

# Rez Stage is Ready

By Cathy Tyson



Just finishing up construction are from left, Terry Ring General Contractor, Santos Pocasangre carpenter, Barry Ring Superintendent and Jaime Zuniga carpenter. Photo Cathy Tyson

Finally – the Reservoir stage is open for business. It’s a dream come true for Rotary members who have diligently toiled constructing and then de-constructing temporary stages over the years for the annual Concert at the Rez – a fundraiser that supports local school music programs and other Rotary projects. While the hammering is complete, fundraising isn’t – see Giving Opportunities, page B?, for details. Look for an official grand opening celebration sometime in the spring, prior to the May 2012 Concert at the Rez.

“We are thrilled, so happy,” said John Sherry of Lafayette Rotary. He’s been out there every day taking pictures and enjoying the progress, just waiting on a few finishing

touches to the landscaping.

With a composite decking material that matches the grass, the idea was to make the structure as unobtrusive as possible. Rotary partnered with the Lafayette Community Foundation, as well as EBMUD, who will manage reservations, to bring the project to fruition. The stage will be available to the public for weddings, events, family reunions or kids playing with their pals.

The new stage is on the east side of the Reservoir, near the children’s playground and has a concrete pathway for easy access for those with mobility issues. Rotary member and contractor Terry Ring said the project took about six weeks to complete – taking into account a rain delay and Thanksgiving.

# Nutcracker Story Time Enchants Little Ballerinas



Photo Cathy Tyson

Some of the dancers from the Prima Ballerina Kids Club of Diablo Ballet lit up the stage of the Lafayette Library and Learning Center for a special reading of the Nutcracker story. To the delight of little ballerinas in the audience, Clara, The Sugar Plum Fairy and the Nutcracker came to life as Lauren Jonas, Diablo Ballet Artistic Director read the famous story by E.T.A. Hoffmann. Audience members got to participate in the story, adding special noises and movements to accompany the reading – a big highlight. C. Tyson

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