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Kiwanis, Flowers and Chocolates



Kiwanians plant bulbs along Moraga Road, from left: Kirpal Khanna, Supervisor Dale Walwark, Tom Westhoff, Karen Reed, Tim Freeman, Francis Wong, Rich Holden and his grandchildren, and Sam Sperry. Photo Sophie Braccini

About 50 happy Kiwanians were spotted on the streets of Moraga Dec. 8 with a mission to plant 1,000 daffodil bulbs along Moraga Road, between St. Mary's Road and Moraga Way. Approximately 17 members spent two and a half hours digging holes and setting bulbs that Saturday morning. This was all after manning the Kiwanis' chocolate store in the Rheem Valley Shopping Center, which is projected to sell more than two tons of the candy this year.

"As of Dec. 7 we sold over 2,200 pounds of See's Candies in our Rheem Center shop," said Kiwanian Tim Freeman. "With the usual flurry of activity as we approach Dec. 25 we should finish somewhere around last year's total that exceeded 2.7 tons, which was a substantial increase over the 1.7 tons of candy sold in 2010."

All of the proceeds from the candy sales go back to the community, benefiting organizations including the Moraga Education Foundation, Education Foundation of Orinda, Lafayette Partners in Education, Hacienda Foundation, Contra Costa Food Bank, AAUW Sister to Sister, Lindsay Wildlife Museum, and Center for Early Intervention in Treating Deafness. S. Braccini

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