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the Orinda Baseball Association's opening day program and the Orinda Association's 4th of July celebration.

In addition to "Orinda Through the Years," car enthusiasts had the opportunity to view pristine examples of automotive excellence from more recent years. "We had a wonderful response from car owners, especially those with '60s and '70s model cars," says Herman. "The center piece of our vintage race car exhibit was Steven Read's 1967 Ferrari 275 GTB Comp."



**The Orinda Historical Society and Orinda Motor's John Vanek** put together a display showing photos of Orinda at different decades with the appropriate cars displayed next to the photos.

A DJ added to the festival atmosphere with a wide variety of music and Boy Scout Troops 57 and 233 provided refreshments. The culmination of the day was a parade of cars throughout Orinda. For \$10, participants could ride in the car of their choice.

The event actually jump-started the day before with an elegant dinner/dance at Buchanan Field. Held at Doug Johnson's custom hangar filled with his private collection of classic cars the evening, entitled "Dancing with the Cars," included delicious food, a live auction, and dancing. Sought-after auction items included use of a vacation home in Hawaii and box seats to a Giants baseball game.

"We are very grateful to Chip Herman and to Orinda Motors for all they do for the community," says Seniors Around Town coordinator Eartha Newsong. "Thanks to their efforts, we can help our seniors remain in their own homes and still be a vital part of our community."

Marching to the Beat of Their Own Drum

By SALLY HOGARTY  
 Editor

Colleen and John McCormick first met when they were placed next to each other in the Cal marching band. The UC Berkeley graduates went on to make beautiful music together, not to mention two children (Emily now 17 and Scotty 14).

While pursuing non-music careers, the two continued to play music with the Orinda All-Volunteer Marching Band. "I was eight months pregnant with Scotty when we first marched with the group on July 4, 1995," recalls Colleen. The family has been in just about every 4th of July parade since with Emily and Scotty carrying the banner until they were old enough to play in the parade as well.

Colleen recently traded in her career in science for one dedicated to music when she and John opened Lamorinda Music in Lafayette this past July. "I didn't realize how much I loved being around music until I was helping the band director at Springhill Elementary in Lafayette," says Colleen. "We found this lovely space and have tried to transform it into a cozy place for people to look for music and instruments as well as a comfortable area for music students and their parents."

The beautifully appointed store includes musical accessories (including jewelry, tote bags and clothing) and instruments you can buy or rent-to-own. There is a lovely lounge



Owner **Colleen McCormick** and manager **Janet Stroud** of Lamorinda Music.

area with refreshments and even a relaxing patio overlooking the creek.

Lamorinda Music is located at 81 Lafayette Circle (close to Chow's Restaurant). Call 925-385-0963.

2009 Orinda Idol Winners Chosen



(L-R) **Jacqueline Garell, Neris Newton, and Amrita Newton** were thrilled to win in the newly created group competition. The Soul Sisters sang "Super Trouper" for the win.

The Orinda Theater was full of excited hopefuls, family and friends as the 2009 Orinda Idol competition came to a close on September 13. Given the plethora of talented young people, the judges certainly had a difficult time selecting the winners.

The 2009 Orinda Idols are:  
**K-2nd Grade: Niamh Akazawa**

**3-5th Grade: Joe Metheny**  
**Middle School: Maritza Grillo**, who also won the Audience Award  
**High School: Erika Henningsen**  
**Groups K-5th Grade: Wicked Girls (Samantha Martin and Isabel Mueller)**  
**Groups 6-12th Grade: Soul Sisters (Jacqueline Garell, Amrita Newton and Neris Newton)**



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