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Moraga Rotary funds portable two-way radios for Moraga School District

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Superintendent Bruce Burns receives the check to fund 105 multi-channel radios for the Moraga School District from Rotary Club of Moraga from the people who made it happen. From left: Rotarians Evie Michon, Stephanie Dickerson, Debbie Koo, and District Governor-Elect Mark Edwards; Superintendent Bruce Burns, Moraga-Orinda Fire District official Dennis Rein, Moraga Police Chief Jon King, Rotary Assistant Governor Joy Alaidarous, and MOFD Board President Steve Danziger. Photo provided

as a substantive and highly positive achievement."

Local safety partners are pleased with the Rotary donation of portable two-way radios to the schools. Dennis Rein, MOFD emergency preparedness coordinator stated, "During a disaster the ability for the school staff and first responders to communicate directly will be key to keeping the children safe." Moraga Police Chief Jon King added, "Although we all hope we never have to face a disaster or emergency at our schools, we are excited that our teachers will now have the ability to call for help and communicate directly with police and fire personnel who are responding to assist with an emergency situation or incident."

The MSD was unable to purchase radios because of state funding challenges, so Debbie Koo, co-president of the Rotary Club of Moraga, and Rotarian Stephanie Dickerson, a parent member of the MSD Safety Committee, obtained a grant of \$8,000 from Rotary International. The Rotary Club of Moraga donated the additional \$4,000 to provide the full \$12,000 needed to cover the cost of the radios.

"In today's world, the safety of our children and grandchildren is extremely important," Koo said. "Stephanie's passion for school safety made this a very easy decision for the Rotary Club of Moraga. We are proud to be able to help with the purchase of these two-way radios."

Rotary Club of Moraga is a 52-year-old service club within Rotary International, one of about 33,000 Rotary Clubs in about 200 countries. Regular meetings are held on most Tuesdays at Moraga Country Club. If you are interested in joining Rotary, please contact moragarotary@comcast.net or visit the website at moragarotary.com to get in touch with Brian South, membership chair.

Save the date for the Rotary Club of Moraga's annual fundraiser, Nite at the Races, on March 7. One of the primary beneficiaries will be the Moraga School District.

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