

Kiwanis Club supports expansion at Xenophon



Photos provided

Chase Collier rides Kiwi in the new Round Pen with side-walkers Bonnie Cornell, Gaby Grant, and Jessica Mangacat.

Submitted by Steve Woehleke

Xenophon Therapeutic Riding Center, in Orinda since 1993, is proud of its new horse Round Pen that will expand this nonprofit's life-changing impact on children with disabilities and health challenges. Through riding and bonding with the therapy horses, the children benefit both physically and emotionally. The new arena will also be used for the veterans and patients with dementia pro-

grams, and supplements the large covered arena and the original smaller outdoor arena. Xenophon's seven therapy horses and passionate team of instructors, therapists and volunteers keep very busy.

Long-term support from the Kiwanis Club of Moraga Valley has included major funding for the recently dedicated Round Pen, and purchase of one of the therapy horses, Kiwi. Club members also volunteer for work parties to help with upkeep and other improvement projects.



Xenophon and Kiwanis Club members at commissioning of the new Round Pen.

In Memory

Joanne Hansen

Resident of Moraga



Joanne Hansen, a resident of Moraga, CA, passed away peacefully in her sleep on July 16th after a 4 and 1/2 year battle with cancer. She was 71. Joanne was born to Clyde and Janet Manning of Oakland, Oregon. She grew up in Oakland before moving with her parents to her grandfather's ranch just outside of Oakland.

Joanne graduated from Oakland High School in 1965 and received a BA in Fine Arts at Oregon State University in 1969 where she met her future husband, Steve Hansen, in the marching band. Joanne then received an MA from the University of Oregon and taught Art Education at Porterville Junior College while Steve finished a graduate

degree at Stanford. They were married in 1971, moved to Corte Madera, joined the Redwoods Presbyterian Church, and started a life together. Joanne sang in the choir. The couple volunteered at Redwoods as advisors to the high school youth group and commuted to San Francisco on the Golden Gate Transit bus each day to pursue professional careers. Joanne worked for Manning's Cafeteria for a time as a receptionist before accepting a position in the Graphic Arts Department at PG&E.

During this time, Joanne and Steve started a family and welcomed son Tom into the world in 1982 and daughter Christie in 1984. Joanne left PG&E to focus on family but also worked doing CAD (computer aided design) for several civil engineering firms. In moments of free time at home, she loved to draw, paint, and do calligraphy. On vacation, Steve and Joanne enjoyed hiking, camping, and travel.

The family moved to Moraga in 1988 when husband Steve's job at Chevron moved from San Francisco to San Ramon. The couple joined the Moraga Valley Presbyterian Church, and the church became another focus of their lives outside of their professional careers. Joanne served two terms as a deacon with Steve, taught Sunday school, sang in the choir, was in the bell choir with Steve, and became a Stephen Minister. She spent many hours writing notes of encouragement to people at church and in the community. Steve and Joanne enjoyed watching musical theater, and over the next 30 years enjoyed dozens of different performances including these favorites: *The Lion King*, *Les Mis*, *Joseph*, *Good Golly Miss Molly*, and *Pirates*.

Joanne is survived by her husband Steve, brother Edward, son Tom and his wife Juli, daughter Christie, grandson Cyprus, many wonderful cousins, and cats Figaro and Bailey.

Local global leader shares heart and soul with community

By Sophie Braccini

Cliff Dochterman was honored July 27 in Moraga for 60 years of service to Rotary. The former University of California administrator spent the afternoon in celebration of friendship and of the club's motto: Service Above Self. The man who served as Rotary International President from 1992-93 did not dwell so much on his many accomplishments while being a part of the organization's leadership, but emphasized the importance of the friendships he and his family had formed, as exemplified by the hundreds of people who came to the luncheon from all over the country.

The speakers and people in attendance recalled how

Dochterman made his mark on the service organization. John Blount – former director of Rotary international hailed his developing of the PolioPlus program that immunized over 2.5 billion children around the world – an achievement Dochterman has always been very careful to credit to several Rotary leaders who made it happen over several years. Bob Werner, past Rotary governor from Arkansas, noted how Dochterman was able to raise millions of dollars for the refugees when the Yugoslav wars erupted in the Balkans. The UN secretary general told Dochterman that what Rotary did at this crucial time saved 100,000 lives.

Dochterman who was a higher education top administrator and fundraiser reached Rotary's top level at a time when the club needed that kind of professional nonprofit management. Vice President John Matthews recalled that there had been troubled years at the head of Rotary and that Dochterman's joyful disposition coupled with great diplomacy allowed for peaceful reorganization. As Brad Howard, Director, Rotary International said, Dochterman combines humanity and leadership and brought real happiness to Rotary.

Dochterman was a young UC Berkeley administrator and assistant to UC President Clark Kerr when a friend of his presented his candidacy to the Rotary three times before it was accepted. Once in, Dochterman rose to the presidency of that Berkeley club five years later, taking his young children along on his local, regional, and later international Rotary adventures. Dochterman's son and daughter shared stories of their "Rotary childhood." Son, Cliff Jr., said that for many



Cliff Dochterman

Photo Carol Irwin

years he thought that the blue and gold colors of Rotary were fashioned after Cal's blue and gold. His daughter told about all the small California towns where they spent their weekends when their father became the district governor. When he became president of Rotary International, she took a sabbatical from her teaching job to help organize his foreign visits with heads of states everywhere.

Those who have heard Dochterman talk know that he is a master at crafting speeches that interlace jokes and moments of deep emotion. Honoring him, the speakers had to be up to par and the presentations were also a friendly battle of wits. There were also moments of emotion, when Dochterman or guests recalled the difficult moments – he has lost both his first and second wife to cancer – but the former president chose to illustrate the power of friendships that helped him and his family to get through these hardships.

The afternoon concluded with the auction of many treasures that had been given to Dochterman by people he met while in the Rotary leadership.

Dochterman, who is now going on 94 years, lives at Moraga Royale, what he calls the next phase of his life. There too he is making friendships while staying active in the Moraga Rotary; he never misses a weekly meeting and was very active during the club's last campaign to build an all access playground at the Moraga Commons Park. Dochterman has published several books, such as "As I Was Saying – a Collection of Speeches and Articles" which is available on Amazon.

National Charity League Hosts Annual Tea for Moraga Royale Residents



Photo provided

Submitted by Ava Caballero

Songs, treats, and conversation were on the menu at the annual National Charity League tea for the residents of Moraga Royale. Hosted by the Lamorinda chapter's class of 2022, the event featured impressionist art-themed decorations and delicious goodies. The group of freshman volunteers enjoyed

mixing and mingling with the guests while serving treats and tea. The NCL class also sang several songs for the guests including "A Spoonful of Sugar" and "Here Comes the Sun." Guests also participated in a raffle for a bouquet of beautiful flowers. The NCL chapter is grateful to Moraga Royale for the opportunity to host this beloved annual event, and to their chapter advisers for organizing it.

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