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Elaine Gottman and Dawn Lezak Photo provided

Moraga Women's Society donates funds every year to each school in the Moraga School District as part of its donation policy. For the last few years the funds donated to Joaquin Moraga Intermediate School were dedicated to the school's Earth Stewardship class, taught by Dawn Lezak. The class was first started by Elaine Gottman, now retired, to teach students hands-on outdoor activities connecting the sixth-grade curriculum presented in her class. Activities include spending time working in their vegetable and herb garden, digging, planting, composting, conducting experiments, learning about sustainable systems, climate zones, erosion, insects, solar energy, and much more.

Moraga Women's Society members were given a tour of the garden on April 20 where Lezak and students explained their mission. The members were then served refreshments of cucumber sandwiches and tea.

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