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Moraga Rotary Sends Christmas Stockings to Children at Juvenile Hall

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Moraga Rotarians, spouses, and friends celebrate the completion of approximately 300 Christmas stockings. Photos provided

Rotary Club of Moraga is a local service club within Rotary International that meets most Tuesdays at noon at Saint Mary's College. For information about participating, please call Frank May of Moraga Rotary at (925) 376-8195.



Stocking stuffing assembly line workers. Facing camera, from left: Linda May, Carol Irwin, Mary Caburi, Suzanne Costanza, Ron Schopke, and Herb Wehmeyer.

On Christmas Day, about 300 children currently held in Juvenile Hall received a gift of their own Christmas stocking which had been cut, sewn, decorated, and filled by Rotary Club of Moraga along with spouses, friends, and Campolindo Interact Club members. Treats in the stockings included a deck of cards, a pair of socks, puzzle books, candies, shampoos, soaps, and cosmetics. In many cases, these stockings are the only Christmas gifts these children received.

In early November, several Rotarians and friends joined with girls at Juvenile Hall to decorate the stockings with colorful glitter glue. Each stocking was uniquely and creatively designed. This year, eligible girls were able to decorate their own personal stocking. Many Moraga Country Club residents donated their leftover Halloween candy for the stockings, and Joan Bruzzone donated funds for 100 dozen cookies to be given to the children while they received their gifts.

Coordination of this project was led by Janet Young, the executive director of the Juvenile Hall Auxiliary, working with Moraga Rotarians Barbara Bruner and Debbie Roessler. Rotary Club of Moraga has conducted this Christmas stocking project for more than a decade.

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