Award) at a banquet to be held May 11 in Sacramento. He joins longtime Livermore coaches, Steve Page and Al Fontes, who were inducted in 2016. Below is Clark's wrestling biography.

Clark Conover has been actively involved in wrestling for the past 35 years serving as an athlete, coach, tournament director, and athletic director. He was a 4-year letterman and team captain for Livermore High School where he was a three-time East Bay Athletic League Champion and placed at the CIF North Coast Section tournament three times, winning the section championship his senior year. He also earned a medal at the prestigious CIF State Championships and was a two-time All-American and finalist, earning medals at the

Cadet and Junior National Championships.

Clark wrestled at Chabot College where he was a two-time All-American and finalist twice. His sophomore year, he won the California Community College State Championship. He attended Cal Poly, SLO where he placed 3rd at the PAC 10 Championships, qualified and competed at the NCAA Division I Championships and earned All-American honors at the Espoir Nationals.

In 12 seasons coaching at Granada High School, he coached 31 East Bay Athletic League Champions, 35 CIF North Coast Section medalists and 21 CIF State qualifiers. He also started Granada's Mat Classic varsity wrestling tournament, now in its 18th year of existence. Clark has served on the North

Coast Section wrestling management committee for over twenty years as well as being a member of the CIF State Wrestling Advisory Committee. Clark has been a board member of the California Wrestling Hall of Fame for the past eight years and was recently inducted into the Livermore-Granada Boosters Hall of Fame. Conover is also a part of the Chabot College Hall of Fame.

A graduate of Cal Poly, SLO with a BS and MS degree, Conover is currently serving as the Vice-Principal of Granada High School.

For more information on the May 11 banquet, which will be held at the Sacramento Elks Club, see the California Wrestling Hall of Fame website: [www.californiawrestlinghalloffame.com/banquet-information/](http://www.californiawrestlinghalloffame.com/banquet-information/).





The community came together Saturday to help Coast Guard families during the Federal Government shutdown. Bridgewatch Angels, founded by Maria Munayer of Pleasanton, organized the event. The donation drive collected baby items, pet food, hygiene products, and grocery gift cards. Petty Officer Adam Brown, pictured, assists with collecting donations. In Alameda County, 168 Coast Guard families with approximately 600 family members are impacted by the shutdown. (Photo – Doug Jorgensen)

## ZONE 7

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would occur even during a summer drought.

There also would be environmental advantages. Water could be released that would help cold-water pools for salmon in the SWP reservoirs, and stabilize fall flows for salmon in the Sacramento River. Water for wildlife refuges would become available, and for Delta smelt in the Yolo Bypass. Delta smelt have been placed on the California endangered species list.

Zone 7 participated in phase 1 of the Sites project, committing \$850,000 for its share of the study, based on a yield of 20,000 acre feet (AF) for Zone 7. The actual cost for Zone 7 in phase 1 was \$823,000.

Zone 7 is reducing its share this time to 10,000 AF for phase 2. Effects of possible future water conservation that might be set by the state factored in to the decision. Valley water retailers also predict a lower demand from their customers. The Zone 7 share for phase 2 will cost an estimated \$600,000. Phase 2 will begin in April and conclude in December.

Phase 2 work will include coordination with federal and state agencies, permit planning, preliminary right of way activities, and other analyses.

The Zone 7 share in Los Vaqueros expansion would be 10,000 AF. The project could deliver SWP water to

Zone 7 from the Delta, but it's more likely to happen in spring and fall than in summer, when it is needed most, says the staff report. It would not help with prolonged water shortages.

However, it could be used at times during the summer when Zone 7 cannot access a much larger supply, 197,000 AF in Kern County underground storage districts, because water transfers might not be available from there.

The Kern districts cannot pump the water uphill to the Bay Area; they must do a water swap, so that Zone 7 can take the water from the Delta. However, the swap can't always be accomplished, because of pumping regulations to preserve Delta species. The proximity of Los Vaqueros and its future pipeline that will draw water from the Delta and then deliver it to the South Bay Aqueduct would help Zone 7 some of the time.

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## Community College District Board Names Interim Chancellor



Ronald P. Gerhard was named new Interim Chancellor for the CLPCCD.

On January 15, at its regularly scheduled Board meeting, the Board of Trustees of the Chabot-Las Positas Community College District named Mr. Ronald P. Gerhard as interim chancellor of the District. Gerhard currently serves as the district's vice chancellor of business services. His salary will be \$22,916.67 per month, effective January 22, 2019 to August 22, 2020, or until the permanent position is filled, whichever is earlier.

Gerhard has served in multiple roles for the district including vice president of administrative services at Chabot College. Prior to joining the Chabot-Las

Positas Community College District, he served as the vice chancellor for finance and administration at City College of San Francisco, vice chancellor of finance and administration for the Peralta Community College District, was the chief business officer for Compton Community College District and the business manager for San Bernardino Valley College.

Gerhard earned a master of business administration degree in finance and accounting from the University of California, Riverside and a bachelor of arts degree in accounting from the University of Redlands.

Following a national search and after interviewing three finalists for the position, the Board decided to not to select a permanent chancellor. Gerhard was not a candidate in the national search.

"We believe it is in the best interest of the district to name an interim chancellor at this time," said Mr. Edralin J. "Ed" Maduli, board president. Mr. Gerhard has a long history with the California Community Colleges and will help us stay the course until such time that we can launch another national search for a permanent chancellor."

## REPRESENTATIVES

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Kumagai was just elected for the first time to the Dublin City Council. He is the leader of Organizing for Action, which focuses on promoting legislation concerning healthcare and services surrounding immigration issues. He also believes in building coalitions that reflect unified constituent decisions. He noted that issues that affect the district and his community are not only about elections, but also about the need to connect collaboratively on a variety of issues. As an Assembly District delegate to the Democratic State Central Committee, he will help identify, select and get Democrats elected, and will support an agreed upon chosen platform.

Branning stated that for him to endorse a candidate, that person would need to be an individual who had compassion, understood the struggles of other people, was able to listen to the advice of others and had proven effectiveness at building coalitions. Compassion also means moving forward with good laws. Kumagai would endorse candidates who were doing good work. He would look to the candidate's network, who they are supporting and why, as well as determine that the candidate had a presence and good reputation in the community.

Turning to housing, Branning remarked that people react very strongly to housing issues. It is easy to worry about the negative repercussions of housing, and hard to see the upsides

and advantages if you are already secure in your housing. Local control is vital to making sure that our community stays strong and works together. However, projects are being delayed for years. Proposition 13 affects funding resources for cities, enabling them to build the infrastructure that goes along with increased building. An initiative on the ballot in 2020 is intended to change the Prop 13 rules for corporations, while maintaining it for homeowners. When you have corporations that can stay at low property values without ever changing ownership, since their ownership is dispersed, this results in an abuse of Prop 13 enabling corporations to get low property taxes. Corporate money will be moving strongly against this initiative. Hopefully, some corporations will view the initiative as a way to help their employees and communities. They can look at this as doing what is right, not just supporting their own profits.

Kumagai agreed. He also stated that there is a role for local control of development issues. Cities should absolutely have a seat at the table. Housing needs should not be an "us versus them" battle at the state level. We need to collaborate with our legislators to make sure they understand how state policies affect us now and in the future.

When discussing education funding, Kumagai supports equity, access and teachers. People falsely think it is property taxes

which directly fund public education. State education by law is funded by state income tax which is subject to the ebbs and flows of economic factors. That form of funding was put in place to create access and equity across the board. Because of the last recession, schools became severely underfunded; that problem remains. Branning believes a balance needs to be struck. There are no innovative solutions working under the present constraints. He believes that it is an absolute disaster right now. Class sizes need to be reduced, which requires increased funding. Branning and Kumagai think that changing the Prop 13 rules for corporations that must be looked at as a solution. A vote of the people is needed, since the original proposition was approved at the ballot box.

Both agree that climate change needs to be addressed. Branning noted that the I-580 corridor is one big parking lot. Making the costs of driving more obvious and public transit easier would be a major step toward improving the environ-

ment locally. Transportation projects this large require state and sometimes federal funding. As state delegates, Branning believes that they can make sure that funding is used locally, as well as in other areas of the state. California is leading on environmental reforms and addressing climate issues. It needs to keep pushing in that direction to become the model for the nation, and hopefully the world.

Kumagai also agreed that transportation is a big piece of the problem. In the Tri-Valley, the 580-680 project and Valley Link will cost a lot. People don't realize how climate change is making an impact on their lives. We need to create jobs that move us to a greener way of living. We have to be thinking about water infrastructure and electric power generation for the future.

Kumagai and Branning pledge to bring local issues to the state to ensure that a local perspective is not forgotten. They welcome contacts from citizens. They can be reached at Branning@gmail.com and Shawn4dublin@gmail.com.

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# January in Livermore Valley Wine Country

By Laura Ness

January is that transition month, named for Janus, the Roman god of doors, who is depicted looking forward at the new year and back at the old. We sometimes find it hard to move forward out of the holidays, but time marches on, and soon it will be March and barrel tasting will be upon us. But first, there's January, the Superbowl and Valentine's Day. Here are some fun things to put on your calendar.

**Reserve Library Cabernet Tasting at McGrail, January 24, 2019, 6:30–8:30 pm**

Walk through a tasting of 7 vintages of McGrail's Cabernet Reserve, from vintage 2008 through 2014. After tasting through the wines, the patio will be open with the heaters on if you would like to enjoy a glass or bottle of wine on the patio. Limited to the first 60 people. Limited amounts of most wines will be available for purchase. Tickets are \$35/wine club; \$50/guest.

**BoaVentura Tasting Room Open, January 25-27, 12:00–5:00 pm**

When was the last time you visited BoaVentura? Come on out.

**Fun Fridays with The FoxCatcherers at Wood Family, January 25, 4:00–7:00 pm**

Find out what all the excitement is about at Wood. If you haven't heard The Foxcatchers, you are definitely missing out.

**It's the Cheese at Las Positas, January 26 & 27**

On the recent cruise from Paris to Normandy, France, tasting room manager, Curtis Pipes, was introduced to many wonderful French cheeses, and they'd like to share them with you all month. Enjoy French Cheese & Wine Pairing every weekend in January. Among this month's cheese pairings is the 2017 Estate Rose paired with Herve Mons "Pyrenees," a semi-firm sheep's milk cheese that comes in coffee-colored wheels, from the south of France. It's rich and creamy, with a hint of caramel sweetness. Another great matchup is 2013 Las Positas Estate Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon paired with Arnaud 15 Month Aged "Comte," a semi-firm unpasteurized cow's milk from the Jura Massif region. Maturation in special caves imparts a unique taste, texture and color, with flavors that run the gamut from sweet to savory, including nutty, salty and smoky notes. Also enjoy the 2015 Estate Malbec paired with Fromi "Brebirousse D'Argental," a sheep's milk from Lyon, in the Rhone region of France. This is creamy, soft-ripened cheese with a bloomy orange rind from annatto. It's like a brie and tastes a little sweet and buttery. Finally, the 2013 Meritage is paired up with Herve Mons "Camembert,"



**Cheese and wine pairings will be offered every weekend in January at Las Positas Vineyards** (Photo – Curt Pipes, Las Positas Vineyards)

a moist, soft, creamy surface-ripened cow's milk cheese first made in the late 18th century at Camembert, Normandy in Northern France. Aged for 3 weeks, this cheese is soft-ripened and famously issued to the French troops during WWI. Camembert has firmly become fixed in the French culture with many local varieties being made around the world. Vive la France and vive le fromage! A fabulous truffle experience is in the works for February, so stay tuned.

**Martini Time at Sidewinder, January 26, 2:00–4:00 pm**

On this day, Occasio wine club members will be treated to an exploration of the history of one of the world's favorite cocktails. You'll come away with an insider's perspective on the evolution of the martini through the lens of three cocktails. Why does the martini play such an important role in literature and film? How did it come to define an age? And, you'll learn the story behind a Livermore Valley winery's importance in the fabrication of the famed James Bond Martini. Members will receive three tastings, a martini appetizer, and a take-home bottle of Sidewinder Vermouth. This might be just the perfect way to spend a Saturday without football. Members and their guests only. Price is \$40 – seating is limited. Purchase tickets on the website.

Coming in February, Sidewinder will have both the grappa and eau de vie in bottle. Winemaker, distiller and mixologist extraordinaire Dave is working on the gin: cooler weather means slow fermentation times in winter, making it difficult to get base spirit.

**Charles R 11th Annual Cabstravaganza, January 26, 11:30–4:30 pm**

Don't miss this unique opportunity to experience how Charles R Cabernet Sauvignon develops from barrel to aging in the cellar. You'll start with a 2018 barrel



**Charles R Vineyards will be sampling Cabernet Sauvignon in multiple stages of development—from a 2018 barrel tasting to a well-aged 2014 wine.** (Photo – Courtesy Charles R Vineyards)

tasting, compare the aromas and flavors with a nicely aged 2014, and a mix of wines from the cellar.

**Evening in the Vineyards at Las Positas, January 26, 6:00–9:00 pm**

Have some outdoor concert fun on select Saturdays, including January 26, when Joey T & Friends comes to Las Positas. Tickets are \$5. Reserve your table and seats when you purchase tickets! 21+ only and no outside food or beverages.

**Cuda Ridge Reserve Flight, January 26 & 27, 12:30–4:30 pm**

Larry Dino, winemaker at Cuda Ridge, announces the first Reserve Tasting Flight of the year, during normal tasting room hours. The reserve tasting will take place in the side room and will include the Melange d' Amis Vertical (2013 - 2015) and the 2014 Bien Amie. The tasting is open to everyone and no RSVP is required. The cost is \$25.00 for the flight, \$15.00 for CRU Club members, and \$10.00 for Connoisseur Club members. The tasting fees are refundable with 2 or more bottle purchase of the Reserve wines.

Cuda Ridge will soon be sailing to Bordeaux, embarking on March 28th, with lots of winery fans. There are a few cabins still available if anybody needs a vacation after the holidays!

**Omega Road Open, January 26 & 27, 12:00–4:00 pm**

Come meet owner/winemaker, Alexandra Henkelman, who was just elected Board President of the Livermore Winegrowers Association.

**Fenestra's 27th Annual Soup & Wine Pairing, January 26 & 27, 12:00–5:00 pm**

Come join the family at Fenestra for this annual event where soup from six of the Valley's best restaurants are paired with award winning Fenestra wines. This year features soups from First Street Ale House, Backyard Bayou, Nonni's Bistro, Demitri's Taverna, Sauced, and Uncle Yu's. Bonus! Be among the first to taste their double gold award winning Chardonnay! \$20.00 per person; \$10.00 for club members

**Music with Matt Finders & Friends at Retzlaff, January 27, 12:00–4:30 pm**

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**Music in the Vines at McGrail, January 27, 1:00–4:00 pm**

McGrail's Member Lounge will be open to all visitors to enjoy complimentary live music by Nashville Recording Artist Nick Tyrrel. Bring a picnic, buy a bottle of wine and relax in the cozy barrel room!

**Wente's Estate Tour and Tasting, January 27, 11:30 am–1:00 pm; 2:30–4:00 pm.**

Start the Estate Tour with a taste of wine and a beautiful stroll around the grounds. Experienced wine educators will share the Wente family history and the history of the Estate property. In addition, check out behind the scenes of the small lot production and working barrel room. The tour concludes with a tasting of Wente's premier wines. Cost: \$35/person. For availability or questions call (925) 456-2305.

**Cuda Ridge Valentines Dinner**

Cuda Ridge is hosting its third annual Valentine's Dinner at The Purple Orchid, February 14th starting at 6:30pm in the banquet room. It will be a family style dinner priced at \$135/per person. Menu includes ahi tuna wonton taco and roasted pork belly paired with 2016 Cabernet Franc (90 points - Wine Enthusiast), scallop and mushroom soup paired with 2016 Semillon, goat cheese trio and seared duck on bed of wilted greens paired with 2016 Merlot (92 points - Wine Enthusiast), filet mignon, sweet potato wedge, locally grown tri-colored carrots and steamed leek paired with 2014 Cabernet Sauvignon and chocolate decadence cake paired with 2016 Petit Verdot. Cost: \$135 PP (tax and gratuity inclusive). RSVP on the Purple Orchid Resort website or call Purple Orchid Inn at 925-606-8855.

**More Valentine's Day Ideas**

No plans yet for Valentines Day? Three guys named Steve invite you to a romantic evening at 3 Steves Winery. They've partnered with the awesome culinary team at Posada Restaurant to bring you an amazing one-of-a-kind, four-course dinner, paired with their wines, including the Brut Sparkling. Horatio Monroe will be on hand with his acoustic guitar to set the stage for a night of love. Seatings are at 6, 6:45, & 7:30. Tickets are \$115 per guest. Tables may still be available. For reservations, please contact Kevin at (925) 364-4889.

Many more Valentine's events are scheduled in wine country: we'll tell you about them next time.



**Charles R Vineyards will hold its 11th Annual Cabstravaganza on January 26, from 11:30-4:30pm.** (Photo – Courtesy Charles R Vineyards)

**We regret omitting these winery results from the article on the San Francisco Chronicle Competition published January 17:**

**Michael Chalkley of Enoteca Five** brought home silver for his 2013 Alta Mesa Cabernet Franc and bronze for the 2017 Contra Costa County 'Wanderlust' Chardonnay.

**Garré Vineyard and Winery** brought home silver for their 2015 Sangiovese and 2013 Petite Sirah.

**Nottingham Cellars** received a Double Gold for their 2016 Central Coast BDX blend, and Vasco Urbano scored silver for their 2016 Central Coast GSM.

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# In Memoriam: Debra Long, 1953–2019

By Laura Ness



This story was shared by Debra's husband, Phil, with some input from her daughter Britnee. Many in the Livermore wine family are still shocked to lose such a vibrant, amazing woman at such a young age. While there may be a war on cancer, it just doesn't feel like we're winning it. As Phil Long says, "We really do have to figure this out."

Debra was born in Tulsa, Oklahoma, in 1953, to Naomi (deceased) and Hal Meek. She graduated from Will Rogers High School in 1971, and attended Bible school at the Victory Christian Center in Tulsa. Debra did missionary work in Sweden, in 1991, at the Word of Life church in Uppsala when her daughters were 11 and 16. They then moved to California, where Debra participated in establishing a new church with some friends, at first living in Diamond Bar and then in Orange, CA, with daughter Britnee.

Phil shares that Debra was always a true romantic with a great love of the ocean and the beach. "We met at a company I used as a supplier in a previous company I owned. She was the office manager. Love at first sight for me...it took her a bit to see Phil's heart, but she did and that was it."

The couple was married in Cambria on Phil's birthday, June 28, 2000. They rented a house that was previously one of the lighthouse keeper's homes at Point Piedras Blancs Light House. It had been moved in the early 1960's, to a plot right off of Moonstone Beach Drive, which fronts

the ocean in Cambria. It had the most beautiful garden and became a vacation rental when the three ladies who owned it were not staying there themselves. Phil and Debra stayed there, got married there, and took their vacations in that same house every year on their anniversary.

A job offer moved the couple to Northern California in 2002, and Phil says they began making wine in their garage almost immediately. "A hobby turned into a passion, a passion a business, and this is where we are today," Phil explains. They did a little custom crush at different wineries in the valley to get themselves started, and did their first crush in their own facility for harvest 2008.

Debra and Phil started the winery because they had been incorporating "Longevity" wines into their online-based wine club which they started after obtaining their distributors license. Phil explains the history behind their wine names.

"The very first vintage of 'deb-ru-vee' (Debra's Cuvee) was actually called 'Longevity,' but then we decided to keep that name for our brand. So we had to come up with a new name. It was a Rhone blend, and I view Burgundy bottles to have a more feminine shape, so it was only appropriate to name it after my wife. Then came Phil-osopy, in a masculine bottle, and PressTon in a masculine Bordeaux bottle as well."

Every visitor to the Longevity tasting room can probably recall the first time they set eyes on the place:

it appears as though you've walked into a full-sized barn meets saloon meets antique store. The couple loved collecting antiques and turned what could have been a typical boring barrel room into an inviting parlour, where you can feel at home on a settee, at a dining table, or leaning up against one of the bars.

The welcoming atmosphere echoes the personalities behind the brand, and nowhere did Debra's personality shine more completely than in her wonderful selection of retail items, especially décor, which reflected both her philosophy of life and her impeccable taste. When she received her cancer diagnosis, she even more firmly embraced the idea of living in the moment, finding the good in everything, celebrating the little joys of every day life and letting petty cares fall by the wayside. She pointed to a decorative block she had just gotten in to the tasting room that read, "Love more, worry less."

Debra's love of food and wine pairing was evidenced by her competitive approach and the awards to prove her mettle. Phil says she particularly loved their pink pinot grigio: "If we had it, that's what she drank." Their 2016 Longevity Pinot Grigio paired with seared pork belly with local stone fruit pico de gallo and green goddess sauce from BackDoor Bistro scored Most Innovative Pairing at the 2017 Taste Our Terroir.

She also loved their pinot blanc, which the couple played into the People's Choice pairing for Best White in 2016

and for Judges' Best Pairing at the 2018 Taste Our Terroir competition.

Most of all, she had a love of God and her faith sustained her through every challenge. Debra's daughter, Britnee, says of her Mom, "She was a prayer warrior who could quote scripture and knew how to pray for people. She was caring and compassionate. She was a good friend to many, a bright light. She had a sense of humor that not everyone understood. She had the ability to love people who were sometimes unlovable and forgive people that sometimes were unforgivable."

Debra leaves behind her loving husband, Phil, beloved canine companion Pressston, daughters Britnee and Ashley, son Philip Long Jr., sisters Donna and Dee, brother Dan and six grandchildren: Calli 14, Cannon 11, Reagan 9, Kinslee 9, Connor 4, and Caden 2.

As the face of Longevity wines, she will be forever missed. Godspeed to a lovely, grace-filled woman who brought joy to all who knew her.

There will be a Celebration of Life & Open House held at the winery on January 31st, 2019, from 1:00 to 5:00pm. Please drop by to celebrate the life of this amazing woman. If you wish, please bring a dish or a bottle of wine to share. Please do not send flowers or gifts, instead please make a contribution in Debra's name to the

Lustgarten Foundation for pancreatic cancer research located in New York.

Their focus is not only on a cure for this particular type of cancer, but they also focus on prevention. We really do need to figure this out. No one should have to suffer from this horrible disease at any age, let alone someone as young and beautiful as Debra.

In addition, Debra's memorial service will be held on February 1, 2019 at 2:00pm, Verdigris Assembly of God, 25815 S. 4110 Road, Claremore,

OK 74019. Please join us to toast this amazing person, and the lifelong impression she has had upon all of us.

For any questions related to the Celebration, please email shiena@longevity-wines.com for more information.

## Celebration of Life

# Educator and Musician, Dr. Philip Manwell, To be Remembered at Las Positas College

The Tri-Valley community is invited to come together to celebrate the life of Dr. Philip Manwell at Las Positas College on January 30th.



Dr. Philip Manwell began his musical studies in his native Northern California. He was drawn to the organ by its tonal intensity and its enormous capabilities for musical expression. He studied with San Francisco organist Harold Mueller and played many recitals throughout California. He spent time in France studying with legendary musicians Marcel Dupre and Nadia Boulanger before settling in New York where he earned Bachelor's and Master's degrees at The Juilliard School of Music studying organ with Bronson Ragan, Vernon deTar, and Anthony Newman and theory, analysis, and research methodology with Jacob Druckman, Robert Starer, Otto Leuning, Roger Sessions, and Gustave Reese.

While at Juilliard he received The Valentine Prize for organ performance, played on the dedicatory recital for the new Holtkamp organ in Paul Hall in the school's then new Lincoln Center facility. He was asked by Suzanne Bloch to play her father Ernest Bloch's Six Preludes for Organ to help celebrate the presentation of one of the composer's favorite Renaissance art pieces donated to the school and installed in the new Flentrop organ studio. Returning to California, he earned a Doctorate at The University of San Francisco.

As a solo recitalist and chamber musician, Dr. Manwell played extensively

throughout the United States and Europe. He made LP recordings for the Nola, Musical Heritage Society, and Orion Master Recordings labels as well as broadcasts for NBC Radio, the BBC, and Austrian National Radio.

As a church musician, he held posts on both coasts including Church of the Good Shepherd and Church of the Holy Trinity in New York City (where he introduced regular Sunday afternoon recitals and concerts) and First Presbyterian Church, Oakland and Saint Francis' Episcopal Church in San Francisco. He was artistic director and conductor of The South Bergen Oratorio Society in New Jersey - for which he composed Mass (a piece combining traditional liturgical passages with Buddhist texts) for chorus, soloists, and band.

Manwell became the director of the Valley Choral Society (now the Valley Concert Choral) in 1987, a post he held for about ten years. He started a Young Artist Competition, where the winning singer or instrumentalist performed with the group at one of its concerts. He also helped start the Music in the Schools Program in 1990. In June 1997, he took 35 chorus members on a tour of England, where they performed at Salisbury Cathedral and the Bournemouth Music festival, as well as several other cities around England and Wales.

For nearly twenty-five years, Dr. Manwell was Professor and Chair of Humanities and, subsequently, Dean of Arts and Letters at Las Positas College in Livermore, where he developed new and expanded curriculum and taught courses that explored the intersection of music with other art forms - literature, poetry, theater, film, visual art and design, etc. The lectures and workshops in which he discussed mythology - especially "the artist as hero" - (inspired by his friendship with Joseph Campbell and his wife - dancer/choreographer Jean Erdman) were extremely popular.

## OBITUARIES

### Una Mary Wray Skadden Jan. 3, 2019

Una Mary Wray Skadden passed away at age 91 on January 3, 2019.



Una was married in England, and in 1951 moved to the U.S. with her husband Charles Wm. Phillip Ayres. They settled in Ohio and had their first daughter, Wendi. Not enjoying the snow, they heard about Santa Barbara, Calif., bought a trailer and packed everything up, and made the journey to Santa Barbara. They fell in love with the beautiful city on the ocean. There they had two more daughters, Rebecca and Sallie. Una was very involved with the Santa Barbara Junior Matrons Club where they raised money for local charities. She took a job with the Forestry Service working for "Smoky the Bear," as her girls remember. With a moratorium on residential building in Santa Barbara there was not enough work so they moved to the San Francisco Bay Area and raised their three daughters.

With a love for travel and a desire to introduce her girls to family in England, they took a wonderful trip to Europe and spent time traveling around

England meeting family and exploring new countries.

Una and Phillip divorced after 27+ years of marriage.

She met and married William Bode, engineer for EB-MUD. More travel was in her life with Bill. After 8+ years of marriage to Bill, she traveled by herself. One trip lasted nine months all over Israel, Ireland, New Zealand, and Europe including Turkey and Greece. She always said it was the best time of her life. A real adventure. Her two favorite places were Ireland and New Zealand.

When she returned she was ready for a new life, and met and married Clark Skadden. Her family grew by adding his son Kirk and wife Sherri to her life. Her love of travel never left her. She introduced Clark to discovering new places and over 25+ years of marriage they took many wonderful trips.

Over the years she visited and kept in touch with many close, lifelong friends from Santa Barbara, San Francisco Bay Area and Nipomo that she valued so much.

She was very involved in her church and made many friends there. Over the years she donated to a lot of causes she believed in.

Her love of painting was obvious by all of her works gracing her walls in her home. She enjoyed teaching painting to anyone interested in learning.

She is survived by her three daughters: Wendi, Rebecca and Sallie; one stepson: Kirk; seven grandchildren: Michael, Elyse, Rachael, Trevor, Allison, Ryan and Kristin; and six great grandchildren: Avery,

Ryleigh, Brayden, Hannah, Kaylan and Ryan.

Una's Celebration of Life service will be held on Feb. 9, 2019, at 2 p.m., at the Arroyo Grande Adventist Church, 240 Vernon Street, Arroyo Grande, Calif., 93420.

### Richard (Dick) Allen McCabe

Mar. 23, 1934 – Jan. 8, 2019

Dick passed peacefully at his home with his wife Jean by his side. He was a graduate of Benson Polytechnic High School in Portland, Ore. He served his apprenticeship at Mare Island Naval Shipyard. He worked at Mare Island from 1953 to 1963. In November 1963, he came to the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory as a precision machinist, later moving to Site 300 where he was supervisor of machinists and technicians until his retirement in 1994.



Dick was a longtime member of Holy Cross Lutheran Church. He loved to dance, and was a member of Eagle Squares and Trailer Twirlers square dance groups. He enjoyed his RV, touring most of the U.S. He visited most of Europe, Australia, and New Zealand, and took many

cruises to foreign countries.

He is survived by: Jean, his wife of 54 years; three daughters: Susan Crews (Neil) of Pismo Beach, MaryAnne Habgood (Tom) of Grants Pass, Ore., and Debbi Reinke (Rich) of Pleasanton; eight grandchildren; and eight great grandchildren.

Many thanks for the loving care he received from Nuclear Care Partners, and to Kindred Hospice for their generous support. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Holy Cross Memorial Fund, 1020 Mocho Street, Livermore, Calif., 94550, or the American Cancer Society.

Callaghan Mortuary is honored to be serving the McCabe family.

An online guestbook is available for condolences at [www.callaghanmortuary.com](http://www.callaghanmortuary.com)

### Betty Dunne Sharp

Sept. 24, 1922 - Jan. 6, 2019

Betty Dunne Sharp was born on September 24, 1922 to parents Bessie Tozer Dunne and John Joseph Dunne in San Francisco. Betty's parents owned the Ingleside Sweet Shop on Ocean Avenue in San Francisco. Betty attended Mission High School and Lux College in San Francisco.

She worked at Children's Hospital in Oakland and later married Albert Emerson Sharp. They moved to Richmond, CA, and bought their first home. In 1961 they bought a small farm in Livermore. Betty went from city girl to country girl helping to raise their four children along with livestock and chickens. She supported her children through FFA and 4H and attended many horse shows

and rodeos while their two daughters rode on the Eden Colts Mounted Drill Team.

Betty worked in Medical Records at Laurel Grove Hospital in Castro Valley and San Jose Medical Clinic.



A coworker got Betty interested in doing genealogy research and she compiled many volumes of family history. She traveled with some of her cousins to Battle Creek, Michigan to gather information. A lot of the information she collected was before computers were commonplace. Once she got a computer she couldn't imagine how she could have completed it all without one.

Betty was preceded in death by her two sons Vernon Sharp of Condon, MT, and Kenneth Alan Sharp of Tehachapi, CA. She is survived by her daughters Janice Keller (Leon) and Gail Sturgeon (Arno) of Livermore her daughters-in-law Janet Sharp of Tehachapi, CA, and Joyce Sharp of Condon, MT, grandchildren Leslie Herrera, Michael May, Natalie Butler and Kenneth Sharp, Jr., and four great-grandchildren.

Betty's family would like to thank the wonderful staff at The Parkview Assisted Living

Residence in Pleasanton and Hope Hospice of Dublin.

Betty will be laid to rest alongside her parents at Cypress Lawn Cemetery in Colma, CA.

Callaghan Mortuary is honored to be serving the Sharp family. An online guestbook is available for condolences at [www.callaghanmortuary.com](http://www.callaghanmortuary.com).

### Kay Hazen

Oct. 17, 1930 – Jan. 12, 2019



Kay Hazen, a retired Livermore teacher, passed away on January 12, 2019. She was 88 years old. Mrs. Hazen was born on October 17, 1930, in Seattle, Wash. She graduated from Central Washington College of Education in Ellensburg, Wash. She was a teacher and a reading specialist with the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District for 25 years. She enjoyed traveling and watercolor painting. Her husband, Clifford Hazen, preceded her in death. She is survived by: her two sons, Patrick Robert Hazen and his wife Nancy E. of Lodi, and Brett Michael Hazen and his wife Nancy G. of San Ramon; her four grandchildren; and her two great grandchildren.





The Make A Difference for Pleasanton Festival took place on Saturday at the Pleasanton Library. Visitors learned about the work being done by several local Tri-Valley organizations and how they can get involved. Kirstin Litz, at right, and Karin Linforth, at left, representing HERS Breast Cancer Foundation, discuss the organization's programs. HERS provides those healing from breast cancer with post-surgical products and services. Other organizations at the festival included Sunflower Hill, Axis Community Health, Tri-Valley City Serve, Valley Humane Society, Go Green Initiative, and Open Heart Kitchen. (Photo – Doug Jorgensen)

## Alameda County DA Reignites Billboard Campaign to Combat Human Trafficking in the Bay Area

Alameda County District Attorney Nancy E. O'Malley and Bruce Qualls, Vice President of Real Estate and Public Affairs for Clear Channel Outdoor, unveiled a public awareness campaign on January 16 designed to heighten community awareness, mobilize the public and offer assistance to victims of human trafficking.

The District Attorney's Office and Clear Channel Outdoor have collaborated for many years to deliver important messaging to communities throughout Alameda County and the greater Bay Area. January 2019 is National Human Trafficking Awareness month, a time to start the year with a renewed sense of determination and action aimed at stopping the commercial sexual exploitation of children and teens and the commercial labor exploitation of workers.

2019's public awareness campaign consists of billboards and bus shelters visible in neighborhoods and from roadways throughout the Alameda County. The billboards present a stark reminder that the Bay Area remains a hotspot for the commercial sexual exploitation of children and teens, while the bus shelters message directly to individuals who are at risk or are currently trafficked for sex or labor.

"My Office continues to work tirelessly to put an end to these dangerous and

exploitative criminal enterprises," says DA O'Malley. "We are dedicated to prosecuting offenders and protecting and assisting victims. At the same time, it is vital to maintain a community focus on the fact that these crimes happen here, in our cities, and to our children, neighborhoods and loved-ones."

"On behalf of the thousands of Clear Channel Outdoor employees across the U.S., including the 100 that call the San Francisco/Oakland area home, we are honored to continue using our media to assist in the District Attorney's efforts to rescue these nearly defenseless victims of exploitation," said Bruce Qualls, vice president, public affairs, Clear Channel Outdoor-San Francisco. "Using this highly-visible form of media, we'll continue sending a clear message to victims that help is available, and to traffickers – you will be prosecuted."

The Alameda County DA's Office has prosecuted a significant volume of human trafficking cases, enabling victims to escape exploitation. Over the past dozen years, this office has prosecuted over 650 defendants for human trafficking related offenses, with an 82% success rate. As of today, there are active cases against 48 defendants charged with human trafficking and related offenses.

In addition to prosecuting

offenders, the DA's Office focuses on aiding teens who are exploited or at risk of becoming exploited. SafetyNet, a program that addresses the needs of commercially sexually exploited minors, was convened and is facilitated by the Alameda County District Attorney's Office. SafetyNet meetings are designed to provide an immediate response to the youth and to ensure victim safety at the moment of their identification and throughout their potential interface with any system. This includes but is not limited to youth who are involved in the juvenile justice system, social services, other government agencies, law enforcement, and/or community based agencies as either being at risk for or a victim of human trafficking.

The District Attorney's Office has a specialized unit comprised of attorneys, inspectors and staff dedicated to addressing all aspects of human trafficking. To learn more about human trafficking as well as how to become involved in the solution, please visit: [heatwatch.org](http://heatwatch.org).

Important phone numbers for reporting human trafficking: to report immediate danger, call 911; for all non-emergency reports, call the heat watch tip line at (510) 208-4959; for 24 hour help, call the national human trafficking hotline, (888) 373-7888 or text BEFREE (233-733).

## LLNL HISTORY

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broadened its programs. It lost weapons design pre-eminence to Los Alamos, experienced bitter controversies over Star Wars research, as well as challenges to University of California management.

Third, the end of the Cold War around 1990 brought an end to nuclear testing and what Tarter called "an extraordinary expectation of a huge peace dividend."

This in turn led to an intense focus on clean-up and security, not all of which was carried out constructively, not to mention bureaucratic efforts to change LLNL's role that were sometimes ludicrously uninformed.

Tarter said he chose the book's title, "The American Lab," to contrast it with the European origins and scientific culture of the first nuclear weapons lab, today called Los Alamos National Laboratory.

### No academic pretensions

As he carried out his research, the Livermore Rad Lab "felt like a technology place, not some place with academic pretensions or traditions...the American lab with all kinds of people... learning stuff for the first time and figuring out how to do stuff. Not people with long chains of degrees."

He got a laugh from the retiree crowd by telling the story of a question asked by the wife of a former Los Alamos director after reading Tarter's book. "If they are 'The American Lab,'" she wondered, "what are we?"

One key to understanding the genuine scientific differences between the two laboratories, Tarter said, was the mandate of Herb York, the first Livermore Director, to "do it differently."

Thus, when nuclear tests failed that were based on ideas brought by Edward Teller from Los Alamos, very different approaches succeeded based on innovations by York, Harold Brown and Johnny Foster.

A second key to understanding the differences, Tarter said, is recognizing the profound emphasis that the Livermore operation placed on computing. This emphasis was "wildly different than Los Alamos," not just at the start, but for at least two decades.

The value of computers in science is taken for granted today, but Livermore's approach was revolutionary at the time, and helped drive the computer industry to new levels of capability and performance.

A third key was the integrated team approach brought to Livermore from the Berkeley Rad Lab.

"Los Alamos tended to be, as they are today, more compartmentalized, in part

because (they were spread across) 40 square miles, not (the Livermore site's) one square mile," Tarter said.

Livermore's success in nuclear weapons design has often been noted. It started with the warhead for the first Polaris submarine-carried missile and continued with comparable projects for the Air Force.

Tarter described the time as "an astonishing first 20 years" with a "superb collection of directors."

The remarkable managerial informality of the era is seen in an anecdote about how physicist Mike May had learned in 1965 that he had been chosen as director.

According to Tarter, then-director Johnny Foster phoned May at his young daughter's birthday party "with balloons popping around him."

Foster asked, "Is there any reason you shouldn't become the next director?" When May couldn't think of a reason, Foster said they would fly together to Washington next day, when he would explain how to do the job.

"That's exactly what happened. That's how directors were chosen" in those days, appointed by the last director, Tarter said.

Not for long, however, as after May's tenure, the University of California began to choose LLNL directors through review committees and formal competitions in much the same way as it chose campus chancellors.

### Successes and failures

Tarter's book is filled with organizational detail and personal anecdotes, as well as insights into successes and failures. One of the greatest of the failures occurred early in the 1970s when Los Alamos rather than Livermore was chosen to develop the warhead for the Navy's Trident submarine missile.

In speaking to retirees, Tarter spoke bluntly about LLNL's mistakes in competing for Navy approval.

Just as Los Alamos had once assumed that the upstart California laboratory would not measure up, LLNL now fell victim to the same sense of entitlement.

Having leapfrogged over the New Mexico lab in the 1960s, LLNL "got overconfident, we got over-arrogant, and we tried to tell the Navy more than they needed to know about what to do next," he told the retirees.

Losing the Trident warhead was a shock that generated organizational changes, which Tarter details in his book. Still, the Laboratory grew and diversified, particularly when federal legislation following the Middle East oil embargo allowed it to broaden its research into non-nuclear

energy projects.

Much of the book is devoted to detailing program by program developments and crediting the managers who carry them out.

Some of the most interesting anecdotes concern the bureaucratic system in which the Laboratory was embedded as it served national defense interests decade after decade.

Tarter told a story to Laboratory retirees that might have served as an illustration of an analogy once made by Edward Teller, that a bureaucracy is a centipede whose left front leg does not know what its right hind leg is doing.

In 2002, in response to the 9/11 attacks, a closeted, 6-person group in Washington was charged with defining the structure and components of the new Department of Homeland Security. They could not seek outside information, as it would slow them down.

One member of the group had heard that LLNL had an effective bio-defense program. Not knowing that the Lab was a billion-dollar operation with thousands of employees in hundreds of varied programs, he drew up a plan to transfer the entire facility to Homeland Security.

The plan grossly underestimated the size of the Livermore Laboratory, indicating that it had only 300 employees and a budget of \$1.6 million. LLNL was soon hit with puzzled media inquiries about the move and the inexplicably small figures.

It took a few days to understand the blunder and correct it.

"You can't make stuff like this up," Tarter said to the laughter of the retirees.

As a closing comment, Tarter put forth his own view of the challenges created in the interactions of an increasingly controlling federal bureaucracy – the U.S. Department of Energy – with a great scientific laboratory that depends on creativity and intellectual freedom to reach its full potential and value to the nation.

The two have "totally different philosophies of life," Tarter said. The Laboratory measures success in scientific achievement, while the bureaucracy judges it by deviations from a defined administrative standard.

"We count the final score," he said. "And that's very different from DOE, which every year subtracts points because you didn't get the payroll on time in March."

Tarter's book can be purchased at bookstores and online, and is available in libraries.

A billboard message, part of a human trafficking awareness campaign organized by the Alameda County District Attorney and Clear Channel Outdoor.

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# Future of Energy Efficiency Looking Bright at Livermore High School

After school, on a drizzly and overcast afternoon, the Livermore High School (LHS) campus is mostly empty. At one table in the library, a student sits in the corner with headphones on,

model of energy consumption at LHS. The collected data will go toward efficiency recommendations for the school and the development of a new energy intelligence software.

tion,” said Nair, in a meeting with LVJUSD Sustainability Committee Chair David Darlington. She and Spezzano took the lead in an interview with Darlington to develop a sense of the

emissions, and to tie in an innovative STEM Education & Internship Program that provides students a pathway to higher education and careers. Kelly has previously worked with SunPower, the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District’s (LVJUSD) partner in bringing solar panels to its schools.

With its courses geared toward Career Technical Education (CTE), the GEA was a natural place for BE101 to find talented, dedicated students who were eager to enhance their education and contribute to the betterment of their communities. The synthesis of career pathways and engineering education provided by the internship dovetails neatly with the goals of the GEA, and provides the interns with insight into the ways their community addresses its energy consumption.

The student-interns are looking into developing a zero net energy program for LHS, which they will focus on implementing going forward. To reach that goal, the campus needs to reach annual consumed energy levels less than or equal to the renewable energy generated on-site. While ambitious, the standard has been gaining traction throughout the U.S. - particularly in California - and would put LHS, and eventually other schools in the District, ahead of the curve in conservation, with more money saved and a healthier environment.

Nair and Spezzano developed a plan following their audit of LHS’ buildings to upgrade interior lighting throughout the school. They intend to move from fluorescent technology to LED lighting, which will vastly improve lighting and energy

performance campus-wide. LVJUSD has made great progress in its conservation strategies - the installation of solar panels in fifteen of its campuses, for example - but the involvement of its students will go a long way toward further decreasing the District’s carbon footprint and operations costs, and gaining the buy-in of the student body, staff, and wider community.

According to the District, “the greater the interest and enthusiasm of its students, the greater the impact of an idea now and for years to come. When a community encourages its students to engage with the challenges of the world, a brighter future is sure to follow.” For more information about Bright Energy 101, visit [www.brightenergy101.com](http://www.brightenergy101.com).



Ranjini Nair and Spezzano (top right) presenting to the LVJUSD Sustainability Committee. (Photo courtesy of LVJUSD & BE101)

finishing math homework; and at another is the Bright Energy 101 (BE101) CEO Bill Kelly and his team that includes two LHS juniors - his interns. In their meeting they map out a route through the school and split up into two groups to audit LHS’ energy use.

Ranjini Nair and her group head to the front offices and theater, while Christopher Spezzano and Kelly start from the back of the school to the classrooms to measure energy use. The students are at work in their own school, plugging their education right back into the walls in which they gained it.

This meeting is the initial step toward developing a

Nair and Spezzano are both students in LHS’ Green Engineering Academy (GEA) - a four-year program that focuses on green initiatives that have an economic and environmental impact. The two interns impressed Kelly with their enthusiasm during the interview process. Nair showed an interest in gaining more insights into engineering, as well as the collaboration and networking opportunities within the industry. Spezzano was excited to apply engineering skills to collaborative problem solving, and to explore the field as a career.

“I’m interested in how to get everyone to play a role in energy conserva-

overall energy-use climate in the District.

A unique and valuable aspect of the internship is that it provides students an additional avenue to contribute to District policy. “I’ve been so impressed with the level of engagement from these students,” said Kelly. “Their ability to work and ask thoughtful questions is very encouraging. And beyond their interest in engineering, they are stepping up to present their ideas to the community.”

Bright Energy 101 is a new startup - established only last year by co-founders Kelly and Stelli Munnis - with a mission to connect with school districts to reduce their greenhouse gas

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## Comic Ballet Company to Perform at the Bankhead

For more than 40 years, the all-male comic ballet company Les Ballets Trockadero de Monte Carlo has been delighting audiences of all ages. They will bring their sense of fun, flawless dance technique, and over-the-top frivolity to Livermore on January 31, 2019 in their first visit to the Bankhead Theater and their only stop in Northern California this season.

Established in New York in 1974, The Trocks original concept has never changed, a company of professional male dancers performing classical and original ballet and modern dance repertoire, in faithful renditions of the manners and conceits of those dance styles. The comedy is achieved by their exaggeration of the foibles, accidents, and underlying incongruities of serious dance.

They first performed in the late-late shows in Off-Off Broadway lofts, where their unique combination of talent and fun quickly brought them artistic and popular success. The Trocks' busy tour schedule has taken them to 34 countries and over 600 cities, where they are loved for their sassy spoofs, parodies and hilarious homages to the traditional classical ballets.

Each dancer transforms into two personas, both male

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Photo Sascha Vaughn

## “Golden Age of Hollywood Party” to Include Encore Players' “Maltese Falcon” Screen Test Experience

As part of the Bothwell Arts Center's “Golden Age of Hollywood Party” fundraising event on February 2, 2019, local theater company The Encore Players will be offering a screen-test experience based on the 1941 classic “The Maltese Falcon.” Billed as an “open casting call and screen test,” guests at the event will be invited to participate by reading from the script. No experience is required and fun is guaranteed.

The “Golden Age of Hollywood Party” will evoke one of the most

glamorous eras in California history with sparkling décor that recreates the Sunset Strip and other Hollywood locales, as well as specialty-themed drinks, and a silent auction. Entertainment will include dance music performed by the Golden Age Orchestra led by Matt Finders with renowned jazz vocalist Karen Marguth. Costumes, accessories and hairstyles of the period are welcome, but guests are encouraged to attend and enjoy the party in whatever style of dress suits them.

The West End of the Bothwell Arts Center will become a “movie lot” starting at 6:45 pm when Encore Player's team will create a screen test setting with a director who is “looking to find the next Humphrey Bogart, Lauren Bacall or Peter Lorre,” for the classic story which involves a private detective, three eccentric criminals, and one gorgeous liar on a quest for a priceless statue. Individual screen tests as well as still shots from the event will be available for a nominal fee.

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# Role Players Ensemble Presents 'Honky'

Role Players Ensemble presents *Honky* by Greg Kalleres; directed by Katja Rivera and Artistic Director Eric Fraisher Hayes

Performances are February 1-17, 2019, Fridays and Saturdays at 8 pm; Sundays at 2 pm

The Village Theatre, 233 Front Street, Danville.

When a young African American is shot for a pair of basketball shoes, sales triple among white teens. Are ghetto-glorifying commercials to blame, or is it the white CEO who only sees dollar signs? Luckily, there's a new pill on the market guaranteed to cure racism. *Honky* is described as a strongly worded, darkly comedic look at five people, white and black, as they navigate the murky waters of race, rhetoric and basketball shoes.

The cast includes Miia Ashley ("Emilia Hodge"), Craig Eychner ("Dr. Driscoll", "Abe Lincoln", "Wilson"), Michael Grayson ("Kid 2"), Justin Hernandez ("Peter Trammel"), Emily Keyishian ("Andie Chastain"), Khary Moye ("Thomas Hodge"), Terrance Smith ("Kid 1", "Frederick Douglass"), Micah Watterson ("Davis Tallison"), Lisa Danz (Properties), Robert "Bo" Golden (Set Design/Construction), Zanahary Vida Leila (Lexi LaCroix) (Sound), Kathleen Qiu (Costumes), Jessica Riley (Production/Stage Manager).

"Skillfully utilizes humor to extend the conversation about racism to the important theatre audience." —TheatreReviews.com.

"A thought-provoking satire that asks many questions and delivers as many answers." —HarlemWorld.com.

"Careers are ruined, wedding plans up-ended and hypocrisy unmasked in this inventive, free-wheeling



Pictured (from left) are Emily Keyishian and Micah Watterson in RPE's *Honky*. Photo - John Carter.

send-up of race relations in contemporary America. *Honky* pulls no punches and spares no feelings, but it is as light-hearted as it is sincere, and in the end it finds ample reason for hope." —PBS.org

Tickets are \$20-\$35; online at [www.RolePlayersEnsemble.com](http://www.RolePlayersEnsemble.com); at Danville Community Center, 420 Front St, Danville; at the Theatre box office 1 hour before the show, or call (925) 314-3400.

## GOLDEN AGE

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Tickets purchased for the "Golden Age of Hollywood Party" also include entry to an afternoon event on January 26th at the Bothwell. "Learn to Dance like a Hollywood Star" provides an easy introduction to ballroom dance and an opportunity to shop for costume accessories. Separate admission for just the dance event is \$10.

All proceeds benefit the Bothwell Arts Center. Both the Bothwell and the Bankhead Theater are part of the

Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center, an independent 501(c)3 non-profit arts organization serving the Tri-Valley community and beyond.

Sponsors for the event include Jean King, Jeff and Loretta Kaskey, Shea Homes, and Community Health and Education Foundation (CHEF). Tickets are \$100 per person and are available now by calling 925.373.6800, or online at [www.lvpac.org](http://www.lvpac.org)

## BALLET

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and female, including such stars as Maya Thicken-

thighya, Jacques d'Aniels, and Mikhail Mypanarov.



Every performance froths with tutus and testosterone, blush-pink ballet shoes, fierce false eyelashes and prima ballerina attitude. Hilarity aside, what makes this company extraordinary is their immaculate technique and daring physicality, surpassed only by their impeccable comic timing. It all comes together in an irresistibly entertaining evening of laughter, described as "the funniest night you will ever have at the ballet."

Tickets have sold

quickly for the single performance on January 31st at the Bankhead. The \$20 regular ticket level is already sold out, although discounted tickets for students and active military personnel are still available at that price.

The Bankhead Theater is located at 2400 First Street in downtown Livermore. Tickets are available at the box office, online at [www.lvpac.org](http://www.lvpac.org) or by calling 373-6800





Giraffe by Bette Goosman

## 'The Animal Kingdom' Exhibition Available for Viewing

"The Animal Kingdom," an exhibit featuring paintings by local artists is on display through Jan. 31 at the office of Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Drysdale Proper-



Poki by Vickie Aboumrad

ties, 1983 Second Street in downtown Livermore.

The artwork includes oil, acrylic and watercolor paintings, colored pencil drawings, etchings, and photographs of domestic and wild animals as well as an assortment of birds.

Participating artists include Maryann Kot, John Beahm, Kathleen Hill, Karen Barry, Betty Goosman, David Goosman, Andy Myers, Carol Hart, Lisa Rigge, Ron Rigge, Lily Xu, Gina Kaiper, Vickie Aboumrad, Linda Hopwood, Judy Clement Wall and Susannah Sloboda.

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## Tickets Available for Evening with Bessie Coleman

The Museum on Main welcomes aviation pioneer Bessie Coleman to Pleasanton on February 12th at 2pm and 7pm at the Firehouse Arts Center. The 7pm show is already sold out, but there are still tickets available for the 2pm matinee show. Bessie Coleman will be portrayed by actress Betty Slater who has previously performed as Coretta Scott King and Harriet Tubman. Although Bessie Coleman might not be as well-known as Betty Slater's other characters, Coleman's story is equally important and inspirational.

Bessie Coleman was born in 1892 to sharecroppers in Texas. She studied in a one room school house and worked picking cotton while dreaming of doing something with her life that would make an impact. She saved her money to go to university but ran out of



Betty Slater as Bessie Coleman

funds after one term. She became a beautician and manicurist to earn money after moving to Chicago to live with her brother but remained restless.

When her brother

returned from serving in France during WWI, he told Bessie about how French women could fly and Bessie's fate was sealed. She saved her money and moved to France in 1919

to become a pilot. When she returned to the United States, she was the first African American pilot and became a stunt pilot

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Survivors' lap. Photo: Doug Jorgensen

## Relay for Life Teams Forming

The American Cancer Society Relay for Life of Tri-Valley will be held on Saturday, June 22-23 at Granada High School in Livermore. The event will last 24 hours from Saturday 9am through Sunday 9am.

This is the 2nd year that has combined the relays for Pleasanton, Dublin, Livermore, San Ramon and Danville, last year's event was at Dublin High School and raised \$130,000 to fight cancer. Teams are now being formed to fight cancer.

Founded by Dr. Gordy Klatt in Washington in 1985, the Relay For Life movement unites communities across the globe to celebrate people who have been touched by cancer, remember loved ones lost, and take action for life-saving change. Symbolizing the battle waged around the clock by those facing cancer, the event last up to 24 hours and empowers communities to take a stand against cancer.

On the day of the event, teams camp overnight and team members relay by walking around the track for 24 hours, signifying that the fight against cancer never sleeps. Companies, Schools, Service Clubs, Churches and other groups are encouraged to form a team. Fundraising activities include Luminaria bags to honor cancer survivors and victims. Those who have relayed in the past are encouraged to participate again.

Highlight of the event is the Survivor Lap, which takes place right after the Opening Ceremony at 9am on Saturday morning. All cancer survivors are invited to walk the first lap to the cheers of the crowd around the track. During the second lap, caregivers join the survivors, then for the next 24 hours the public is invited to walk around the

track in honor of a loved one who has battled cancer.

Survivors join in the survivor lap, register in advance at [www.RelayForLife.org/TriValleyCA](http://www.RelayForLife.org/TriValleyCA), a donation is not necessary to participate. During the day, various booths set up by teams with food and other items to educate the community about various cancer issues and provide support for families battling cancer. There will be games for kids as well as special activities for cancer survivors, such as lunch and gifts.

In the evening, the impressive Luminaria ceremony once again honors those who have battled cancer, as lighted luminaria bags circle the track, each one in honor of someone who has either survived, is fighting or lost the battle against cancer.

In addition to the support of the community, Relay For Life of Tri-Valley is also supported by many local businesses and organizations. Last year's sponsors include: Chevron, Fremont Bank, Stanford Health Care - Valley-Care, UNCLE Credit Union, ATI Architects and Engineers, Kaiser Permanente, State Fund Insurance, and 96.5 KOIT.

Join or donate to the Relay For Life of Tri-Valley. Visit [www.RelayForLife.org/TriValleyCA](http://www.RelayForLife.org/TriValleyCA)

Co-Chairmen of this year's event are: Donna Foster, Larry Coy and Natalia Custodio.

If you are a cancer survivor, have lost a loved one to cancer, currently fighting the battle, or has been touched by cancer in anyway, please join in the fight against cancer by joining or forming a team to battle cancer, contact Anh Nguyen, (408) 646-9293, or email: [anh.nguyen@cancer.org](mailto:anh.nguyen@cancer.org).

## Wines & Valentines Benefit for Museum

Love is in the air as Museum on Main prepares for the 12th Annual Wines & Valentines fundraiser at Castlewood Country Club on Friday, February 8th beginning at 6:00 pm.

This year's Sweetheart Sponsor is the Republic Family of Companies.

The night begins with a cocktail hour featuring sparkling wine and a no host bar. Guests will be able to bid on our famous silent auction baskets prepared by Board members. The doors to the dining room will open at 7:00 p.m. Guests will enjoy a three-course dinner (choice of filet mignon, Covina sea bass or vegetable risotto) served with appropriate wines for each course. Between each course, we'll hold a round of our traditional 2-Bit Auction, in which guests can bet quarters on a wide variety of small prizes.

A special game of Heads or Tails will lead into a live auction with a chance for some unique opportunities. The evening concludes with an opportunity drawing for over a dozen items contributed by community members.

"Many guests return year after year for the great food and wine," says Executive Director for the museum, Jim DeMersman. "But they also love the 2-bit auction, a fast-paced live auction where guests can win prizes for the equivalent of 2-bits, equal to one quarter."

Tickets to the event are \$95 per person and may be purchased online at [www.museumonmain.org](http://www.museumonmain.org), at Museum on Main during regular operating hours or by phoning the museum at (925) 462-2766. Tickets purchased by phone and online will be available for pick up at Will Call in the lobby of Castlewood Country Club on the evening of the event. Cash, check, Visa and MasterCard accepted.

The Museum on Main is located at 603 Main Street in historic downtown Pleasanton. It is open to the public Tuesday through Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Sunday from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. For more information about current exhibits and programs, visit the Museum's web site at [www.museumonmain.org](http://www.museumonmain.org) or call 462-2776.

## EVENING WITH

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and lecturer travelling the country. She dreamed of setting up a flight school for African American pilots and at every stop in her tour broke down stereotypes and challenged segregation. Although her life was cut short in a plane crash in 1926, her pioneering spirit, determination, and vision for the future has left a lasting impact on our shared American history.

Those who are interested in attending our February 12th performance can purchase tickets online at [www.museumonmain.org](http://www.museumonmain.org), at the Museum on Main during regular operating

hours, or by phoning the museum at (925) 462-2766. Tickets are \$20 for general admission, \$15 for seniors (65+)/students (with valid ID), and \$10 for Museum Members.

All speaker series events are general seating at either the Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton, or the Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Road, Pleasanton.

For more information on the Ed Kinney Speakers Series visit [www.museumonmain.org](http://www.museumonmain.org) or phone Museum on Main at (925) 462-2766.



# Las Positas College Prepared Student for Her Career

Las Positas College (LPC) alum Ashley Kim always knew she wanted to work with animals. Growing up, the UC Davis graduate dreamed of a career in veterinary medicine, but after touring the university campus she realized the hospital setting wasn't for her and redirected her career intentions toward research.

Soon after graduating from high school, Kim said she knew her grades were not competitive enough to attend a university in California and was drawn to LPC's Transfer Admission Guarantee (TAG) program that guaranteed admission into the UC system. Tuition and LPC's available resources to help cover the cost of textbooks and supplies were also aspects Kim found attractive.

Knowing she wanted to be a biology major, Kim joined the LPC Biology Club and participated in volunteer events to further ignite her passion for the subject. She additionally took advantage of LPC's available programs and resources.

"I really appreciated the small class sizes because it gave me the opportunity to cultivate relationships with my professors," said Kim. "If I ever needed some extra help, I did not hesitate to visit them during office hours to ask questions and check on my progress in class. In lab classes, I learned the most course material through a hands-on approach. For example, in general zoology, every four students were assigned to dissect a whole dogfish shark. Compared to universities, some students may



**Ashley Kim**

not have the opportunity like dissections."

Kim said LPC's lab classes were particularly instrumental in preparing her for her eventual transfer to UC Davis. Courses like cellular and molecular biology gave her opportunities to perform experiments in cloning and polymerase chain reactions (PCR), and the support she received from her professors and peers assisted in her on-campus success. While at LPC, Kim performed research at the California Academy of Sciences, working with Dr. Terry Gosliner to identify and characterize five new nudibranch species from the Philippines using molecular and morphological data. The research was presented at the NSF Bay Area Symposium of Undergraduate Research Conference 2016, the Harvard National Colleague Research Conference

2018 and was awarded Special Congressional Recognition from the United States House of Representatives in 2016 and is being submitted as a manuscript.

In addition to LPC's Biology Club, Kim served as the first chapter president of the Omicron Lambda Chapter of LPC's Tri-Beta Biological Honor Society. At UC Davis, Kim was the director of speakers for TEDx UC Davis and a UC Davis SEEDS member.

At Davis, Kim conducted an independent research project investigating contradictory photoperiod and temperature conditions on diapause and how it affected the melanism on the wings of the white cabbage butterfly. Her thesis, which is being prepared for a manuscript, was on the value of software coding in ecology. She additionally participated in research at University of California

Riverside studying hummingbird foraging behavior with residual defensive or pheromonal insect compounds on nectar resources and the ecological relationships of Formica ants and honeybees, with hummingbirds at an organismal and molecular level. The research, written with Dr. Erin Wilson Rankin, is currently being reviewed by the Journal of Experimental Biology and was presented at the NSF and AAAS Emerging Researchers National Conference 2018 and won first place in the Ecology division.

Since graduating, Kim has worked as a lab tech at the University of California Berkeley in the Department of Environmental Science, Policy and Management (ESPM) studying agricultural pest management and volunteers at Cal's Museum of Vertebrate Zoology and Essig Museum of Entomol-

ogy performing tasks like preparing bird specimens, bird taxidermy and insect pinning. She is also currently conducting research with Harvard Medical School's (HMS) Dr. Emorica Hill on the HMS Women in Academic Medicine (WIAM) study where the pair are investigating career advancements and barriers that women in academic medicine have faced while earning their master's or doctorate degrees.

"Our research aims to identify barriers that interfere with the advancement of higher education for women and create solutions for allocating resources to certain areas," said Kim. "In collaboration with the UC Davis Feminist Institute, we are in the process of writing a manuscript on research surveys conducted from 13 different universities. I plan to continue the WIAM student and contribute solutions to other institutions who might not have resources surrounding female inclusion in science."

Kim, who graduated from LPC in 2016 and UC Davis with a degree in animal biology in 2018, is currently applying to Ph.D. programs in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology with her sights set on Harvard University, Cornell University, Cal, Columbia University and University of Chicago. She ultimately eyes a career as a museum curator at a top institution.

## EBRPD Seeking Docents

The East Bay Regional Park District is looking for docents.

Those who enjoy working with children and teaching others about natural and cultural history are invited to apply. The district is looking for people to assist with school programs at Del Valle Regional Park and Shadow Cliffs Regional Recreation Area. Special events, like the spring Wildflower Festival, and other public programming at Sunol Regional Wilderness are also a part of being a docent. For more information or to apply call Naturalist Ashley Grenier at (510) 544-3243 or email [agrenier@ebparks.org](mailto:agrenier@ebparks.org).

The upcoming training highlights Native American cultural history, geology, ecology, and presentation skills. These are the dates and various locations:

Wednesday, February 20 at Sunol Regional Wilderness

Tuesday, February 26 at Shadow Cliffs Regional Recreation Area

Wednesday, February 27 at Del Valle Visitor Center

Sunday, March 3 at Del Valle Campground Amphitheater

Wednesday, March 6 optional enrichment day at MLK Shoreline, Oakland

Monday, March 11 Graduation and Celebration at Sunol Regional Wilderness

Time would be 9 am to 1 p.m. for each.



# Yesterday into Today

By Sarah Bobson

## FIRSTS IN THE SIXTIES

For the past couple of months, I've looked at technological advances made during the sixties. This month, I'd like to talk about several "firsts" that occurred during that decade. Although there were many (some that more readily come to mind, such as the first moonwalk in 1969), here are three that may not be as obvious but that, nevertheless, resonate with me, and I hope will do the same with you.

Who remembers miniskirts and mini dresses? The "minis," as they were also called, popped up somewhere in the sixties. Although, to be accurate, the very short skirt was not new to the world by the time the sixties rolled around. Wikipedia reports that clothing involving short skirts dates back as far as 1390–1370 BCE. Many of us, I believe, will remember the Jewish nobleman Judah Ben-Hur and the Roman centurion Masala both wearing miniskirts in that iconic, breathtaking chariot scene in *Ben Hur*. Or Mel Gibson, as the medieval Scottish hero William Wallace, rushing into battle wearing plaid kilts in the film *Braveheart*. From my vantage point in the 21st-century, I can understand men wearing short skirts in the hot Roman climate, but I can't make much sense of men wearing them in the cold, damp climate of Scotland. Just thinking about the bone-numbing updraft makes me shudder. Of course, others throughout history, both fictional and non-fictional characters, have worn miniskirts. Superheroines wore metallic miniskirts in outer space in 20th century science fiction films, and the dancer Josephine Baker wore a banana skirt in her mid-1920s shows down here on earth.

I don't remember when the minis first became a fashion statement for girls and women in the sixties, although, again, Wikipedia says that hemlines were already just above the knee in 1961. Whatever the year, I'm sure the look had something to do with the "new look" draped on skinny models with blank expressions walking down Paris and London fashion runways. Remember Twiggy, probably the most photographed British model of the sixties, looking dramatic in a sixties sort of way, her eyes, when they weren't concealed by overly large sunglasses, rimmed in dark pencil and Maschera, draped under a mini that showed off her oh-so-skinny body and legs.

Those "walking hangers," though, with their emotionless expressions, sunken chests, and Pidgeon-toed struts, were not my models. No, I took my cue from my animated, alluring-looking classmates, or from other equally-as-attractive gals my own age who I saw walking down the street, riding the subway, etc. When I saw the hemline creep up, I would either shorten my hems or go to the store and buy an already shortened version. And therein the fun would begin. The "mini," which seemed to get shorter and shorter every time I turned my head, created a whole host of challenges, especially the "micro minis," some measuring as short as eight inches above the knee. For example, if I were walking down the street, my arms laden with packages, and a strong gust blew and lifted my skirt, making it resemble something like an upside-down parachute ... well, do I need to continue? Let me just say,

I didn't have the same sultry look of delight that Marilyn Monroe had in that iconic scene in *Some Like It Hot* as she stood over a subway grate holding her skirt as it billowed up due to the steam rising from underground.

Another sixties' first was the color television. The first color broadcasts hit the small box in 1962. My family traded in its black and white Stromberg Carlson (which my mother had won in a contest sponsored by our local newspaper, *The Miami Herald*) for a color TV set around the mid-sixties, when, according to the website *Television Obscurities*, the number of color broadcasts increased dramatically to about 70 percent for the three major networks, ABC, NBC, and CBS. If you didn't have a color TV by that point, you felt you were losing out, big time. But if you did have one, you still felt dissatisfied, at least my family did, because the color, to state it colloquially, sucked. I mean, you could look at the green face of the much-respected CBS News anchor Walter Cronkite for just so long without becoming conscious of your own cognitive dissonance. Of course, Cronkite's color depended on who was trying to adjust our TV set, my mother or my father, in order to get the color "just right." Cronkite could either look like he had drunk a gallon of algae, or he could give the impression he had morphed into a Florida lobster. To say that color technology hadn't quite reached the realistic-looking stage would be an understatement. This is hard to believe now, looking at the marvelous hues on cable HDTV, not to mention the even "wow-ier" shades you see on, say, an 85-inch HDR Ultra HD flat screen with Extreme Xtended dynamic range.

Still another sixties' first was the in-flight movie. In July 1961, Trans-World Airlines (TWA) offered its passengers its first onboard movie (in first class), *By Love Possessed* (1961), starring Lana Turner, during a New York City to Los Angeles flight. Nowadays, on that same flight, you can not only watch several movies as well as trending TV shows and music video playlists, but, if you prefer, you can stream the entertainment to your personal electronic device. On longer flights on other airlines, the selection is even more extensive. A couple of years ago, I flew to Hong Kong and had my choice of a slew of movies and animated films for every age, hundreds of hours of TV programming (covering cooking shows, sports events, documentaries, you name it), and an audio collection of just about every style of music. And none of that was projected onto a small screen way down at the front of the cabin, which I could barely see, at best, and only then by bobbing my head in syncopated rhythm to the bobbing heads in front of me. On my flight heading east the day after our presidential election, the in-flight entertainment was delivered to the small screen on the back of the seat in front of me, mere inches from my eyes. That flight was roughly 13 hours long, so the myriad selection of diversions certainly helped to take my mind off my cramped muscles. It almost made me look forward to the return flight.



It may be chilly outside, but soon enough it will be time to have seedlings ready for planting in our gardens. Let Fertile GroundWorks start some plants. The plant sale helps support our Garden of Grace and Sustainable School Garden Program. This year, the organization is offering individual veggie seedlings in 3.5 inch pots, six-packs of lettuce and salad green seedlings, four-packs of beans and greens, and six-packs of herbs. Selection has been narrowed slightly based on what grew well in gardens last year. All plants in pots are \$4.00 each, four-packs are \$4.00 each, and six-packs are also \$4.00 each. Complete organic fertilizer mix for \$5.00/bag is also available (each bag covers 25 square feet of garden bed). Complete the checkout process online and pay for seedlings (with check or cash) when you come pick them up on Saturday, April 6th between 9 am and noon at Garden of Grace. Orders are due by Monday, February 11, 2019. Quantities are limited. To access the online store, go to <https://plantsale.fertilegroundworks.org/> Pictured are tomatoes.

## Celebrate Sweethearts Day At Hagemann Ranch

Sweethearts Day at Hagemann Ranch is a free, family friendly event on January 27 from 1-4 pm.

There will be several antique dealers and craft folks with items for sale plus some sweet temptations from Artisan Marshmallows and Sister Sara's jams. A new jeweler will be on site. The kids will be creating their own handmade Valentines.

The band "The Gatherin'" will provide the ambiance for the day. They are a local group with an eclectic repertoire and vocalists. They were very well received the last time they played at the ranch.

As always tours and visits to the Blacksmith Shop are part of the fun. Hagemann Ranch is at 455 Olivina in Livermore



## Castlettes Donate Funds to Hope Hospice

Members of the Castlettes, Castlewood Country Club's women's nine-hole golf group, presented a ceremonial donation check in the amount of \$5,000 to Jennifer Hansen, Hope Hospice CEO. Each December, the Castlettes host a charity holiday luncheon benefiting several local organizations, and Hope Hospice is always at the top of the list.

This year's event, themed "Mistletoe and Mimosas," was co-chaired by Kala Swaminathan and Michelle Hodges. They and other members of the Castlettes generously donated more than 65 items for the raffle and auction and also solicited businesses for donations.

The group also provided 42 Secret Santa gifts to the Seniors of the Tri-Valley and donated several bins filled with toys to Toys for Tots.

"The Castlettes are a generous and lively group of women who are passionate about giving back to their community," says Nicole Murray, 2018 Castlettes' Captain. "Hope Hospice is especially near and dear to our hearts, as this organization has



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provided care for several past Castlettes and their families. While there have been many that have passed over the years, we held this year's benefit luncheon in honor of Christi Hilton, a Castlette and dear friend who was compassionately cared for by Hope Hospice the past several months.

We are truly grateful for the compassionate services that Hope Hospice provides. Thank you to the entire Hope Hospice team."

"It is our privilege to be able to bring comfort to the patients and families of this community, and we are grateful to the Castlettes for their ongoing support of

Hope Hospice," says Hope Hospice CEO Jennifer Hansen. "We appreciate the time and effort they put into this wonderful event. Thanks to their generosity, families in the Tri-Valley and surrounding areas can receive high quality, personalized end-of-life care so they can enjoy what matters most to them."

## Breakfast to Honor Dr. King's Legacy

The Pleasanton Community of Character Collaborative invites all to honor the spirit of Dr. King's legacy at the 2019 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Fellowship Breakfast. Pleasanton's Community of Character Collaborative is a committee of volunteers representing the Pleasanton Unified School District, City of Pleasanton, Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce and other organizations who are working together to create a community culture that is built on values: goodwill and community-accepted traits through inspirational motivational and recognition programs.

The 19th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Fellowship Breakfast will take place on Monday, January 28, 2019 from 7:30 - 9:30 am at the Doubletree Pleasanton at the Club, 7050 Johnson Drive in Pleasanton. This year's event will be hosted by Tim Sbranti, former Dublin Mayor.

Keynote speaker will be Brian Copeland, award-winning actor, comedian, author, playwright and radio talk show host based in the San Francisco Bay Area. He began his career in standup at the age of 18 in San Francisco and has traveled the country.

Joanna Livingston, blogger, mom, champion for literacy, philanthropist and wife of Golden State Warriors player Shaun will be honored. Joanna has partnered with local nonprofits to promote early literacy because she knows that developing a love for reading in children is a way to change the trajectory of their lives. Literacy rates in young children directly correlate to success later in life. She is using her platform to share the love for reading and inspire philanthropic giving throughout the Bay Area.

Also to be recognized is Lisa McNaney, founder and executive director of Culinary Angels, providing healthy, nutritious meals to people dealing with serious illnesses.

Tickets for the event are \$40 per person. All proceeds benefit the Pleasanton Community of Character Collaborative Scholarship Fund. Registration for the event can be made by going to Pleasanton Chamber website: [www.pleasanton.org](http://www.pleasanton.org) then going to the Events Calendar and selecting the MLK Breakfast.

## Build Your Character in Six Easy Lessons with the Encore Players!

No weights to lift, no laps to swim in this character-building course. Scene Study and Character Development, the acting class beginning Feb. 9 at Livermore's Bothwell Arts Center, will give students practice in exploring play scripts for clues to a character's attitudes and actions, in learning how to combine the playwright's vision with their own imaginations and life experiences. The goal is to build a stage worthy character that is both authentic and unique.

Leading the class is veteran actor, director and instructor Darcy Marta, who brings 35 years of stage experience to the assignment. This is Darcy's third acting class at the Bothwell, which has made fans of grizzled theatre veterans as well as eager new student actors.

Darcy has chosen to provide her students with scenes

from the plays of Neil Simon, America's contemporary comic genius. Students will look for clues in the scripts to discern a character's attitudes and motivations: perhaps by the way he enters a room, perhaps how she handles her umbrella.

They will also gain hands-on practice in using the props to illustrate aspects of their characters as they work on one of Simon's amusing scenes.

"I love scene study," says Darcy, "because it uses an actor's personality, analytic skills, empathy, artistic inspiration and creativity, coupled with the playwright's text and vision."

The class may not end up with a work of art worthy of Broadway, but students surely will gain new insights into

playwriting, human behavior, and perhaps themselves too!

The class will meet from 1-4 p.m. Saturdays for six sessions February 9 through March 16 at the West End Theatre of the Bothwell Arts Center, Eighth and H streets, Livermore.

The class is limited to 12 students, so request a registration form and/or submit questions about the class without delay. Cutoff date for registration is Feb. 5. Email [k.streeter@comcast.net](mailto:k.streeter@comcast.net), and return the form with a check for registration fee of \$150 to Encore Players, 457 Tyler Avenue, Livermore, CA 94550.

(Students who attended our fall class please follow the instructions following the asterisk on the registration form.)



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## ART/PHOTO EXHIBITS

**Livermore Art Association Gallery**, located in the Carnegie Building, offers art classes, unusual gifts, painting rentals, art exhibits and information pertaining to the art field, 2155 Third St., Livermore. The gallery has been open since 1974 and is run as a co-op by local artists. Hours are Wed.-Sun. 11:30-4 p.m. For information call 449-9927.

**Alamo Danville Artists' Society** Blackhawk Gallery's new Exhibit "Festive" on view seven days a week from Friday, November 30th to Sunday, February 10th, 2019. The exhibit is free and open to the public. The Blackhawk Gallery is located at 3416 Blackhawk Plaza Circle in Danville, California, in the Blackhawk Plaza. Regular hours are Monday-Saturday 10am-8pm and Sunday 11am-6pm.

**Imagination Expressed 2019**, Pleasanton Art League show at the Museum on Main. Show runs January 8 to February 24 during regular museum hours. 603 Main Street Pleasanton.

**A Winter's Tale: Art Exhibit** at the Bankhead Theater Gallery, Jan., 10-March 5, 2400 First St., Livermore. [www.lvpac.org](http://www.lvpac.org) or 373-6800.

**"Smaller than Life" a fine art exhibition featuring artist Barbara Stanton** February 1st- March 17th at the Arata Fine Art Gallery. The show will feature a combination of Barbara Stanton's miniature oil paintings and life drawing figurative work. Artist Reception on Friday February 1st 5-7 PM. Live demonstration of oil painting in Miniature on February 16th. Arata Art Gallery, 637 1st Street, Benicia; 510-432-5167 <https://aratafineart-gallery.com/>

**Solo photography exhibit "Kerry Joy McGehee: Photography"** through April 11th, represented by SLATE Contemporary Gallery (Oakland). There will be 19 photographs on display at the San Ramon Valley Conference Center. Sixteen are N. California landscape images, including many taken in Livermore. The San Ramon Valley Conference Center is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. 3301 Crow Canyon Rd., San Ramon.

**California Watercolor Association 49th Annual National Exhibition**, through February 16, 2019 in the Harrington Gallery at the Firehouse Arts Center in Pleasanton. 74 artists from California and beyond have been accepted. 25 awards and cash prizes. Selection Juror: Iain Stewart; Awards Juror: Karen Frey.

Wide variety of styles and types of water media are represented. **PAINTING DEMONSTRATIONS:** Wednesday afternoons 1/30 Sue Johnston; 2/6 Ruth Miller, 2/13 Carolyn Lord **YOUNG @ ART:** "Water + Color = Fun!" class for young people ages 5-11. Thursday, February 7, 4:30-5:45 p.m. Register at [www.pleasantonfun.com](http://www.pleasantonfun.com), Code 8853. Regular gallery hours: Wednesday, Thursday, Friday from 12:00-5:00 p.m.; Saturday 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Harrington Gallery at the Firehouse Arts Center in Pleasanton, 4444 Railroad Avenue. Donations always appreciated.

## MEETINGS/CLASSES

**Entries are being accepted for the Pleasanton Art League (PAL) annual art show** and sale at the Alviso Adobe Community Park in Pleasanton. This is an open show, in which all categories of hung artwork and photographs will be judged together. March 1, 2, 3 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Registration deadline is Feb. 23, 2019. Refer to the Prospectus and Registration form at the PAL website: [www.pal-art.com](http://www.pal-art.com)

**Watercolor Painting** with Linda Beach Tues., Feb. 5 - Mar. 12, 7 to 9 pm, at Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Ave., Livermore. Using the colors of the season as inspiration discover the magic of watercolor. Explore techniques, color mixing, and composition with guided projects and personal expression. All levels. Register at [www.larpd.org](http://www.larpd.org) or 925-373-5700

**Acrylic Painting** with Linda Beach Thurs., Feb. 18 - Mar. 12, 7 to 9 pm, at Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Ave., Livermore. Find your inspiration using the work of the Impressionists. Register at [www.larpd.org](http://www.larpd.org) or 925-373-5700

**Two Workshops, One Weekend taught by artist Linda Ryan.** Workshop in Pour Painting - Basics Friday, January 25 6:00-9:00pm and Saturday, January 26, 10:30-11:30am. Workshop in Pour Painting - Basics to Intermediate Saturday, January 26, 10:30-4:00pm and Sunday, January 27, 10:30-3:30pm Bothwell Arts Center, 2466 8th St. Livermore. [www.eventbrite.com/e/basics-of-luminous-pour-painting-tickets-53628358865?aff=efnneb](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/basics-of-luminous-pour-painting-tickets-53628358865?aff=efnneb)

**Celebrate Women! 2019 Art that Honors Women**, is in its 5th year! This photographic exhibition has two tracks: 1. competition with judging and monetary awards. 2. anyone may submit in this non-judged track. Exhibition will go up

March 1st at Civic Center Library, Livermore. Main Requirement: Every image must have one woman/many women as subject matter. Sponsored by: Livermore Art Association and Pleasanton Art League. For more information and detailed guidelines, please contact: Barbara Reynolds email: [barbara.nichols.reynolds@gmail.com](mailto:barbara.nichols.reynolds@gmail.com) or call/text: 503.449-3861.

**The Young Artists' Studio** has openings in its 2018 - 2019 school year art classes. Artist Peggy Frank offers small group, individualized instruction in art to students ages 7 through high school. She also works with adults. Projects include all kinds of drawing, painting, printmaking and sculpture. Home schoolers and high school students working on advanced portfolios are welcome. Peggy has been an art instructor in the Livermore Valley for many years. Contact her at (925) 443-8755 or email [frank.a@comcast.net](mailto:frank.a@comcast.net).

**Figure Drawing Workshop**, every Friday 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Artists bring their own materials and easels. Open to all artists. Professional artist models (nude). No instructor. Students under 18 need written parental permission to attend. Cost \$20 per session. Bothwell Arts Center, 2466 8th St., Livermore. Coffee, tea and refreshments are available. Call or e-mail Barbara Stanton for more info about the workshop, 925-373-9638 - [microangelo@earthlink.net](mailto:microangelo@earthlink.net).

**Preschool Art classes:** Thursday mornings 9:45-10:45. Children aged 3-5 are welcome to join this class. Classes cover drawing, painting, print-making, sculpture and ceramics. For further information, contact Thomasin Dewhurst at (925) 216-7231 or [thomasin\\_d@hotmail.com](mailto:thomasin_d@hotmail.com) or visit <http://childrensartclassesprojects.blogspot.com/>

**Art Classes**, For children, teens and adults. Beginner to advanced. Drawing, painting, printmaking, sculpture and ceramics taught by highly experienced artist and art instructor, Thomasin Dewhurst. Week-day and weekend classes, Home school classes, Special classes during school breaks offered. (925) 216-7231 or email [thomasin\\_d@hotmail.com](mailto:thomasin_d@hotmail.com) for further info.

**Piano and keyboard lessons**, For children to adult. Beginner to early intermediate level. Half-hour private classes or small group classes offered. Twice-yearly recitals. (925) 216-7231 or email [thomasin\\_d@hotmail.com](mailto:thomasin_d@hotmail.com) for further info.

## WINERIES

**Charles R Vineyards, 11th Annual Cabstravaganza!** Saturday, January 26, 2019; 11:30am - 4:30pm Start with a 2018 barrel tasting, compare the aromas and flavors with a nicely aged 2014. We'll crack open the 2008 from our cellar, while supplies last! Specially selected limited Cabernet vintages will be available for sale during this annual celebration. 8195 Crane Ridge Road, Livermore [www.charlesvineyards.com](http://www.charlesvineyards.com) 925-454-3040

**Las Positas Vineyards**, Saturday, January 26th "Evening in the Vineyards" winter concert featuring acoustic duo & rhythm percussion's Joey T & Friends. This concert will be in the event room with wine, beer, non-alcoholic beverages along with dinner option available for purchase (sorry no outside food or beverages permitted) to purchase tickets, visit our website at [www.laspositasvineyards.com](http://www.laspositasvineyards.com)

## MUSIC/CONCERTS

**Retzlaff Estate Winery**, Live Music every Sunday. 12:00 - 4:30. 1356 S. Livermore Ave, Livermore. <http://retzlaffvineyards.com>

**Chris Bradley's Jazz Band** appears regularly at: The Castle Rock Restaurant in Livermore/on Portola Avenue-- the 2nd Tuesday each month from 7:30-9:30--Dance floor, full bar, small cover.

**Jake Shimabukuro - Innovative Master of the Ukulele** on "The Greatest Day" New Album Tour, 7:30 p.m. Jan. 29. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org), 373-6800.

**John O'Connor**, piano. Feb. 9, 8 p.m. Del Valle Fine Arts Concert. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org), 373-6800.

**Robert Cray**, Legendary Blues Hall of Fame Guitarist, 7:30 p.m. Feb. 10. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org), 373-6800.

**A Bowie Celebration**, Feb. 12, 7:30 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org), 373-6800.

**The Music of ABBA** (Arrival from Sweden), Feb. 14, 7:30 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org), 373-6800.

**Whitney: "One Moment in Time"** Saturday, February 16 at 8 p.m. Sunday, February 17 at 2 p.m. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad

Ave., Pleasanton. [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org) or 931-4848.

**The Choir of Man** - The best Singing, Dancing, Pub Show Ever! 3 p.m. Feb. 17. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org), 373-6800.

**Livermore-Amador Symphony**, Feb. 23, prelude talk 7 p.m. concert begins, 8 p.m. Rossini: William Tell Overture, Copland: Billy the Kid Suite Plus solos by the winners of the 2018-2019 Competition for Young Musicians. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org), 373-6800.

**Banda Magda**, Feb. 24, 7 p.m. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org) or 931-4848.

**Natalie MacMaster and Donnell Leahy**, Feb. 27, 7:30 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org), 373-6800.

## ON THE STAGE

**The Hunchback of Notre Dame**, Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre, Jan. 26 at 8 p.m. and Jan. 26, 27, 2019 at 2 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First Street, Livermore. [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org) or 373-6800.

**MAMA MIA!: Pacific Coast Repertory Theatre** kicks off 2019 at the Firehouse Arts Center in Pleasanton. The hit musical features the best-loved songs of ABBA, wrapped up in a charming, funny story that follows the adventures of Sophie, a young woman who wants to discover the identity of her father. Her mother, Donna, has never been forthcoming, so Sophie invites three men from her mother's past to her own wedding. Song numbers include: 'Dancing Queen,' 'Gimme Gimme Gimme,' and 'Take a Chance On Me.' Appropriate for all ages. Saturday, January 26. Shows run Thursdays through Sundays, closing Sunday, February 10, with both evening and matinee performances available. Check website or box office to confirm availability. Reserved seat tickets are \$25-\$44, with child, student, and senior discounts available. Purchase online at [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org), 925-931-4848, or at the center Box Office, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton.

## Role Players Ensemble presents

**Honky** by Greg Kalleres; directed by Katja Rivera; Artistic Director Eric Fraisher Hayes. February 1 - 17, 2019, Fridays and Saturdays at 8 pm; Sundays at 2 pm. The Village Theatre, 233 Front Street, Danville. [www.RolePlayersEnsemble.com](http://www.RolePlayersEnsemble.com) or

call (925) 314-3400.

**Student Showcase**, Las Positas College Main Stage, Feb. 8. Free. 3000 Campus Hill Dr., Livermore. [www.laspositascollege.edu/performingarts/index.php](http://www.laspositascollege.edu/performingarts/index.php)

**Livermore Shakespeare Festival reading of Romeo and Juliet**, February 13 at Swirl on the Square in downtown Livermore. The doors will open at 7pm. The ticket price of \$50 includes a tapas plate, a glass of wine, gratuity and the performance. To purchase tickets go to <https://shakespearesassociates.secure.force.com>

**The Clairvoyants**, Feb. 24, 3 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org), 373-6800.

## DANCE

**Come Fly with Me**, Livermore School of Dance presents A dance performance that will take the audience on a virtual trip around the world through music and dance. Feb. 2, 2:30 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org), 373-6800.

**Russian National Ballet "Don Quixote"** Feb. 8, 8 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org), 373-6800.

## COMEDY

**Free Comedy Show** every Thursday at Sanctuary from 7:30-9 pm in the Skylight Room at Sanctuary, 2369 First St. in Livermore.

**Free comedy show** every Thursday at Rebel Kitchen & Libations, 2369 First St., Livermore 7:30pm.

**The Second City**, Feb. 15, 8 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org), 373-6800.

## MOVIES

**Classic Film Series**, Pleasanton Public Library, 6 p.m. first Thursday of the month with host Steve Chiolis. This year's theme is FOG CITY - films about San Francisco. Films are free. No registration is required. The films are screened in the Pleasanton Library large meeting room. Everyone is welcome to attend. Some films are mature in content and may not be suitable for children. For more information or assistance, contact the Pleasanton Public Library at (925) 931-3400, extension 4. 400 Old Bernal Avenue, Pleasanton.

**Top Hat (movie)** Wed, February 13, 7:00 pm. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org), 373-6800.



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headtheater.org, 373-6800.

## OPERA

**Livermore Valley Opera's "Behind the Curtain"** benefit January 20 at 4 p.m. at the Bothwell Arts Center, 2466 Eighth St., Livermore. Tickets are \$90 per person with tables of eight available for purchase as well. Tickets can be purchased online at [www.livermorevalleyopera.com](http://www.livermorevalleyopera.com). Seating is limited.

## AUDITIONS

### Ghostlight Theatre Ensemble

seeking actors to audition for their upcoming event, Festival 10 – A Treasury of 10-Minute Plays. Each play is only 10 minutes long, each cast member is a 'lead' with lines, yet the actors won't need to expend extensive effort memorizing their part. Actors of all ethnicities are encouraged to audition, and roles are available for a broad age range, including teens, adults and senior citizens. The plays will all be performed on a single day – Saturday, March 30th, at the Shadow Lakes Event Center in Brentwood. Performers audition for all plays simultaneously, with each play director making his or her own casting decisions. Auditions will be held on January 24th, with callbacks on January 27th. For full details and to sign-up for auditions, visit <http://ghostlighttheatre.org/auditions-festival10.html>. For further information, contact Helen Dixon at [helen@ghostlighttheatre.org](mailto:helen@ghostlighttheatre.org).

### Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre auditions for Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat.

Lyrics by Tim Rice Music by Andrew Lloyd Webber Children's Audition (age 12 and under): Monday March 11, 2019 at 7:00pm Children will be taught a short dance routine and music from the show. Children must arrive dressed to dance. Please have children bring a completed audition form with all rehearsal conflicts listed. Please also supply a current picture or headshot for your child. Teen and Adult Audition (ages 13 +): Saturday March 9, 2019 11:00am OR Sunday March 10th 6:00pm. No appointments necessary. Auditions are First come, First seen. Auditions will be held at the Tri-Valley Repertory rehearsal space: 1020 Serpentine Lane Suite 101 in Pleasanton. [www.trivalleyrep.org](http://www.trivalleyrep.org)

## MISCELLANEOUS

### Hagemann Ranch Open House.

Tours of the 140+ year old ranch and free, family friendly sea-

sonal activities. The last Sunday of each month, 1-4 PM. Go to [www.livermorehistory.com](http://www.livermorehistory.com) for the monthly program. 455 Olivina Ave., Livermore.

**A Writers Meetup for adults 18 and older** meets on the first Tuesday of every month, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Livermore Civic Center Library, 1188 S. Livermore Avenue, Livermore, CA. There is no charge and no sign-up needed to attend this informal gathering. Hosted by local writer and NaNoWriMo (National Novel Writing Month) participant Sydney Dent. To learn more about this program check the library's website at [Livermorelibrary.net](http://Livermorelibrary.net) or call the library at 925-373-5500.

**Political Issues Book Club** meets the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month, and reads books about issues and trends that are driving current affairs in both the national and

international arenas. Topics that have been covered include politics, governance, economics, military affairs, history, sociology, science, the climate, and religion. Contact Rich at 872-7923, for further questions

**Golden Age of Hollywood Gala fundraiser**, Saturday, February 2, 2019 at 6:30pm; \$100 each Bothwell Arts Center, 2466 Eighth Street, Livermore; [www.lvpac.org](http://www.lvpac.org) or call 925-373-6800

**Patrick Hunt, Hannibal's Secret Weapon**, 7:30 p.m. Feb. 7. Rae Dorrough Speaker Series. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org), 373-6800.

**Museum on Main, An Afternoon or Evening with... Bessie Coleman**: Tuesday, February 12th, 2pm; Tuesday, February 12th, 7pm; Firehouse Arts Center. Tickets at [www.museumonmain.org](http://www.museumonmain.org) or (925) 462-2766.

## Family to Talk about Travels

A Pleasanton family - Audrey, Bryan, Colin (11) and Decker (9) - traveled through 29 countries primarily in South America, Africa, and the Middle East.

They will discuss their adventures on January 27 at 2 p.m. at the Pleasanton Library.

Hear about their getting stranded in the middle of Africa (twice), living only with what could fit in their carry-on-size luggage, to enjoying a year together learning about other cultures.

They will address some of the most commonly-asked questions, show a few pictures, and answer questions.

For information, Yu Tao - 925 931-3400 x 4.

The library is located at 400 Old Bernal Avenue.

## Tri-Valley Haven Has Openings

Tri-Valley Haven, a local non-profit that serves survivors of sexual assault and domestic violence, offers safe, confidential, and supportive individual and group counseling services. Currently, Tri-Valley Haven has openings for both individual counseling and group support. Groups for survivors of sexual assault will be held on Tuesdays from 5 pm – 6:30 pm. The support group for domestic violence survivors will be held on Tuesdays from 11:30 am – 1 pm.

Call Tri-Valley Haven's intake line at 925-449-5845, extension 2852 to request counseling services. Participants must call ahead of time as individual sessions and groups are not drop-in. Groups are moderated by a trained counselor who will assist in guiding the group through a journey of healing. Counseling services at the Haven are free for survivors of sexual assault and/or domestic violence.

The hotline is available 24 hours a day at 1-800-884-8119.



**MAMA MIA!** Pacific Coast Repertory Theatre kicks off 2019 at the Firehouse Arts Center in Pleasanton. The hit musical features the best-loved songs of ABBA. Appropriate for all ages. Opening night is Saturday, January 26. Shows run Thursdays through Sundays, closing Sunday, February 10, with both evening and matinee performances available. Reserved seat tickets are \$25-\$44, with child, student, and senior discounts available. Purchase online at [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org), 925-931-4848, or at the center Box Office, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton. Pictured (from left to right) are Patricia Pitpitan (as Tanya), Joy Sherratt\* (as Donna) and Jennifer Stark (as Rosie). Photo - Gino and Mika Lucas on behalf of Pacific Coast Repertory Theatre; \* Member of Actors' Equity Association

## Night to Shine For Special Needs Kids

Blue Oaks Church, First Presbyterian Church & Sunset Community Church will serve as one of more than 450 churches around the world that will host Night to Shine, sponsored by the Tim Tebow Foundation, simultaneously on Friday, February 8, 2019. Night to Shine is an unforgettable prom night experience, centered on God's love, for people with special needs, ages 14 and older.

Every guest of Night to Shine enters this complimentary event on a red carpet complete with a warm welcome from a friendly crowd and paparazzi. Once inside, guests receive the royal treatment, including hair and makeup stations, shoe shining areas, limousine rides, corsages and boutonnieres, a catered dinner, karaoke, prom favors for each honored guest, a Respite Room for parents and caretakers, and, of course, a dance floor... all leading up to the moment when each guest is crowned king or queen of the prom.

As sponsor of Night to Shine, the Tim Tebow Foundation provides each host church with the official 2019 Night to Shine Planning Manual, the official Night to Shine Prom Kit, complete with decorations and gifts for the guests, and personalized guidance and support from a Tim Tebow Foundation staff member. The foundation also has committed millions of dollars in financial support to hundreds of churches needing assistance in hosting the event.

For more information on the Tim Tebow Foundation, please visit [www.timtebowfoundation.org](http://www.timtebowfoundation.org)



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(Organizations wishing to run notices in Bulletin Board, send information to PO Box 1198, Livermore, CA 94551, in care of Bulletin Board or email information to [editmail@compuserve.com](mailto:editmail@compuserve.com). Include name of organization, meeting date, time, place and theme or subject. Phone number and contact person should also be included. Deadline is 5 p.m. Friday.)

**Tri-Valley Sierra Club** members and friends 2019 Social; Thursday, Jan 24 at 7 p.m. Livermore Civic Center Library, Community Rooms A and B, 1188 South Livermore Ave. Update ongoing and new Tri-Valley environmental issues first half of meeting; second part of meeting will be an informal tribute to Janis Kate Turner, former Tri-Valley Chair. All are welcome to share memories and stories about Janis. Bring: your own mug for beverages and some finger foods to share. RSVP to [cbabanne@comcast.net](mailto:cbabanne@comcast.net)

**Livermore-Amador Genealogical Society** meeting Feb. 11, 7:30 p.m. Guest speaker Lisa Gorrell topic Tips for Breaking Down Brick Walls. She has been seriously researching her family for more than twenty-five years. Congregation Beth Emek, 3400 Nevada Court, Pleasanton. No Charge - Visitors welcome. For additional information contact: Julie Liu, Program Chairperson, email: [program@L-AGS.org](mailto:program@L-AGS.org)

**Ohlone Audubon** will meet Tuesday, Feb. 5 at 7:30pm at Niles Discovery Church, 36600 Niles Blvd., Fremont. February's meeting is all about the birds and bees, literally. Okay, it's more about the bees. Debbie Wong has been keeping bees for 6 years. She will share tales of beekeeping and how birds react to her hives. No admission charge and refreshments served. For more information, go to [www.ohloneaudubon.org](http://www.ohloneaudubon.org).

**Donations sought**, Tri-Valley Haven is seeking help in assisting the homeless combat the cold temperatures. Tri-Valley Haven is currently collecting the following items to distribute to homeless men, women and children residing in the Tri-Valley area: New or gently used coats gloves, scarves, hats, socks, jackets, sweaters, blankets, sleeping bags, and one-person tents. 3663 Pacific Avenue in Livermore from Monday- Friday between 10am and 4pm. Please drop off donations no later than Monday, February 11th at 4pm. Contact Ralph E. Johnson, Director of Homeless and Family Support Services at (925) 667-2702 or [ralph@trivalleyhaven.org](mailto:ralph@trivalleyhaven.org)

**PAWS In Need Crab Feed**, Saturday, Feb., 2nd, 2019 at 6:00PM at the Aahmes Shrine Event Center, 170 Lindbergh Avenue, Livermore. Tickets are \$60 per person. To order tickets, go to the website <http://paws-in-need.org/upcoming-events/event.php?Crab-Feed>—Feb-2nd-55. For additional info, please call 925-551-1877.

**Livermore Library Board** The regular meeting of the Livermore Public Library Board of Trustees is scheduled for Thursday, January 24, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at the Civic Center Library Board Room, 1188 South Livermore Avenue. An agenda will be posted at the Civic Center Library 72 hours prior to the meeting.

**Dress a Girl Around the World**, an invitation to make simple dresses for girls in third world countries. Meetings are once a month. The next meeting is February 16, from 9 am to 3 pm at St. Michael's Hall, 325 Maple St., Livermore. Bring sewing machine or serger, iron, ironing board, scissors, along with helping hands. (Those planning to stay all day should bring a bag lunch.) Always accepting

cheerful cotton fabric donations. Those who can't make the Sew-Fest but would like to sew, arrange for kits that can be sews at home. Questions? Suzanne Beck, 925-352-8447 or [suzbeck@yahoo.com](mailto:suzbeck@yahoo.com)

**25th Annual Livermore High School Stampede Softball Tournament** Celebrating the 25th year of their Annual Softball Tournament. Games will be held Thurs., April 4 – Sat. April 6. Last year approximately 47 girls had signed with colleges prior to the tournament. Opening Ceremonies are on Thursday, April 4th at 9:00am. Games will begin after the ceremonies with three full days of Softball. Approximate games hours on Thursday & Friday are from 9:00am – 9:00pm and Saturday from 8:00am – 10:30pm. Toff Garcia and Jeremy Luke are leading the committee and they are seeking assistance with the tournament itself (scoring, field prep, snack shack) but also donations to support raffles, silent auctions, etc. For additional information go to: [www.lhs-stampede.com](http://www.lhs-stampede.com) & email: [gocowboyssoftball@gmail.com](mailto:gocowboyssoftball@gmail.com).

**Crab feed**, Pleasanton Lions Club, annual fun February 2, no host bar 5 pm, crab served 6:30 p.m. Casino night \$70 per person (includes parking), \$65 person with purchase of 16 tickets or more. Tickets or information, contact Steve Grimes at (925) 484-3524 or Greg Aynesworth at (925) 336-6069

**Swim, Bike, Run, Fun with Tri-Valley Triathlon Club in 2019** at the Tri-Season Kick Off. Saturday, January 26; 9:00am - 10:30am; Optional - before the meeting for a run at 7:30am. Meeting at the Sports Basement, San Ramon, 1041 Market Pl., San Ramon Tri-Season is February through September. Learn about TVTC's 2019 programs and Coach Supported Events, hear from the coaches, sponsors, and other members. RSVP with Coach Liz at [liz@trivalleytriclub.com](mailto:liz@trivalleytriclub.com) to attend the meeting.

**Livermore Lions Club annual Crab Feed** on Saturday, February 16, 2019, from 5:30-8:30pm at the Bothwell Arts Center at 2466 Eighth Street in Livermore. At the event will be a no-host bar, all-you-can-eat crab with a pasta dinner, and dancing to live music. There will be lots of raffle items, as well as a variety of silent auction events, activities, and items. No outside beverages allowed. Monies from this fundraiser are going to local community projects and the visually and hearing impaired. Tickets are \$50 per person and for a table of 6-10, tickets are \$45 per person. To order tickets call Ann or Ben at (925) 449-9974.

**Native Daughters of the Golden West**, (California born Women) is a fraternal and patriotic organization founded on the principles of: Love of Home; Devotion to the Flag; Veneration of the Pioneers; Faith in the Existence of God., Angelita Parlor No. 32, Livermore, meet first Monday of the month, 6:30 PM, I.O.O.F Hall, 2160 First St., Livermore (easy entrance from back of building) Rec. Sec.: Shelley Buchberger, 925-698-4345- website: [NDGW.org](http://NDGW.org)

**Livermore Rotary Club annual Crab Feed** on Friday, February 1, 2019 at 6:00 PM at the Aahmes Shrine Event Center, 170 Lindbergh Avenue, Livermore. The event features a crab dinner and dancing to live music by the Gabe Duffin Band. Tickets are priced at \$60 per person. Call for special \$55 pricing for groups of 8-10 people. To order tickets call Debbie Peck (925) 447-4300.

**Scottish country dancing** in Livermore. Enjoy the lively reels and jigs and graceful strathspeys that are the traditional social dance of Scotland. Make new friends and have

fun while you exercise. Join us Mondays 8:00 to 10:00 pm at the Livermore Veteran's Hall, 522 South L Street, Livermore. No prior dance experience or partner required. We welcome new dancers at any time. Call Margaret Ward at (925) 449-5932 or Sheena MacQueen at (925) 784-3662 for more information.

**Widowed Men and Women of Northern CA.**, Jan. 27, 1 p.m. lunch in Pleasanton, RSVP by Jan. 24 to Marsha, 830-8483.

**Tri-Valley Cultural Jews Tu B'Shvat** LARPD Ranger Amy will lead the group on a hike along the Arroyo del Valle. We will look for the plants and animals that call this area home. We are sure to find lots of cool bugs and other creatures along the way. We plan to walk rain or shine so please dress appropriately and wear comfortable shoes. Please bring a potluck dish to share. We have members that are dairy-free and gluten-free so please indicate on an index card your ingredients. Potluck at noon. Sunday, January 27th, 2019, 10:30am – 12:30pm. Sycamore Grove Park Parking Lot, 1051 Wetmore Rd., Livermore. Free for members and children, \$10.00 per non-member adult

**Wednesday Night Run with Sunrise Mountain Sports**, every Wednesday night (rain or shine) at 6:30PM. Start/End Location: Sunrise Mountain Sports 2184 First Street Livermore. The run/walk will start at 6:30PM, but come hang with us around 6PM to socialize/warm-up/change. There are a variety of distances starting at 2 miles and they go up to 9 miles. The most popular is the 3.5 mile course (that does have two water fountains along its route). Dogs, kids, and people of all paces are welcome. More information located on Sunrise's Facebook Event Page: <https://www.facebook.com/events/237597100263100/>

**The City of Pleasanton Literacy's Literacy Program** is searching for patient, caring volunteer tutors to help adults practice and improve their English reading, writing, and conversation skills. Volunteers will work one-on-one with students, lead small group conversation practice, conduct citizenship test preparation, or lead book clubs. No advance preparation is needed. Find more information contact the Adult Literacy team [literacy@cityofpleasantonca.gov](mailto:literacy@cityofpleasantonca.gov) / 925-931-3405.

**National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)** Tri-Valley Connection Support Group, meets Wednesdays, 7:15pm - 8:45pm at St. Clare's Episcopal Church, 3350 Hopyard Rd., Pleasanton. This group is for anybody experiencing a mental illness, for education and support. Visit [www.nami-trivalley.org](http://www.nami-trivalley.org), or contact Kelley Thorpe Baker, (714)296-3444.

**Livermore Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), Post 7265**, seeking returning Veterans from foreign conflicts who are interested in staying engaged with other Veterans and their families. The VFW is one of the strongest Veterans organizations in America but is in serious decline because of lack of membership. Meetings on the first and third Mondays of each month with a light dinner social at 6:00pm followed by a business meeting at 7:00pm at the Veteran's Memorial Hall, 522 So. L. St. (corner of So. L & 5th Street-enter on 5th St.). For more information contact Commander Hank Jean: 480-585-8970 or Service Officer Ron Gillette: 925-443-4444.

**Tri-Valley Haven - Individual Counseling & Group Therapy Openings**, For over forty years, Tri-Valley Haven, a non-profit agency, has provided shelter and counseling for survivors of sexual assault and domestic violence, and their children in the Tri-Valley. The Haven provides free, professional individual

and group therapy for survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, and poverty. For more information on Tri-Valley Haven's Support Groups and Individual Counseling, please call: (925) 449-5845.

**Docents for the Livermore HistoryMobile.** Volunteers interested in Livermore history and/or like working with children (mostly 3rd graders) are needed. Mission is to teach children the history of Livermore and instill in them a sense of pride in the city. There will be training. Time commitment could be as little as a few days a year. There are usually have 3 docents at each school. If interested, call Nancy Mulligan, 925-443-3076 or E-mail [n.mulligan@comcast.net](mailto:n.mulligan@comcast.net).

**Sing for fun**, Music Sing-a-Long, sing familiar tunes with other folks along with piano accompaniment. The words of the songs will be provided. No musical experience needed. Most Mondays, from 11:00-12:00 at the Robert Livermore Community Center. Small fee.

**Counter Point (Addiction Family Support Group)**, Counter Point is a free faith based, Christ centered (Al Anon based) program designed to help individuals with family members who suffer from alcoholism and drug addiction. We meet Monday evenings at 7:00 p.m. at Cornerstone Fellowship (348 North Canyons Parkway, Livermore across from Costco) and Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. at St. Michael Elementary School (345 Church Street, Livermore). For further information contact Kent (925-243-0211) or Rachel (510-501-1411).

**Tri-Valley Geeks**, group of adults who get together for events like board games, movies and fan conventions. Meetings every Tuesday at 5:30 for dinner and board games A schedule of upcoming events can be found on Facebook at: [Facebook.com/groups/trivalleygeeks](http://Facebook.com/groups/trivalleygeeks). Text Melody Evenson at 925-209-1214 for more information.

**Golden Circle Seniors**, meetings Mondays at 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center in the Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Ave. Sewing, knitting and crocheting all year, saving items for the annual bazaar in November. Ninety-five percent of the proceeds are donated to local charities.

**Pleasanton Lions Club**, dinner meetings every 2nd and 4th Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. 530 Inklings Coffee Shop in the Wardrobe Room, Pleasanton. Check website for meeting updates [pleasantonlionsclub.org](http://pleasantonlionsclub.org). Pleasanton Lions Club is a non-profit organization that seeks to identify needs within the community and work together to fulfill those needs. For more information or to get involved visit [pleasantonlionsclub.org](http://pleasantonlionsclub.org). All are welcome.

**Have you been affected by someone's drinking?** Al-Anon and Alateen offer hope and strength for families and friends of problem drinkers. [www.AlanonTriValley.org](http://www.AlanonTriValley.org), 925-277-7661, [help@AlanonTriValley.org](mailto:help@AlanonTriValley.org).

**Recovery International Support Group** meets 1300 S Livermore Avenue, Livermore, at 2pm every Sunday except holidays. No RSVP needed. Contact : Ken 510-754-4599 or Barbara 916-335-8836

**Ethos California**, 1010 Murrieta Blvd., Suite B, Livermore. Free and confidential services related to pregnancy include guidance and referrals, baby clothing, and diapers. Call (925) 449-5887 for an appointment.

**Meals on Wheels Volunteers** are needed to deliver fresh meals to homebound seniors in Livermore or Pleasanton one day per week, Monday-Friday between 10 am-12 p.m.. For more information, please call (925)483-1989.

**Rotary Club of Livermore Valley** invites

interested individuals to attend its morning meeting. Meetings are held every Tuesday at 7 am in Beeb's Sports Bar & Grill at the Las Positas Golf Course, 915 Club House Drive, Livermore. For more information, go to [www.livermorevalleyrotary.org/](http://www.livermorevalleyrotary.org/) or contact Frank Vallejo, President of Rotary Club of Livermore Valley, at 925-595-2004 or [FVallejo@CalWater.com](mailto:FVallejo@CalWater.com)

**Del Valle Folk Dancers:** beginning and experienced dancers are welcome. Balkan, Israeli and other world dances, easy line and circle dances, no partners required, casual dress. \$3 per session (first time free). Tuesdays 7:30-9:30 p.m. at the Bothwell Arts Center (West end), 2466 8th Street, Livermore. Information: George Pavel (925) 447-8020 or [george.pavel@gmail.com](mailto:george.pavel@gmail.com)

**Square Dance Lessons** in Livermore, 7 p.m. at Del Valle High School, 2253 5th Street. All ages welcome. Dancing Thursdays weekly from 7 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. No partner or special attire needed. For more information call Margaret 925-447-6980 or [mmiller1435@gmail.com](mailto:mmiller1435@gmail.com)

**Shepherd's Gate New Life Thrift Store**, open at 4014 East Ave. Hours will be 9-7 Monday through Friday, 9-5 Saturday, closed Sunday. Donations can be left at 4014 East Ave in the rear of the building, 9:30 AM to 5 PM M-F, 8-2:30pm Sat, closed Sundays & holidays.

**Italian Catholic Federation**, meets 3rd Friday of the month, 6 p.m. St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church, 4001 Stoneridge Dr., Pleasanton. Anyone who loves all things Italian is invited to meet to celebrate the Italian heritage with monthly dinner meetings and holding charitable events. The group supports Children's Hospital research, college scholarships and other charities. For information, contact Judy Wellbeloved, president, 462-2487.

**ClutterLess Self Help Support Group** (CL) is a non profit,peer based, all volunteer, self help in-person support group for people with difficulty discarding unwanted possessions. Meetings at Parkview, 100 Valley Avenue, (main entrance), 2nd Floor Activity Room, Pleasanton, every Monday 7 - 8:30 pm (except postal holidays). [www.clutterless.org](http://www.clutterless.org) (national) or [www.ClutterlessEastBay.org](http://www.ClutterlessEastBay.org) for more info.

**Questers** is an international organization of lovers of antiques, collectibles, and history who encourage preservation and restoration of historical landmarks. At chapter meetings, members learn about antiques, share and view members' collections, visit historic sites, museums and antiques shops and help non-profit organizations with restoration and preservation work. Chapter meets the 4th Tuesday monthly from September to May. New members are invited to join the local Amador Chapter. If interested call President Rickie at 925-292-8123 or e-mail [rjfgiono@comcast.net](mailto:rjfgiono@comcast.net).

**Tri-Valley Stargazers Astronomy Club.** Feed your wonder about the Night Sky and the Cosmos by joining us on the 3rd Friday of the Month for our club meeting. Unitarian Universalist Church, 1893 N. Vasco Rd., Livermore. Doors open at 7:00 p.m. talk starts at 7:30 p.m. For more info visit us @ <http://www.trivalleystargazers.org/>

**Ravenswood Historical Site**, 2647 Arroyo Road, Livermore, Docents in 1890s costumes give free guided tours beginning at noon, on the second and fourth Sundays of the month. Each tour includes the 1885 Cottage and the 1891 Main House, and the beautifully landscaped grounds. For information on the Ravenswood Progress League (RPL) or the

volunteer Docent Program, please call the Docent Coordinator at (925) 443-0238.

**Sons in Retirement (SIR)** is a social group of retired men who join together to better enjoy their leisure time. Activities include golf, bridge, photography, travel, fishing, biking, wine tasting, and technology. The Tri-Valley Branch serves men living in Pleasanton, Dublin, Livermore, and San Ramon. The group meets for lunch on the first Thursday of each month at the San Ramon Golf Club, 9430 Fircrest Lane, San Ramon. Please read more about the Tri-Valley SIR at [www.trivalleysir.org](http://www.trivalleysir.org) and the Statewide SIR at [www.sirinc.org/](http://www.sirinc.org/). For information or to attend a meeting, call Carl Churilo, 925-967-8177.

**American Legion Post 47** in Livermore is looking for veterans in the Livermore area who are interested in performing community service for young people and promoting veterans affairs. Interested veterans will meet with other like-minded veterans for camaraderie and support of veterans' causes. The American Legion is the largest federally chartered veterans organization that is the veterans lobby and voice to congress. The Livermore American Legion Post 47 meets the second and fourth Monday of each month at 6:30 PM at the Veterans Memorial Building, 522 South L Street, Livermore. Enter the building from the ramp on the 5th Street side. For more information go to <http://www.calegon.org/> or contact Bill Bergmann at [calegon.post47@gmail.com](mailto:calegon.post47@gmail.com) or (925) 443-2330 or Roy Warner at 925-449-6048.

**Eric's Corner** is a free support group for people who are dealing with a diagnosis of Epilepsy. Everyone is invited to attend these meetings. Meetings are held at 5725 W. Las Positas Blvd., second floor, Pleasanton. We meet from 6:30 -8:00 on the third Thursday of each month. For more information please visit us at [ericscorner.org](http://ericscorner.org)

**Assistance League® of Amador Valley** invites all visitors to join this dedicated group of volunteers, reaching out to those in need in the Tri-Valley and having fun doing it. Regular meetings are held on the third Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Parkview, 100 Valley Ave., Pleasanton. For more information, see our website, [www.amadorvalleyassistanceleague.org](http://www.amadorvalleyassistanceleague.org), e-mail [assistanceleagueamadorvalley@yahoo.com](mailto:assistanceleagueamadorvalley@yahoo.com), or call (925) 461-6401.

**Operation: SAM "Supporting All Military"** is a 501(c)3 non profit military support organization based in Livermore. S.A.M. has been in operation since January 2004. It is dedicated to the continued morale support of deployed troops. For information or donations, visit [www.operationssam.org](http://www.operationssam.org), email [operationssam@comcast.net](mailto:operationssam@comcast.net)

**Pleasanton Newcomers Club**, open to new and established residents of the Tri-Valley. Activities include a coffee the first Wednesday of the month, a luncheon on the second Wednesday of the month, Bunco, Mah Jongg, walking/hiking groups, family activities, and monthly adult socials. Information, call 925-215-8405 or visit [www.PleasantonNewcomers.com](http://www.PleasantonNewcomers.com)

**Community Resources for Independent Living (CRIL)** offers services to help people with disabilities and supports them to live independently and participate in their community for as long as they are willing and able to do so. CRIL maintains offices in Hayward, Fremont and Livermore to provide information and referrals and provide community education at senior centers and affordable housing complexes to residents of Southern Alameda County. The Tri-Valley office is located at 3311



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Pacific Avenue, Livermore 94550 and can be reached by phone at (925) 371-1531, by FAX at (925) 373-5034 or by e-mail at abril.tamayo@cril-online.org. All services are free.

**Livermore Peripheral Neuropathy Support Group** meets every fourth Tuesday of the month at 10 a.m. in the third floor movie room at Heritage Estates Retirement Community. The address is 900 E. Stanley Blvd., Livermore All are welcome. Contact is Lee Parlett 292-9280.

**DBE Daughters of the British Empire**, John McLaren's Roses of Britain Chapter in the Tri-Valley meets at 11:00 a.m. on the 3rd Thursday of every month at Castlewood Country Club. DBE was founded in 1909 and is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization made up of women of British or British Commonwealth heritage and ancestry with a focus on charity and fellowship. Those interested in helping with "the cause," enjoying social activities, and forming long-lasting friendships, contact Edith Caponigro at 925-998-3500 or Jenny Whitehouse at 925-621-8946 for additional information.

**Tri-Valley Triathlon Club (TVTC)**, Information on programs and memberships, training philosophies and schedules, and all things TVTC, an all inclusive triathlon/marathon/endorance training program. www.trivalleytriclub.com.

**Pleasanton Military Families** is a Pleasanton based support group for those who have a loved one serving in the Military. The group gathers at 7:00 p.m. on the 2nd Tuesday of each month to share concerns, fears, and to celebrate the joys that are experienced. There is no better support than being surrounded by others who know what you are going through. Three times per year, the group collects supplies and sends care packages to the troops. Contact PMFSG.ca@gmail.com for the location of the next meeting.

**Livermore Military Families**, a support group for families in Livermore who have a loved one serving in the Military, is intended to be a safe place for family members to come and share their experiences and concerns with others who understand what they are going through. All family members are welcome to attend meetings. Meetings on the 3rd Thursday of each month at the Livermore Veterans Memorial Building, 522 South L Street from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. For more information, call Tami Jenkins, 925-784-5014 or email livermoremilitaryfamilies@yahoo.

## RELIGION

**WINGS (Women in God's Spirit)**, a faith enriching ministry for women of all ages and life stages, meets Thursday mornings, 9:30 – 11:30 am through May 9, 2019 at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, Borromeo Hall, 1315 Lomitas Avenue, Livermore. The theme is Reflecting the Light of Christ to the World. Guest speaker "highlights" include Father Mark Wiesner, Pastor of St. Charles Borromeo; Tiffany Hoover – Theatrical Performance on the life of Dorothy Day; Graham Wiseman – Mental Health Advocate for Youth; and others. All are Welcome. For a list of presenters or to learn more about WINGS: stcharleslivermore.org/WINGS Questions: Janet Schott 925-373-9346 or Phyllis Clearwater 925-337-4299

**First Presbyterian Church**, 2020 Fifth Street, Livermore, 8:30 a.m. Contemplative Service in the Chapel and 10:00 a.m. Traditional Service in the Sanctuary and children's program For more information www.fpcpl.us or 925-447-2078.

**Tri-Valley Bible Church**, 2346 Walnut St., Livermore, holds Sunday worship at 10

a.m. with Sunday school for all ages at 9 a.m. Children's classes during adult worship service. AWANA children's program Wednesdays at 6 p.m. 449-4403 or www.Tri-ValleyBibleChurch.com.

**Unitarian Universalist Church**, 1893 North Vasco Road, Livermore. Sunday Service 10:30am. Church of the open mind, loving heart and helping hands. All are welcome. Childcare, and religious education for children as well as adults are offered. For more information, visit www.uucil.org or call 925-447-8747.

**Congregation Beth Emek**, Center for Jewish Learning, Prayer and Community in the Tri-Valley, 3400 Nevada Court, Pleasanton. Information 931-1055. Rabbi Dr. Laurence Milder, www.bethemek.org.

**Tri-Valley Cultural Jews**, affiliated with the Congress of Secular Jewish Organizations (csjo.org). Information, Rabbi Judith Seid, Tri-Valley Cultural Jews, 485-1049 or EastBay-SecularJews.org.

**First Church of Christ, Scientist, Livermore**, services 10 a.m. every Sunday. Sunday School for students (ages 3-20) is held at 10 a.m. every Sunday. The church and reading room are located at Third and N Streets. The Reading Room, which is open to the public, features books, CDs and magazines for sale. For information, call (925) 447-2946.

**Sunset Community Church**, 2200 Arroyo Rd., Livermore. Sunday worship service at 9:30 a.m. Hispanic service starts at 2 p.m. Nursery and children's church provided. A "Night of Worship" first Sunday of each month at 6 p.m. Wednesday night program for all ages at 7 p.m. Information, call 447-6282.

**Holy Cross Lutheran Church** Sunday Service 9:30 a.m. 1020 Mocho St., Livermore. Information, 447-8840.

**Our Savior Lutheran Ministries**, 1385 S. Livermore Avenue, Livermore. 9 a.m. worship (semiformal); 10:30 a.m. adult Bible study/Sunday school. For information, call 925-447-1246.

**Calvary Tri-Valley**, Sunday Services at 243 Scott Street, Livermore, 10:00am. www.calvalyrlivermore.org or 925-447-4357.

**Granada Baptist Church**, 945 Concanon Boulevard, Livermore. Services: Sunday school – 9:45 a.m.; worship service – 11 a.m. All are welcome. 447-3428.

**Seventh-day Adventist Church**, 243 Scott Street, Livermore. 925-447-5462, services on Saturday: Sabbath school 9:30 a.m., worship 11 a.m. www.livermoresda.org/ All are welcome.

**Faith Chapel Assembly of God**, 6656 Alisal St., Pleasanton. Adult Sunday school 9:15 a.m., Worship 10:30 a.m., Children's Church (Pre-K-5th grade) 11:15 a.m., Nursery to age 3, Women's Bible study Wednesdays at 10 a.m., Senior Adult Ministries meet every other month. For ministry information call (925) 846-8650

**Trinity Church**, 557 Olivina Ave., Livermore. New Sunday Worship Services & Children's Ministry times now at 9 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Small Groups also meet on Sundays, and during the week at various times/locations. Trinity Student Ministries (7-12th Grade) meet on Sundays at 9 a.m. and on Weds. eve. from 7-9 p.m. Awana meets Sundays from 3:30-5:30PM trinitylivermore.org or 925-447-1848.

**St. Charles Borromeo**, 1315 Lomitas Ave., Livermore. Meditation groups following the John Main tradition, every Monday 5:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. For details, contact Claire La Scola at 447-9800.

**St. Innocent Orthodox Church**, 1047

Serpentine Lane #300, Pleasanton. Sunday Liturgy at 10 a.m. For details, go to www.stinnocent.net or call Fr. John Karcher at (831) 278-1916.

**St. Clare's Episcopal Church**, 3350 Hayward Road, Pleasanton, Services on Sunday, 8:00 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. Children's Sunday School & Chapel at 10:15 a.m. All are most welcome to come and worship with us and to enjoy our hospitality. For more information call the church office 925-462-4802.

**St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church**, 678 Enos Way, Livermore, (925) 447-3289. www.saintbartsilvermore.com. Sunday service with Rev. Andrew Lobban, Priest-in-Charge, 10:00 am Eucharist with music, childcare and Godly Play children education.

**Little Brown Church**, United Church of Christ 141 Kilkare Road, Sunol. 10:30 a.m. worship. All are welcome here. www.littlebrownchurchofsunol.org 925-862-2580

**Pathway Community Church**, 1055 Serpentine Lane, Pleasanton. Contemporary Worship Service, Sunday, 10:30 am. Children, youth, adult programs. Biblically based practical messages, nondenominational. All are welcome. www.pathwaycommunitychurch.org (925) 322-1222.

**Good Shepherd Lutheran Church**, 486 S. J Street, Livermore. Sunday worship at 9:00 a.m., followed by Bible Study/Sunday School at 10:20 a.m. For more information, visit www.goodshepherd-livermore.org or call (950) 371-6200.

**Bethel Family Christian Center**, 501 North P Street, Livermore, Pastors are Don & Debra Qualls. Weekly ministries: Sunday 10 a.m. - Teaching Sessions; Sunday 10:25 a.m. - Holy Grounds Fellowship; Sunday Worship Service 10:45 a.m. - Elementary aged children go to Kid's Church following worship, nursery available; Wednesday 7 p.m. - Back to the Point Bible Study; all ages; Friday 7 p.m. - Celebrate Recovery; in the dining hall; 925-449-4848.

**Valley Bible Church**, Pleasanton, 7106 Johnson Drive, Services at 9:00 and 11:00. 925-227-1301. www.thecrossing.org

**Valley Bible Church**, Livermore, meets at 10:00 am Sunday at 6751 Southfront Road, Suite 6749, Livermore. Phone 925-227-1301. www.thecrossing.org.

**Cedar Grove Community Church**, 2021 College Ave., Livermore. Worship Services 9 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. www.cedargrove.org or call 447-2351.

**Chabad of the Tri-Valley**, 784 Palomino Dr., Pleasanton. 846-0700. www.jewishtrivalley.com. Rabbi Raleigh Resnick.

**Well Community Outreach Center** ministry provides meats, canned and dry goods, toiletries, and school supplies (only available prior to the start of the school year). Those with an immediate need or who would like to donate nonperishable food items, call the office at (925) 479-1414 to begin the process. Wednesday and Friday 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., and Thursday 4 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Pick up by appointment only. The Outreach Center will be open every 4th Saturday to distribute bags from Fresh and Easy Market and Sprouts. This will be on a first come first serve basis between 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. 2333 Nissen Drive, Livermore.

**Lynnwood United Methodist Church** at 4444 Black Ave. offers a friendly congregation where all are welcome. Worship at 9 or 10:30 a.m. on Sundays with Sunday school for youth and adults at 10:30 a.m. and childcare at both services. Contact Pastor Henry Kim at 846-0221, send an email to office@lynnwood.org

or visit www.lynnwood.org.

**The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints**--Livermore Stake. Sunday services--1501 Hillcrest Ave. Sycamore Grove Ward 9:00 am; Windmill Springs Ward 11:00 am. 950 Mocho St.; Valley View Ward 9:00 am; Vineyard Hills Ward 11:00 am; Mocho Branch (Spanish) 12:20 p.m.. 8203 Village Parkway, Dublin: Tri-Valley Young Single Adult Ward 1:30 p.m..

**The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints**: Pleasanton 1st Ward: Sunday at 1 p.m., 6100 Paseo Santa Cruz. Pleasanton 2nd Ward: Sunday 1 p.m. at 3574 Vineyard Ave. Pleasanton 3rd Ward: Sunday 9:30 a.m., 3574 Vineyard Ave. Pleasanton 4th Ward: Sunday 9:30 a.m., 6100 Paseo Santa Cruz. Dublin 1st Ward: Sunday 9:30 a.m., 8203 Village Parkway.

**Asbury United Methodist Church** 4743 East Avenue, Livermore. A Reconciling Church, where all are welcomed. Sunday Worship time is at 10:00 a.m. Children's and youth groups Sunday School during worship services and Sunday evening Middle School and High School Youth Groups. Children are welcome at all services, and we also provide childcare in the nursery. Saturday, January 26 Race Conversations-Embracing the New Multicultural Reality Workshop, 9:30-12:00pm. This workshop will be led by Rev. Sun Hee Kim & Rev. Dale Weatherspoon. This workshop It will provide tools that help participants become mindful and build common understanding/ language, strategy, and build bridges to working together despite the challenging issues of systemic racism. Workshop series entitled "5 Languages of Love" beginning Sunday, January 27 at 11:30am. Contact the church office to sign up. For more information about other opportunities visit our website at www.asburylive.org or call 925-447-1950. Asbury UMC can also be found on Facebook at "Asbury UMC Livermore. . All are welcome

**John Knox Presbyterian Church**, 7421 Amarillo Rd., Dublin. Sunday worship service at 9:30 a.m. Sunday school for ages 3-18 during worship. Adult education Sundays at 11:00 a.m. Jr. High youth group Sundays 4:00-6:10 p.m. High school youth group Sundays 5:50-8:00 p.m. www.jkpcdublin.org (925)828-1846.

**St. Francis of Assisi**, 193 Contractors St., Livermore. . Sunday School (all ages) – 8:30 AM. Communion – 9:30 AM. 925-906-9561 sfrancisanglican.church.

**The Center for Spiritual Living** Livermore Valley is now holding Sunday services at the Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Ave., at 10 a.m.

**Tri-Valley Church of Christ**, gives away clothing and other items every Monday 10-12. Donations are also accepted on Mondays between 10-12. 4481 E. Avenue, Livermore.

**Christ Church** (a nondenominational evangelical church formerly meeting in Pleasanton), Now meeting at Arroyo Mocho Elementary School, 1040 Florence Rd., Livermore. Worship service at 9:00 a.m.; Educational Classes for all ages at 11:00 a.m. visit: www.christchurch-trivalley.org or call 925.846.0665.

**GraceWay Church** workshops at 10 a.m. Sundays at 1183 Quarry Lane in Pleasanton. Services include band-led worship music, Bible-based messages and Sunday School for pre-schoolers and elementary through high school students. Infant care is provided. www.gracewaylife.org (925) 846-4436.

**Grace Missionary Baptist Church**, meets at 1759 Locust St., Livermore. (925) 667-1610. www.gracembc.com. Sunday School, 9:45 am; Sunday Worship, 11 am.

Relevant and refreshing Bible teaching. Pastor: Jeff Barger.

**Discovery Church of the Nazarene**, 5862 Las Positas Road, Livermore. Pastor Curtis Lillie, 925 449-5256. Community Breakfast (free) served every Sunday at 9:30 AM. Worship Service, Sundays at 10:45 AM **Gateway Church**, 811 Marilyn Avenue, Livermore. 9:30 a.m. Sunday School, 11:00 a.m. Worship. For more information visit gatewaylivermore.org or call Larry Trummel at 449.1444.

**Grace Missionary Baptist Church** in Livermore invites members of the community to Wednesday evening study, "Discovering the Bible." Currently, the subject is, "The Holy Spirit and His Work." The church address is 1759 Locust Street in Livermore. Wednesday Bible Study begins at 6:30 p.m. www.gracembc.com

**Celebration Church**, 1135 Bluebell Drive, Livermore. 925-455-4250. Sunday Service: 9:45am; children's programs: 9:45am; Spanish service at 1:00pm; Jr. & Sr. High: Wednesdays, 6:30-8:30pm. For more information or weekday Bible study and Prayer group schedules, go to www.celebrationcc.org. Welcome home.

**B'rith Ahabah Messianic Congregation**, worship every Saturday, 11 a.m. at 193 Contractors Ave., Livermore. Congregation and Jews and Gentiles. Liturgy presented in both Hebrew and English. Families are welcome. Blessing of bread and wine (or grape juice) follows each service and all are invited to Oneg, a fellowship meal.

**Unity of Tri-Valley**, an inclusive spiritual community for people of all faiths and backgrounds. All are welcome. 7567 Amador Valley Blvd., Suite 108, Dublin. 10:00 am Sunday service. Rev. Dinah Chapman, Minister. www.trivalleyunity.org. 925.829.2733

**Asbury United Methodist Church** '5 Love

## Class Offered to Caregivers

To help family caregivers, Hope Hospice presents, Making Decisions about Caregiving, on Saturday, January 26, from 9:45 a.m. to noon. This class is offered by Hope Hospice as part of its Family Caregiver Education Series.

The class will cover information about formulating a care plan, working together with family members and exploring various care settings including in-home and residential care, distance caregiving, community services and resources, and relocating loved ones. Presenters for the class are Jennifer Hansen, CEO, Hope Hospice and Home Health; Richard Campagna, President, Senior Services of Contra Costa, LLC; and Lori O'Sullivan, Senior Support Services of the Tri-Valley.

Classes are held at Hope Hospice, 6377 Clark Avenue, Suite 100, Dublin (2nd floor conference room). Light refreshments will be served. Register online at HopeHospice.com or contact Hope Hospice Community Health Educator Debbie Emerson at debe@hopehospice.com.

Hope Hospice's Family Caregiver Education Series offers a series of 14 classes designed to provide training, education, support, and resources for those caring for loved ones with chronic or disabling conditions. To download a copy of the class schedule, go to HopeHospice.com and select the Family Caregiver Education Series.

Hope Hospice now offers a monthly caregiver support group. The group meets from 12:15 to 1:45 p.m., immediately following the Family Caregiver Education series class.

These classes and support groups are available at no cost to all community members; however, donations to Hope Hospice are greatly appreciated. This program is supported in part by a grant from the Rotary Club of Pleasanton.



# Milestones

## Knights of Columbus Activities

The Livermore Knights of Columbus donated \$2,375 to the Livermore Joint Valley Unified School District for special education programs in support of students with intellectual disabilities. The funds were presented at a School Board Meeting on January 15.

Grand Knight Wesley Arnold explained that the Knights of Columbus have been supporters of persons with intellectual disabilities for almost five decades. The Livermore Knights raised these funds from their annual Tootsie Roll Drive managed by Knight Jim Gagliardi. Donations were supplied by parishioners of St. Michael and St. Charles Borromeo parishes. Donations were also provided by customers of Wal-mart.

Special Education Coordinator, Frank Selvaggio, accepted the donation. He expressed appreciation for the much-needed funds. He also complimented the Livermore Knights on their long history of supporting special education.

This donation is a portion of over \$25,000 donated by the Livermore Knights of Columbus in the past few months to local charities and churches.

Veterans, their families, and staff of the Livermore VA hospital were treated to a fun filled New Year's Eve party. Knights of Columbus from Livermore, Dublin, San Ramon, and Danville prepared a sumptuous feast to brighten the day for in-patient Veterans. Boy Scouts from Troop 924 and Livermore 4-Hers joined the Knights to help serve meals and treats in the dining hall and deliver them to the rooms for patients who could not leave their beds.

Patients had their fill of food and, more importantly, had a chance to share their stories and experiences with avid listeners. For the returning and first-time participants at this annual

event, it was a great chance to participate and interact with the Veterans and help ring in the New Year in a festive (and 'feastive') way with our veterans.

## Golden 1 Credit Union Opens

Golden 1 Credit Union celebrated the opening of its second Home Loans Center in Pleasanton. The event included a ribbon cutting ceremony and remarks from Greg Brown, Senior Vice President and Chief Lending Officer.

Home Loan Advisors at the centers help members with the entire mortgage, refinance, or home equity loan process in a comfortable environment dedicated to home lending. This includes connecting homebuyers to realtors who specialize in the local market and offering Golden 1's Buyer Advantage program, which provides buyers a discount on closing costs.

The Home Loans Center is located at 4555 Hopyard Road, Suite C-13, Pleasanton, and is open Monday – Friday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and by appointment.

## EDUCATION

Lake Erie College's Riley Heffron of Livermore, has been named to the Fall 2018 Dean's List. Any degree-seeking student who has earned at least nine semester hours of credits at the college during a single academic term and achieved a semester grade point average of 3.50 or higher in a given semester is recognized as a Dean's List student for that semester.

The following students were named to the Dean's list for the Fall 2018 semester at Grove City College.

Alisa Randall, a junior Accounting major at Grove City College, has been named to the Dean's List with Distinction for the Fall 2018 semester. Alisa is a 2016 graduate of Homeschool and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Randall (Katja) from Livermore.

Josiah Gowen, a sophomore Physics major at Grove City College, has been named to the Dean's List with Distinction for the Fall 2018 semester. Josiah is a 2017 graduate of Harvest Christian Academy and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Gowen III (Leslie) from Livermore.

Nathaniel Bennett, a sophomore History major at Grove City College, has been named to the Dean's List with High Distinction for the Fall 2018 semester. Nathaniel is a 2017 graduate of Homeschool and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jason Bennett (Daisy) from Pleasanton.

Students eligible for the Dean's List have a GPA of 3.40 to 3.59; for the Dean's List with Distinction a GPA of 3.60 to 3.84 and for the Dean's List with High Distinction a GPA of 3.85 to 4.0.

Wheaton College student Isabella Olfert of Livermore, , was named to the Dean's List for the fall semester. To earn Dean's List honors at Wheaton, an undergraduate student must carry 12 or more credit hours and achieve a 3.5 grade point average or higher on the 4.0 scale.



U.S. Air Force Reserve Airman 1st Class Christina R. Flores graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Texas.

The airman completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills.

She is a 2010 graduate of Amador Valley High School, Pleasanton. She earned a bachelor's degree in 2018 from California State University East Bay, Hayward.



U.S. Air Force National Guard Airman Mason W. Lydon graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Texas.

The airman completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills.

Lydon is the son of Anthony A. and Ann C. Lydon of Livermore, and grandson of Richard Lydon of Pleasanton, and Joan Lydon of Livermore. He is a 2018 graduate of Granada High School, Livermore.

## LDI Recognizes Promotion Partner of the Year

Founders of Love Livermore, Nicole Nicolay and Robyn Annicchero, awarded "Promotion Partner of the Year" by Livermore Downtown Inc.

Two former teachers, turned local Realtors, school their community on a better way to communicate both online and offline.

Nicolay and Annicchero were both educators, they are moms, they are friends, they are REALTORS, and they love where they live. They were also looking for a positive forum to connect with other locals, as well as share and find experiences unique to the Livermore area.

They didn't find what they were looking for, so Nicolay and Annicchero launched Love Livermore (<http://www.lovelivermore.com>), a group focused on sharing the people, places, and experiences in Livermore that they love.

"The mission is simple, be positive and tell us what you love about living here. We model this communication in our Facebook group and invite others who have joined to do the same," adds, Annicchero.

What started as group (<http://www.facebook.com/groups/lovelivermore>) has turned into a movement with over 9000 members in just 10 months. The YouTube channel features over 60 video webisodes highlighting a person, place or experience each week.

Nicolay, who has a background in digital marketing, explains, "Everyone wants to love where they live, but to do that we need to feel connected as a community. So Robyn and I help connect our community with the stories of the people and places that are found here."

For the past year they have been partnering with local businesses and offering to tell their stories through video. Love Livermore has promoted 40 local businesses via the Livermore Bucket List video series. People going above and beyond to help others in the community are highlighted in a special series called Livermore Inspiration.

## Two Maids & a Mop Help Out

Two Maids & A Mop of Livermore, a residential cleaning franchise, has teamed up with Cleaning For A Reason, an international nonprofit serving women with cancer.

Through partnership with Cleaning For A Reason, Two Maids & A Mop of Livermore works with women affected by cancer to clean two homes per month for two consecutive months free of charge. This will be an ongoing service to women battling cancer in Alamo, Blackhawk, Castro Valley, Clayton, Danville, Diablo, Dublin, Lafayette, Livermore, Moraga, Pleasanton, San Ramon, and Walnut Creek.

"We want to give the gift of time by eliminating the many hours that it takes to clean a home," said General Manager Brad Taylor. "Giving is in our DNA. When I learned about Cleaning For A Reason, it hit a personal note. I lost my mother to cancer and saw her challenges going through treatments. Knowing that patients fighting cancer need help, I am proud to support this cause and offer house cleanings to help these women, who are in the battle of their life."

For more information about this company, go to [www.twomaidslivermore.com](http://www.twomaidslivermore.com).

To learn more about Cleaning For A Reason and to apply for free house cleaning, see [www.cleaningforareason.org](http://www.cleaningforareason.org).