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Rotary Club of Lafayette Gives to Local Music Programs

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Fifteen years ago, Dick Holt had the vision that Rotary could raise money for the Acalanes High School Music department by having a concert. This wasn't to be just another concert but one performed by student musicians with the Lafayette Reservoir as the beautiful backdrop. Lafayette Rotary constructed a stage on a grassy slope overlooking the Reservoir, the students performed and the first "Concert at the Res" was a success. Stanley Middle School and The Rossmoor Big Band joined in later years to make the concert a true community event. Rotary, with the help of many talented students, has raised thousands of dollars to provide instruments for the schools. This year, Dick Holt presented honorariums to Norm Dea, Acalanes Music Department; Bob Athayde with Jenny Reynolds, Stanley Middle School; Brian Pardo, Bentley School, and Mo Levich, Rossmoor Big Band.

Over the years Holt's friend Leslie DeBoer helped with the concert graphics design. She asked Dick to give her honorarium to Xenophon director Judy Lazarus. Xenophon helps disabled children work with and learn to ride horses.

Left to right: Dick Holt, Judy Lazarus, Leslie De Boer, Jenny Reynolds, Norm Dea, Mo Levich, Brian Pardo, Bob Athayde Photo Andy Scheck

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