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Holiday Toys and Family Adoptions....

Thank you all who adopted families and gave to help support our Christmas Projects this year. Among the activities were three families adopted at the Elsa Segovia Center, shopping for Maple Street with \$175 collected at the morning meetings, ten families served at John Gill School and a stuffed animals drop off at the Fire Station.

Carol Stewart read a thank you note calling the club members "Angels from Heaven." Among the "Angels" who helped were....Carol, Elizabeth, George Kerewicz, Girdie, Donna, Lynne, Larry, Maureen and Grace.



Cookie Wrap

Thank you for another successful Cookie Wrap. A total of 1,100 bags of cookie and snacks in brightly decorated bags were loaded into Glenn Peterman's motor home and delivered to inmates of the County Jail in Redwood City. These cookie bags are the only gifts allowed in the jail. Thank you WTAMK members for helping out....Larry, Lynne, Al, Elizabeth, Barbara and Glenn Peterman!

Midwinter Conference Coming Soon

Don't forget to mark your calendars for the Midwinter Conference, scheduled this year for Saturday, February 18 at the Marriott City Center in Oakland (1001 Broadway, (510) 451-4000.) For new members, this is a great way to start to discover the world of Kiwanis outside of your own club. For those who have been in Kiwanis a while, it is a great way to get refreshed, learn some new things, see old friends, and make new ones. Registration for individuals is \$35 if paid in advance or \$45 if paid on site. Please note: deadline for advance payment is February 3rd.

Sometimes the club will pay for 100% registration (a flat fee that will cover anybody in the club if enough people want to attend). The board will probably consider this issue at the January Board meeting. Please let the club secretary (Lynne Mercer at 650752-0756) know if you plan to attend and do not register right away until you know if the club is paying for 100% registration or if you will need to pay for your own registration. Details (including schedule of events) are available on line at:

<http://cnhkiwanis.org/Conventions/MidYearConventions/midyear.shtml>

President's Message January 2006



Dear Fellow Kiwanians;

I would like to start out by wishing all of my fellow Kiwanis Members a Happy and Prosperous New Year full of “Salud Amor y Dinero,” which translates to Health, Love and Money. What an incredible year this has been. I thought the year was going fast enough, and then I became President!

My greatest thanks to all of you that gave so generously to families that we adopted this Holiday Season. I would like to give a special hug, and thank you to Carol Stewart and her family who did so much of the work for the toy drive. This year we adopted families from John Gill School and Elsa Segovia Center. They were delighted and very appreciative. We also gave gifts of hats, gloves and scarves for our favorite “Hope House Ladies,” so that they may enjoy their morning walks in warmth. We also collected funds which allowed us to provide the local shelter with much needed toiletries.

Our Christmas Pot Luck was great fun. We had a wonderful turn out, and as always way too much food. The wrapped gift auction was also very successful. The children in the crowd really enjoyed themselves bidding on their specially wrapped gifts, and negotiating their play money. I will have to teach my grandchildren how to bid properly next year. Ken Yamada did a great job as the auctioneer, and managed to keep everyone laughing while driving up the prices. The administrative fund brought in close to \$1,000.00. I would like to thank Geri Mayers for donating the use of the facility, and helping us orchestrate the set up. I would also like to thank the Romanos for the beautiful Poinsettias.

I look forward to working with all of you this year on our upcoming events, and welcome warmly our new/old members from the Sequoia Club. Again, I wish you all a Happy New Year!

**Kiwanis is a global organization
of volunteers
dedicated to changing the world
one child and one community at a time.**

Yours truly,

Lourdes Carini
President 2005-2006

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Computer Systems Awarded to Students

The first in a series of computer distributions took place at Sequoia High School in Room 29 on Friday, December 16, 2005 at 3:00 p.m. Twenty refurbished computer systems were provided to Sequoia High School students in recognition of their hard work and academic achievement.

The project was made possible by the teaming together of local government, non-profit service and business. The County of San Mateo provided used surplus equipment in excellent condition. Woodside Terrace A.M. Kiwanis Club provided the volunteer workforce to refurbish the equipment. The Anagnostou family donated office space to store the computers allowing club members plenty of room to spread out and work. In addition, Sequoia High School, through Cameron Dodge's Computer Repair and Maintenance course offered to help students with hardware and systems issues.

San Mateo County Supervisor Rose Jacobs Gibson, who was in attendance said, "Put together County surplus equipment with some very talented Kiwanis volunteers and you give Sequoia High School students their own computer and most importantly, endless opportunities to learn. In this season of giving, it gives me great pleasure to congratulate the Woodside Terrace A.M. Kiwanis Club and Sequoia High School for this innovative partnership with the County. Donating time and talent to recycle computers is a precious gift that affords students the chance to excel. Our community is indeed blessed."



Pat Gemma, Superintendent of Sequoia Union High School District who was also in attendance said, "The Kiwanis Student Achievement Computer Awards Program has multiple benefits. It provides deserving students the necessary computers at home to keep up with the increase use of computers in education and society in general. It also uses the services of students and staff at Sequoia High School in a very meaningful way. This Kiwanis Program is brilliant in concept and result."



Various club members provided time and technical expertise in configuring the computers with operating systems and software, testing and burning in each system, cleaning and even tying on oversized bows. Maureen coordinated the overall project. Lourdes help procure office space (and baked cookies). Rob, Randy, George Kerewicz, Ed Jaramillo , and Mike configured the systems and i



installed software. Also providing invaluable help in planning and volunteering for a variety of tasks were Donna, Bill, Larry, Lynne, Carol, Roy, George Borg and Elizabeth. Chuck Rigg contributed toward future needs. Tessa and Wilma, Kiwanis members who teach at Sequoia, along with Principal Morgan Marchbanks supported the event cheering on students as they were awarded certificates and computer systems.

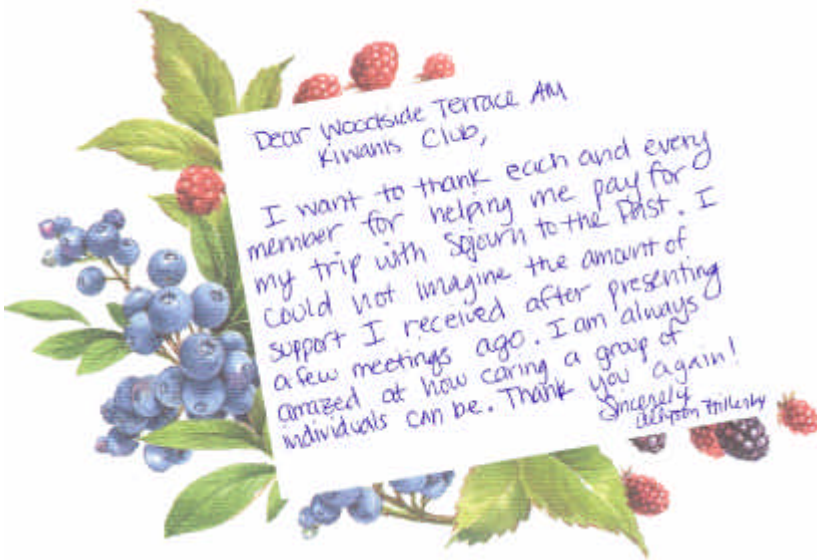
The Kiwanis Club is also very grateful to the Anagnostou family who donated space to store and work on the computers, and the school technology department for providing ongoing computer support. Thank you, also, local media that covered the event. Check out page 14 of the

December 2005 Spectrum. Publisher Steve Penna showed up in person to cover the event. The Redwood City Daily News also published an announcement.

Lourdes Carini, our club President reminds us that there are plenty of opportunities for service. "We're still looking for printers and will be contacting the generous business community in San Mateo County to help complete this program."

by Mike Akana (with a lot of help from Jan Borg)

The Kiwanis Moments Keep on Coming...



Correspondence included thank you notes and letters from the American Red Cross, Friends of Literacy, San Mateo Community College Foundation and the Shelter Network. At left is a hand written thank you from Allyson Hillerby. One particularly touching thank you came from one of the computer recipients who "never received anything like this." Her heart felt thanks touched everyone in the room and made the whole project worthwhile. Carol reported the women from Hope House exclaimed, "Oh, you know us well,"

as they thanked the club for matching scarves and gloves for their morning walks.

Holiday Party 2005

The holiday spirit was definitely evident at our annual Holiday Party in December. Thanks to Geri Mayers we were able to hold it at the Sequoia Yacht Harbor again. It is the perfect venue for our party.... Lots of room, plus a kitchen and a bar! The “prep” crew arrived early to set up the tables and chairs and decorate and it looked lovely, especially with the flowers donated by Lou Romano.



The party started around 4 PM, and about 50 members and guests participated. As usual, dinner was pot luck, with plenty of yummy food to go around. Everybody smacking their lips and licking their fingers, and there was hardly room for dessert.

After dinner we had our Christmas Gift Auction. For those who didn't make it, this is one of our club administrative fund raisers. Club members are asked to donate wrapped gifts, which are then auctioned off to club members and guests. Of course, nobody knows what they are bidding on, so wrapping and presentation become critical. It is a lot of fun and the club raised almost \$1,000 this year.

Besides the adult presents, there were presents for the children as well. They all had a chance to participate in the fun, but using monopoly money instead of the real thing (we learned that lesson the first year we tried the auction idea... The children really get into the bidding!!)

Kent Yamada was both Emcee and auctioneer, along with some assistants. He started the auction with a Santa “Ho Ho” contest... Larry, Rob Fish, Donna Vaillancourt and Jeffrey Lew competed to see who could do the best Santa imitation. The contestants were great sports, but Jeffrey was declared the winner. He really got into it, inviting guests to sit on his knee and tell him what they wanted for Christmas. But I thought Kent did a pretty good “Ho, Ho, Ho, Merry Christmas” himself as he demonstrated to the contestant what they were supposed to do. All in all it was a fun event and we all went away happy. Thanks to the planning committee and to everyone who participated.

by Lynne Mercer

Sequoia Key Club December Summary

This month we started our own event for our school, which we hope to make into a Key Club tradition for Sequoia. Vice President Tessa Verhoef planned and organized a holiday party for one of the special education classes at our school. Twenty six Key Club members spent their lunch getting to know one or more students in the class. Everyone had a great time and shared in the happiness. There was plenty of food, music, and spirit. The purpose of this event has continued in that Key Clubbers have continued to say hello and talk to the students in the halls. Thanks to Tessa for starting this for us!



We worked a lot with our sponsoring Kiwanis club this month. Several of our members wrapped presents and prepared food for the Christmas party the Kiwanis and our Key Club was throwing for children of inmates. It was nice to do this for the children who would not have had a Christmas like many of us do. When it was time for the Christmas party, all who attended had a great time. This is an event our Key Club looks forward to each holiday season!!

See you next month at the Kiwanis-Key Club Bike Rodeo!

Sincerely,
Allyson Hillerby

Rose Parade

Kiwanis International's float was entry number 41 in the Rose Parade with the theme: The Magic of Reading. A message from the District Secretary informs us "'The Magic of Reading'" opens a world of possibilities and imagination to youngsters and Rose Parade viewers. The pages of a gigantic book at the front of the float flip open and images of captivating nature stories, wild adventures, medieval times, fairy tales and the high seas come to life on this literary entry from Kiwanis International. The pages of the book feature sweet rice with a vivid selection of dry materials used to create the book's illustrations. Butterflies flutter over the roses, irises, daisies and orchids that fill the garden beneath the books. Kiwanis was honored with the Volunteers Award for its 2005 parade entry."

Interclubs

Interclub Chair: Donna Vaillancourt

In January we are planning an Interclub with Los Altos Tuesday at lunch.

Thank you Glenn Behm, Larry, Barbara, Melanie, Roy, Donna, and Mike for completing an Interclub with Palo Alto on December 8th.

Thank you Larry, Donna, Carol and Lourdes for competing our out of District Interclub with San Francisco at the Fairmont on December 13th.

Thursday A.M Programs

Program Chair: Barbara Liedtke

Jan 5th Lee Ann Butler-Owens, Founder Lullalee Productions and Services

Jan 12th Dr. Craig Baker, Director of John W. Gardner Center for Youth and Their Communities - Stanford University School of Education. (Former WTAM member)

Jan 19th Club Business

Jan 26th Elizabeth Spiller Meeks - Library Services Supervisor - Redwood City Community Libraries (Eddie Mae Spiller's niece - for many years our holiday food/funds drive supported Eddie Mae's nonprofit)

Feb 2nd Marc Manuel - Housing Leadership Council of San Mateo County speaker's bureau and Redwood City Housing and Human Concern's Committee (and Sunrise Rotary Club member)

On the Web.....

Woodside Terrace A.M. Kiwanis Website:
www.agencyinfo.org/kiwanis

Cal-Nev-Ha Division 34
cnhdiv34.rbca.net

California-Nevada-Hawaii District Website
www.cnhkiwanis.org

Kiwanis International Website:
www.kiwanis.org

Reasons to Celebrate....

January Birthdays

Richard Villareal	1 -7
Wilma Hoffmann	1 -10
Melanie P. Souffront	1 -16
Glenda Maguire	1-28

January Anniversaries

Glenn Lew and Pat Booth	1-5
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