

Hacienda Foundation Formed

By Steve Angelides

Margaret DePriester announced the formation of the Hacienda Foundation of Moraga, Inc. last month. DePriester, long-active in Moraga civic affairs, is serving as the new foundation's first president.

DePriester said the sole purpose of the newly-formed foundation is the maintenance and renovation of the Hacienda De Las Flores, an historic Spanish-style estate owned by the Town of Moraga. The Hacienda houses some of the Town offices and is rented out for weddings and other special events. However the Town lacks sufficient resources to properly maintain and renovate the Hacienda.

Attorney George Juarez donated the legal work for the formation of the Hacienda Foundation. According to Juarez, the foundation grew out of the previous Hacienda committee.

Charter level donations of \$1000 for individuals and

\$5000 for businesses are being accepted through the end of 2008. Charter donors will be permanently displayed on a plaque at the Hacienda.

DePriester said the foundation is planning its inaugural event in October. She said the purpose of the event will be to invite people who do not know about the Hacienda to see it—and of course to make a contribution.

The Hacienda Foundation joins local philanthropic organizations the Moraga Park and Recreation Foundation, which raises funds to enhance local recreation programs, and the Moraga Education Foundation which raises funds to enhance local school programs.

Besides DePriester, the other officers and directors of the Hacienda Foundation are Judy Dinkle, Lonnie Treat, Ed Beatson, Jason Evans, John Haffner, Claire Roth, and Lily Wescott.

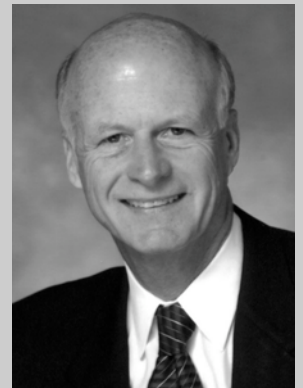


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