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Moraga's 40th Anniversary Celebration Continues



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It began with a festive picnic in the park in September, and continued with a more formal gathering at Saint Mary's College in October; and Moraga is not yet done celebrating its 40th birthday. The Town of Moraga invites residents to a State of the Town discussion, and more celebrating, from 6 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 12 - the actual anniversary date of the town's incorporation - at Saint Mary's College Soda Center. The event is free but the town asks that interested residents RSVP to Mary-Jane Muller at (925) 888-7021 or mjmuller@moraga.ca.us.

Pictured: More than 160 people gathered at Saint Mary's College Soda Center on Oct. 18 to toast Moraga's 40th anniversary, celebrate past achievements and send good wishes for the future of the little town. Many members of Moraga's earliest town councils were present and spoke of the time the battle raged for incorporation. Current council member David Trotter - who is also a member of the Moraga Historical Society, which organized the festive event - offered the final toast of the evening after inviting all of the current and former council members in attendance to join him at the podium. "We assembled here tonight ... express our profound appreciation for all the folks who had the inspiration, starting more than 40 years ago, to imagine a Moraga that could wrest the control over our destiny away from the county planners and bureaucrats in Martinez," he began. Noting that "40 is the new 30," even for a town, Trotter concluded that with Moraga's youthful energy, tireless volunteers and community spirit, the town's best days are still ahead. - S. Braccini

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