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Moraga Rotary named 'Outstanding Club' in Northern California District

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Three recent presidents of Moraga Rotary accept the recognition banner of "The Outstanding Club of the Year," from left: Club presidents Ron Mucovich, Dianne Wilson, and Kevin Reneau. Sitting: Cliff Dochterman, former Rotary International president and current Moraga Rotary member. Photo provided

The project has brought many segments of the local citizenry to work together, and the playground has been overwhelmingly accepted by children and parents.

The creative playground equipment enables special needs youngsters the opportunity to play with other children, and it serves children from many Bay Area communities.

The current major international project of Moraga Rotary is building a critically needed children's home in Sierra Leone, Africa, for children orphaned due to the outbreaks of ebola. Each speaker at Moraga Rotary last year was presented a backpack to be given to an orphaned child in Sierra Leone to enable them to attend school. Moraga Rotary has raised about \$200,000 for the project, much of which came from local community groups and individuals. Already the kitchen to serve the orphanage has been constructed.

Moraga Rotary has served the community for more than 50 years through sponsorship of 14 Odyssey of the Mind teams, scholarships awards to Campolindo High School and Saint Mary's students, exchange students, sponsoring Interact and Rotaract Clubs at Campolindo and Saint Mary's College, donations to Moraga Education Foundation, and the Field Day for third-, fourth- and fifth-graders. The Club also helps or donates to Monument Crisis Center, Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano, RotaCare Free Clinic, books for the library at Juvenile Hall, assistance to fire and flood disasters, and many other community and international service activities.

Rotary Club of Moraga is a local service club within Rotary International, one of about 33,000 Rotary Clubs in about 200 countries. Regular meetings are held on most Tuesdays at the Moraga Country Club. For further information, call Debbie Koo at (925) 376-9137, or check out moragarotary.org.

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