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Former Mayor Mike Majchrzak Memorial Fund

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Mike Majchrzak Photo LW archive

When Michael Majchrzack passed away on May 5, one of his last wishes was to create a fund to sponsor student interns with the Town of Moraga. Majchrzack's wish was not a surprise to those who worked alongside him as he served consecutively on the Design Review Board, Planning Commission and the Moraga Town Council for twenty years. He served three terms as Mayor and was voted Citizen of the Year in 2007.

□ "He loved the people, the town, the fireworks and he loved being Mayor," said his wife Beth at the May 13 Town Council meeting at which a resolution recognizing Majchrzak's role was approved, "and it was hard for him the leave the Council." She added that Mike had struggled with illness for years but never wanted to give up.

□ Council Member Mike Metcalf, who served with Majchrzak on both the Planning Commission and the Council, remembered how Majchrzack understood planning like no one and he praised the man's fairness and patience. Mayor Dave Trotter, who had also served with him on the Planning Commission, added his voice to Metcalf's continuing, "He was a friend, a leader, a colleague and I will miss him."

□ At a service held in Majchrzak's memory on May 8 at St. Monica's Catholic

Church, Trotter spoke of the Mike Majchrzak Memorial Fund to Sarah Cory, the wife of Moraga's first Mayor, Mike Cory. She immediately wrote a check for \$300 to the Fund.

☐ "It is so very appropriate -- really a case of passing the torch -- that the first contribution to this fund, honoring our former mayor Mike Majchrzak, would be from the wife of our first Town mayor," said Trotter, "the Town Council and I are hopeful that folks will commemorate Mike Majchrzak's service to the Town by giving generously to the fund being established in his memory."

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