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Moraga Rotary Awarded Certificate of Appreciation from County Juvenile Hall Auxiliary

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Moraga Rotarians, spouses, and friends gather around about 300 decorated and stuffed Christmas stockings to be given to children in Juvenile Hall. Photos Carol Irwin

Rotary Club of Moraga was awarded a Certificate of Appreciation by Janet Young, executive director of the Contra Costa County Juvenile Hall Auxiliary, an organization that aids the boys and girls incarcerated there. The award was accepted by Rotarian Barbara Bruner, the community services chair for several years, on behalf of the club.

This is the 18th year that Moraga Rotary has provided about 300-320 children at Juvenile Hall with handmade and decorated Christmas stockings filled with presents such as candy, a pair of socks, a deck of cards, puzzle books, soaps, shampoos, and other cosmetics. The stockings were cut and sewn by Moraga Rotarians, spouses, and friends; girls at Juvenile Hall participated in the decorating of the stockings with original designs in glitter glue. This year, stockings were given to about 30 girls and 270 boys on Christmas Day, along with many dozens of cookies which were donated by Joan Bruzzone. In some cases, the stocking was the only present these children received. The program was

originated by Rotarians Jim and Linda Campbell.

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 Soda Center at Saint Mary's College. For further information, call Frank May at (925) 376-8195, or check out moragarotary.org.



Working the stocking stuffing line, from left: Ron Schopke, Janet Gregory, Marilyn Simonsen, Al Simonsen, Suzanne Costanza, Linda May, Roger Gregory, and Joan Ulrich

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