

NCL Acalanes Chapter hosts annual Mother-Daughter Tea

Submitted by Jocelyn Coolbaugh



Alexandra "Kiki" Rosson Photo provided

Members from the National Charity League Acalanes Area Chapter gathered at the Orinda Country Club for the annual Mother-Daughter Tea to acknowledge members who contributed over 7,000 hours in one year at various philanthropies around the Bay Area.

Every year, the league awards a member with the most philanthropy hours across the whole chapter with a Merci Award; this year's recipient is Alexandra "Kiki" Rosson, who donated a total of 188 hours during the year. Kiki and her mother, Denise, also received the Mother Daughter Pair Award for volunteering 77 hours together. Kiki goes to Carondelet High School and enjoyed volunteering at the Swim Across America Open Water Swim event, which raised \$620,000 for the UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital in Oakland.

"The annual recognition tea is a tradi-

tion that has been a part of NCL since our beginning. It provides an opportunity for our members to be recognized for their hours of service to the community and contributions to our organization," said President Jackie Welch. "During the event this year, members shared stories of how philanthropy projects, leadership opportunities and cultural awareness allowed them to develop skills that will help them to be their best. We are so proud of the achievements of each mother and daughter as they worked together to make a positive impact on the community and our recognition tea was a beautiful celebration of that effort."

The class of 2022 selected Blue Star Moms as this year's philanthropy for the annual tea. NCL collected donations of individually wrapped food items and travel-sized personal care items that Blue Star Moms can use to make care packages to send to military troops.

National Charity League, Inc., Acalanes Area Chapter provides hands-on volunteer service for a many philanthropic organizations in the community. Members are women and their daughters in grades 7-12. Through this community service, NCL, Inc. develops socially responsible community leaders and strengthens the mother-daughter relationship. The traditional six-year core program also includes leadership development and cultural activities. Mother-daughter teams nationwide are responsible, dedicated, skilled volunteers actively engaged in local community work across the country. For more information, visit acalanesarea.nationalcharityleague.org.

Troop 246 inducts three new Eagle Scouts

Submitted by Kristin Miller



Ben Miller, Evan Harberson and Karl Lesterhuis

Photo provided

Boy Scout Troop 246 in Moraga inducted three new Eagle Scouts – Evan Harberson, Karl Lesterhuis and Ben Miller – at an Eagle Court of Honor May 30 at Rancho Laguna Park in Moraga. To earn this highest advancement rank in Scouting, Scouts must fulfill requirements in the areas of leadership, service, and outdoor skills, complete at least 21 merit badges, and plan, organize, lead and manage a service project benefiting his community. These three Campolindo High School seniors joined the less than 4 percent of all scouts who achieve Eagle Rank.

For Harberson's Eagle Scout project, he built shelters for cat communities in neighborhoods. The boxes could also be used to capture the cats and have them neutered in order to stop the population from growing. He did his project through an organization named Outcast Cat Help. This project was important to Harberson because he has two cats himself who were abandoned on the family doorstep and Outcast helps animals in need.

For Miller's Eagle Scout project, he refurbished the Snack Shack at the Bob Wilson football field at Campolindo High School.

Miller redesigned the interior layout, and added shelving and storage space to increase the efficiency of the Snack Shack. After going to four years worth of football games, and seeing some of the difficulties that his parents had while running the Snack Shack, Miller saw this project as a way to make future Campo students' and parents' football games even more fun.

Lesterhuis joined Troop 246 in fifth grade after starting his scouting career as a Tiger Cub in Pack 351 at Rheem Elementary. He has served as a Patrol Leader and an Assistant Patrol Leader, and decided on an Eagle Scout project: a "Buddy Bench" on the kindergarten playground at Rheem Elementary. The purpose of the Buddy Bench, situated directly across from the play structure, is to promote new friendships and was inspired by his own kindergarten-aged brother. The project included designing, purchasing, and installing the best bench possible for current and future kindergarteners (and parents at Open House).

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Children's Health Guild raises over \$390K at annual gala

Submitted by Wendy Rotblat



Event co-chair Kristin Prestin with CHG President Michelle Berolzheimer and co-chair Mayra Tama Photo provided

The Children's Health Guild hosted its annual spring fundraiser, "Come Sail Away, an Evening Inspiring Hope" at Diablo Country Club May 19, raising over \$390,000 to support UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital Oakland and George Mark Children's House, which continue to provide the full spectrum of medical care for children and their families, including emergency and ongoing treatment as well as transitional, respite and palliative care.

Gala co-chairs Mayra Tama and Kristin Prestin did a beautiful job creating a successful, memorable event. The highlight of the evening came when speakers, Dr. Karim Mansour, Pediatric Emergency Medicine Fellowship Director at UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital Oakland, and Charlie Cleberg, patient and longtime ad-

vocate for George Mark Children's House, shared their uplifting stories of the exceptional care provided by the two organizations.

Comprised of 50 energetic Bay Area women who dedicate their time and talent to raise funds on behalf of UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital Oakland and George Mark Children's House, Children's Health Guild has raised over \$2 million since 2011 to directly support these two life-changing organizations, which together provide the most advanced medical technology and compassionate care to children in need—regardless of their family's ability to pay. Originally founded as St. Luke's Junior Auxiliary, the group has raised funds to support women's and children's medical care for over 38 years.

New Troop 200 Eagle Scouts honored

Submitted by Suzanne Roady



Back row, from left: Ryan Barba and Arjun Chimni; front row: Xavier Mountin, Dylan Orsolini and Jake Dohemann. Photo provided

Five new Eagle Scouts from Troop 200 were celebrated at their Eagle Court of Honor June 9 at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Lafayette. For their Eagle projects, Ryan Barba repaired portions of the Moraga Road/Lafayette Rim Trail including entrance signs and timber edging. Arjun Chimni rebuilt a set of benches at Campolindo High School that were in disrepair

and hazardous. Xavier Mountin replaced and expanded outdoor benches in the new courtyard at Our Savior's Lutheran Church. Dylan Orsolini designed, constructed and installed three large entrance signs for Our Savior's Lutheran Church. And Jake Dohemann designed and built practical and educational mobile planter boxes for Husky House at Happy Valley Elementary School.

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