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Music Therapist Karen Hook enjoys collecting a variety of instruments to play with her clients. Photo by Lorraine Gabbert

Team Evergreen Falcons wins First Lego League Northern California Championship Award

By William Bellou
Publisher

Team Evergreen Falcons (Evergreen Elementary School) has won the First Lego League (FLL) Northern California Championship Award for this year's qualifier tournament.

The event was held at Intel headquarters in Santa Clara on Nov. 8. This proud team of six fifth-graders beat 15 other teams participating at the event to take home the top prize.

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Team Evergreen Falcons won the FLL Northern California Championship Award on Nov. 8.

Therapist uses music to reach clients with autism, learning disabilities

By Lorraine Gabbert
Senior Staff Writer

Specializing in clients with autism and learning disabilities, Registered Music Therapist Karen Hook uses music to address physical, cognitive, and social development in people of all ages.

"I believe that all students, regardless of their abilities, can engage in successful musical experiences," says Hook.

Hook fell in love with children with autism for the first time when a five-year-old boy leaned over and gave her a hug while they were playing music together. "That just melted my heart," she

says. "We have these stereotypes of autistic children being incapable of emotion... This same young man is now almost 14, and his communication has gone from nonverbal to singing his heart out, and he continues to melt my heart."

More recently, while she was singing, "All You Need is Love," by the Beatles, waiting for him to accompany her on the keyboard, he gently took her hand and put it on his chest, next to his heart. "When moments of connection and communication like that happen, it's pure joy for me," she says. "It's very rewarding."

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Aanvi Singhani, Nivedita Sanghavi, Anvi Shettigar, Ritaji Jain, Swara Rao, and Ananya Rao work on a project.

Championship

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Evergreen Falcons team is comprised of six Evergreen Elementary School fifth graders - Nivedita Sanghavi, Ritaji Jain, Aanvi Singhani, Swara Rao, Anvi Shettigar and Ananya Rao.

FIRST LEGO League (FLL®) challenges kids to think like scientists and engineers. During the TRASH TREKSM season, the team built, tested and programmed an autonomous robot using LEGO MINDSTORMS® technology to solve a set of missions in the Robot Game. Throughout their experience, they operated under FLL's signature set of core values, celebrating discovery, teamwork, and gracious professionalism.

The team of six girls also chose and solved a real-world trash problem in their Project. They designed a machine, which uses recyclable material (sorted by the user) to pro-

duce raw materials which can be fed into a 3D printer for making household items. Additionally, the team introduced an incentive-based trash recycling program that can be combined with the machine.

The intent of this invention is to help gradually change long-term habits and mindset around trash and recycling.

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The Evergreen Falcons learned the realities of trash in our lives and explored the creative ways to approach the problem including brainstorming and problem solving their way through the challenge. The team now moves onto to the next level of the competition - the district level tournament to be held sometime early next year.



Swara Rao, Anvi Shettigar, Ananya Rao, Aanvi Singhani, Ritaji Jain, and Nivedita Sanghavi have learned to think like scientists and engineers.

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Evergreen Valley High School (EVHS) Marching Band took first place at the Logan Invitational held in Union City, CA on Nov. 14.

LOGAN INVITATIONAL

EVHS Marching Band wins first place award with highest score of the season

By William Bellou
Publisher

Evergreen Valley High School (EVHS) Marching Band took first place at the Logan Invitational held in Union City, CA on Nov. 14. The Band achieved the highest score of the year, with a judges' accumulation evaluation total of 81.80.

It was another successful year as the band came in first place for the third consecutive year," said Jim del Roario, president, EVHS Band Boosters Club. "The staff and parents are very proud of the students' hard work, commitment and accomplishment in defending our title."

The competition is sanctioned by the

Western Band Association which includes 110 member high school bands with more than 1,200 students participating.

The EVHS Marching Band also won first place awards at two Western Band Association (WBA) competitions held on Nov. 7 in San Jose and in Dublin, on Oct. 31. (See Evergreen Times, Nov. 13, 2015 edition).

"I am so very proud of our band members' achievement this year, and especially the spectacular performance at Logan Invitational," said Steve Barnhill, EVHS Band Director. "The elements of the performance stood out, both musically and visually," he said. "The band members performed with so much emotion and heart that everyone in the audience knew they

had witnessed something very special."

Not only did the EVHS Marching Band win top honors in the AA division competition in Union City, they also received three "Caption Awards" for general effect, music and visual.

"I want to thank our Assistant Band Director Rick Pena for his hard work and dedication, our instructional staff that instills excellence in our members, and of course the great support of the EVHS Band Boosters," said Barnhill. "Everyone is looking forward to another great year."

About the WBA

The WBA competition events encourage and reward creativity, artistry and excellence in

See *EVHS BAND*, next page

Mailbox



Abortion remains hot topic for Times readers

Dear Editor,
I am responding to Aviral Aggarwal's two recent letters to the editor published in the *Evergreen Times* in favor of legal abortion.

First, the controversy surrounding the videos about Planned Parenthood selling baby parts is not over whether they actually have sold body parts; Planned Parenthood itself acknowledges that they have done this (See

"Planned Parenthood Won't Accept Money for Fetal Tissue", *New York Times* October 13, 2015). The accusation is not "false" and the videos are not a "hoax." The only question is whether the videos have been edited in such a way to paint Planned Parenthood in the worst possible light.

Second, abortion clearly is the taking of a human life. With today's advanced technology that allows us to peer inside the womb and see the tiny person there, only those deliberately trying to obfuscate the truth would claim that abortions are removing "masses of tissue." Therefore, the abortion

debate is about either whether a woman's right to end her pregnancy trumps the baby's right to live, or whether some lives are worth living at all. Aggarwal tries both of these arguments.

"It is acceptable to have an abortion to stabilize and maintain a normal healthy lifestyle," says Aggarwal. The argument is, essentially, that if a baby is an inconvenience that will upset the mother's lifestyle, she can dispose of it. While I have heard impassioned pleas in favor of a woman's "right to choose" (to end her baby's life), this callous statement is one of the least persuasive I've come across.

Aggarwal then contends that "[I]f a poor family does not have the means to support a child, the child will grow up feeling neglected, being in a broken household.

These children turn to drug dealing and other crimes." An undercurrent of elitism runs through Aggarwal's musings, equating poor families with broken households and crime, and clearly indicating that some of these lives are not worth living at all. What a slippery slope this is! Perhaps we should also dispose of the chronically ill, the incapacitated, and the elderly who need too much assistance.

Before Aggarwal arrogantly takes Mr. Lipari or any others to task for their audaciousness in questioning his assertions on a weighty subject, I suggest he first check his facts, develop more cogent arguments, and find someone to edit his writing.

Gerald D. Dean
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Times Local News



The EVHS Marching Band Color Guard put on an impressive visual spectacle at this year's competition events, contributing greatly to the Band's high visual scores throughout the season.

EVHS Band

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design and performance while providing a vehicle that will educate all students in such a way that they will grow to understand and evolve to the greatest level of their potential.

EVHS Band Competition

Union City, CA Nov. 14, 2015
AA Division results

Evergreen Valley HS	81.80
Beyer HS	78.60
Los Altos HS	76.60
Terra Nova HS	74.45
Vanden HS	73.05
Christopher HS	68.30

Evergreen Valley High School Marching Band

Director: Steven A. Barnhill
Assistant Director: Rick Pina
Design Staff Music: Scott Pierson
Design Staff Visual: Rick Pina
Design Staff Percussion: Brian Sears and Adam Tsukamoto
Design Staff Auxiliary: Megan Wong
Instructional Staff: Tim Bacon - Winds,

Conner The, Robby Lee and Kristian Llanes - Drums, Peter Nguyen - Front Ensemble, Justin Cunha and Malik Campbell - Visual, Megan Wong and Kelly Hartnett - Guard
Drum Major: Aayush Tyagi
Captain: Ailan Nguyen
Number of Performers: 75
Name of 2015 Program: Danzon
Website: www.evhsband.org

About the EVHS Instrumental Music Program

The instrumental music program at Evergreen Valley High School consists of the following groups, all under the able direction of Mr. Steven A. Barnhill:

- Concert Band
- Conservatory Ensemble
- Marching Band
- String Orchestra
- Symphonic Band
- Wind Ensemble

EVHS Band Boosters

If you would like to contribute to the EVHS Instrumental Music Program, or volunteer your time and talent, contact Steven Barnhill at (408) 347-7034, or at email: barnhills@esuhsd.org.



Leading Legends

The San Jose Silicon Valley Chamber of Commerce featured San Francisco 49er **Joe Montana** (inset) for its signature event of the year, Legends & Leaders on Nov. 19 at the Fairmont Hotel in San Jose. The event celebrates excellence in education and community leadership. Also in attendance was San Francisco 49er **Dwight Clark** pictured here with Evergreen Resident **Bob Mann**.



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News from the Villages

Veterans' Day Program, 'Anchors Aweigh, My Boys, Anchors Aweigh!'



A nation celebrates and remembers

Clockwise, from top left: **Ed Cavanaugh** (center) stands with other Navy veterans **Glenn Hamilton** (left to right) and **Jim Whatley** and **Hank Clark** (far right) during a high emotional point in the program when the musical salute, "Armed Forces - The Pride of America" is directed to the musical sounds of "Anchors Aweigh," the song associated with the United States Navy. Above photo, center: Captain **Gregory Stump**, United States Coast Guard (left to right) with wife, **Leigh-Anne Wencker Stump**; **Rose Herrera**, Vice Mayor, San Jose, and Captain **Robert Semple**, United States Army (retired), strike a happy pose at the 29th annual Veteran's Day Celebration. Above photo, right: The presentation of the colors by the United States Marine Color Guard are observed by all assembled at the celebration. Photo at left: (Left to right) **Ken Carter**, Director, The Villages Voices; Captain **Stump**, and Captain **Thomas Roy Harney**, United States Air Force (retired), are all smiles at the beginning of the celebration. *Photos/Captions by Thom Harney.*

Times Local News

Evergreen stars shine at Chinese Star

By Charles Crosby
Special to the Times

Twenty five Evergreen students were recently honored by Santa Clara County for their participation in the Second Annual Chinese Star Competition.

Students honored are from Quimby Oak, JF Smith, Matsumoto, Carolyn Clark, Norwood Creek and Evergreen.

The contest goal is to encourage and develop global awareness, apply 21st Century skills and provide a platform for contestants to demonstrate multilingual talents and language proficiency in Chinese.

This competition actively encourages Chinese language learning and interests towards Chinese Culture among Silicon Valley's K-12 students, promotes and stimulates Pathway Awards for students who are learning mandarin in Santa Clara County by recognizing their achievements and provides a platform for Chinese learners to show their multilingual talents and language proficiency in Chinese, and to enhance Sino-US friendship.

Students competed in categories that included Calligraphy (Pen / Brush) Painting / Drawing, Chinese Poetry Oral Presentation, Mandarin Speech, and Team Videos. The Evergreen contingent was among 300 students who submitted more than 480 entries.

"The Chinese Star contest offers the opportunity for youth to apply their perspectives of global awareness and multilingual-

"The Chinese Star contest offers the opportunity for youth to apply their perspectives of global awareness and multilingualism."

- Superintendent of Schools Jon R. Gundry

ism," said Superintendent of Schools Jon R. Gundry in a news release. "Student products demonstrated the ability to creatively and effectively communicate with diverse audiences through real-life application, research, and technology."

The event was attended by representatives from the Confucius Institute, Chinese Consulate General of San Francisco, California Department of Education, and local school districts.

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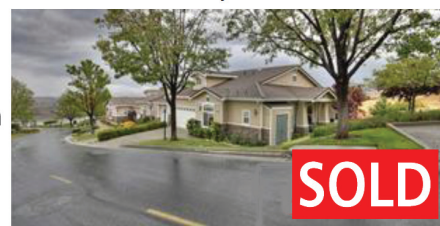
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"We know that for many families, a turkey dinner is an important tradition," said Kathy Jackson, CEO of Second Harvest Food Bank. "We are depending on the community to help us meet our turkey goal. But we also need monetary donations to help feed our hungry neighbors long after the holidays are over. Nearly a quarter of a million people rely on Second Harvest for food every month, during the holidays and all year long."

The Food Bank launched its Holiday Food and Fund Drive last month with a goal of raising \$15 million and 2 million pounds of food. This is a critical drive because Second Harvest raises nearly half its annual revenues during the holiday season.

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**Thanksgiving
Thoughts**

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What events are really sacred?
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Where we should place our emphasis?

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How about that aging mother
Who aches to see her girl or son?

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How about the sick and shut-in,
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(L to R) Roberta Ortega, Linda Ulleseit, and Maureen McClintock celebrate JF Smith's achievement.

James F. Smith School recognized as a Blue Ribbon school

By Charles Crosby
Special to the Times

U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan recognized 335 schools as National Blue Ribbon Schools for 2015 based on academic excellence or their progress in closing achievement gaps among student subgroups Nov. 9-10.

Riding high among them was James F. Smith School (JFS). The schools were celebrated at a ceremony in Washington D.C. November 9-10.

Maureen McClintock was JFS principal until this year, when she moved to her new role at Cadwallader. She worked closely with Kristi Frankina and Linda Ulleseit, who wrote the Blue Ribbon proposal, to get the JFS story out to the judging panel. She joined current principal Roberta Ortega, Assistant Superintendent Dan Deguara and Ulleseit in Washington to receive the honor.

McClintock said this mark of success is owed to many. "The entire JFS community is to be honored for this award," said McClintock. "The teaching and support staff are to be commended for the work they do with students each day. They are dedicated professionals with high expectations for their students. Students are to be recognized for their perseverance and curiosity. Parent involvement is also a key component to the success of JFS as witnessed by daily parent volunteers, support of after school programs, and the individual support of students at home. It is an honor to have JFS recognized, at a national level, as a high achieving school."

Ortega, who also heralded the role so many have played in the school's success, echoes the sentiment. "This national award acknowledges the academic rigor that JFS students are consistently attaining," she said.

"This is a tribute to the teachers, support staff and our parent community who continue to focus on student learning. Our motto of "Learning Today, Leading Tomorrow" is internalized, creating a dynamic environment of excellence. Doing your personal best is upheld as a standard within our entire educational community."

State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Torlaxson said in a news release, "California's newly selected Blue Ribbon Schools are among the best in the nation and reflect our state's commitment to preparing students for college and career. We celebrate these models of excellence as they shine in the national spotlight. I congratulate all the hardworking students, teachers, parents, staff, and administrators who made this recognition possible."

The JFS student executive officially presented a slideshow to mark the honor at the November 12 meeting of the Evergreen School District Board of Trustees and the school celebrated with their own community at a party held November 20. But the "celebrating" will go on all year as students, staff, parents and the broader community honor all JFS has achieved, all they mean to the community and all they will continue to do in the year and many years ahead.

CODING ENCOURAGED Computer Science in the age of tech

By Kevin Lin
Special to the Times

On my middle school orientation, I remember walking past that room with the endless rows of computers. That room was like a dream -white computers, shiny gray keyboards, and slick computer mice.

But when I actually walked into my seventh grade computer tech class, I was disappointed. The class focused on learning how to type, how to use text editors, and how to correctly send an email to the teacher. Now, don't get me wrong. These tasks are essential, but they are not catching up to the standards of today's society.

We live in the Silicon Valley, a tech-corporation-dominated society that

stresses innovation. The discipline of computer science is very important in advancing mobile software and artificial intelligence. Biological researchers use Java to help model the life cycle of cells. Businesses hire web developers skilled in HTML to design websites. Programming languages are used in every field.

Unfortunately, not all schools are promoting coding, which should be introduced as early as middle school, so that students can have the time to develop their interest. Thus, teens and adults with coding experience should make an effort to share their knowledge and contribute to society. They should take the initiative and start programs in their community to teach others. I have started a free class at the local Evergreen Public Library teaching Python language pro-

gramming to 7th-12th graders.

Taught under the name of "Evergreen Engineering and Computer Science Society (EECSS)," we aim to get students interested in coding by teaching basic programming concepts and engaging them in creative projects. We plan to expand to other branches as well.

Pretty soon, programming will be an inseparable part of life. To students and adults, if you haven't already, I urge you all to take the first step into computer science and learn how to code. You will test your creativity, logical thinking, and problem solving determination. You will

find pleasure in collaboration, as you and your friends work together to create a project from scratch. So let your mind be challenged, your ideas blossom, and join the advancing technological age with computer science.



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The Santa Clara County Library District (SCCLD) has partnered with First5 Santa Clara County in the “1000 Books Before 6” initiative, urging parents to read to their children 1,000 books before they reach the age of six.

Modeled after the 1,000 Books before Kindergarten program, the new 1,000 Books Before Six program was first introduced at SCCLD’s Cupertino Library in Dec. 2013. It was so well received by library patrons, the program is now offered at all SCCLD libraries.

“Research has shown that 90 percent of a child’s brain develops in the first five years of life states Emily Lo, Chair, Joint Powers Authority of Santa Clara County Library District, “These critical first years also create a window of opportunity for parents and communities to help shape how a child’s brain matures while, at the same time, laying a solid foundation for learning,” said Lo. “Here in Santa Clara County, I’m pleased that our residents have access to a variety of libraries which endorse and encourage parents and guardians to read daily to their children, providing an assortment of fun programs and activities they can participate in to enrich their child’s life.”

Free workshops, concerts and literature focusing on early childhood literacy for parents and caregivers are offered at all SCCLD libraries. Parents are encouraged to pick up their copy of the pamphlets “Every Child Ready to Read,” and “1,000 Books Before

Six” booklists for teaching and learning tips as well as incentives to encourage reading in children 0-6 years of age.

Additional research on the benefits of reading to young children conducted by Australia’s Melbourne Institute of Applied Economic and Social Research in 2013 not only proved a link between how often a child is read to and his or her development but also the benefits received through daily reading. The study worked with children from a variety of backgrounds and socioeconomic levels. It was discovered that neither the level of household income nor the level of parental education seemed to matter. What did matter was one basic thing: daily reading leads to better developmental outcomes.” <http://bit.ly/1RoMTRI>

In “Every Child Ready to Read,” SCCLD offers tips to help children develop literacy and pre-reading skills. Simple activities such as reading, talking and singing are important to helping children learn language and reading skills. “And, completing the 1,000 books before age 6 challenge, isn’t as hard as one might think,” stated Nancy Howe, County Librarian for SCCLD. “If a parent or caregiver reads three books a day to



The Chow family of Campbell gets ready to start filling in their reading logs at the Campbell Library.

their child, they will have read 1,095 books by the end of one year! Just think of the possibilities for learning,” Howe exclaimed. Free, colorful log books will be given to parents to help keep track and mark off the number of books read. Incentives and prizes are awarded as the books are logged. In addition to these programs, all SCCLD libraries offer:

- Displays of classic and new children’s books (check out up to 100 books at a time)
- Story times
- Interactive eBooks

- AWE stations (an all-in-one educational computer station designed for kids ages 2–10) at each library

- Audio books (CDs, downloadable and with device)

- Read with Me Kits (kits are created around a single theme, such as Colors, Dinosaurs, or Bedtime and includes: Books, CD or DVD, Puppet and Activity suggestions)

- Take Home Science Kits (kits include: 1-2 books on subject matter, 2 laminated activity cards, notebook to keep for recording results)

- Special events, classes, and concerts just for kids

- Reading recommendations for young children by experienced Children’s Librarians

The program is free and open to everyone. Register at any SCCLD location and pick up a reading log to track the progress. Color one circle for each book read. Every time 50 books have been read, return the log to the library for a sticker. Once parents and children reach the 100 and 500 mark, they receive a special prize. At 1,000 books read, participants receive a special certificate of completion and a free book. Since the program began in Sept. 2015, more than 650 children and their caregivers have signed up for the program.

CALM ADVICE FROM CHARLES “CHICKEN” LITTLE

Even in a drought, flooding can occur.
ARE YOU READY?

Water district’s top tips this flood season

- Prepare a family disaster plan.
- Make an emergency kit for your home and car.
- Keep a full tank of gas in your car.
- Know your local streams and drainage channels.
- Purchase flood insurance for your home.
- Avoid low-lying areas and learn the best route to high ground.
- Never drive through flooded areas. Just one foot of water will float away most cars.
- Designate a family meeting spot in the event of an emergency.
- Check for current data on stream, reservoir and precipitation gauge information at www.valleywater.org/services/alert.aspx.



Times **News Briefs****Latest phone scam hits
Evergreen Valley**

Several Evergreen Valley residents have reported receiving a call from a scam artist stating he represented the sheriff's department and that there was a warrant out against them for failure to appear at a recent Jury selection appointment.

The caller, according to witnesses, sounded very official saying they were required to appear in Superior Court on Nov. 30. The caller gave them the time, case number and the Judge's name. He explained that since they did not have a criminal record, their cases would probably be dismissed.

The caller requested that money be sent for a bond by going to use pay pal, or use a cash, or issuing a wire transfer at the local drug store. The caller explained the money would most likely be paid back after an appearance in court. An Evergreen resident was conned out of \$4,000 using this scam.

If someone actually missed a jury selection appointment, a second notice would be sent by court.

**Facebook 'gift exchange' is
really a pyramid scheme**

It may only be November, but scammers are already taking advantage of holiday goodwill. The latest seasonal scam is a gift exchange that's actually a pyramid scheme. Look out for this con on Facebook, Instagram and other social sites.

How the Scam Works:

You spot a friend's post on your Facebook or Instagram feed. It's inviting you to join a gift exchange, and it sounds like a great deal. If you buy one \$10 gift for a stranger, you will receive as many as 36 gifts back. Some people are even posting photos of all the gifts they have received in the mail.

This "gift exchange" is the latest version of a hoax that's been around for years. It's the same premise as a pyramid scheme and or the pre-Internet chain letters. The idea is that you send money (or a gift) to the person at the top of the list, cross them off, add your name to the bottom and send the list to more friends. Eventually, you hope, your name will be at the top, and you will receive all the money or gifts. However the scheme relies on constantly recruiting new participants, making it mathematically impossible to sustain. This may seem like a harmless hoax, but these schemes are a form of gambling and illegal in the U.S. and Canada.

Protect Yourself From Social Media Scams:

Take the following steps to protect yourself and others from scam links shared through Facebook, Twitter and other social media:

- Don't take the bait. If it sounds too good or outlandish to be true, it's probably a scam. Stay away from promotions of anything "exclusive," "shocking," or "sensational."

- Be careful of shortened links. Scammers use link-shortening services to disguise malicious links. Don't fall for it. If you don't recognize the link destination, don't click.

- Don't trust your friends' taste online. It might not actually be them "liking" or sharing scam links to photos. Their account may have been hacked or compromised by malware.

- Report the scam to Facebook and Instagram. Follow the instructions on each site for reporting suspicious activity.

To find out more about other scams, check out BBB Scam Stopper (bbb.org/scam). To report a scam, go to Better Business Bureau (BBB) Scam Tracker (bbb.org/scamtracker)

Resources for residents in need

For many of us, winter represents the holiday season and time spent with our families. For others, winter can be a tough time. The County is working with community partners to help people safe during the cold winter months.

If you know of anyone in need of cold weather shelter, the County funds such a program that runs from November 30 through March 31. HomeFirst (formerly EHC Lifebuilders) operates the Boccardo Reception Center at 2011 Little Orchard Street in San Jose. During the winter months, HomeFirst opens the Gilroy National Guard Armory at 8490 Wren Avenue to meet additional need. Likewise, the Onizuka Air Force Station at 1100 Innovation Way in Sunnyvale will be used to house residents in need.

For residents and families in need of food, the Second Harvest Food Bank has the Food Connection line at (800) 984-3663 or (408) 266-8866 x101. Food Connection can tell

you where you can get free food at locations near your home or work. You can also learn about special holiday meals being served across the County to those in need.

If you would like to donate time, money, or food to Second Harvest, please visit <http://www.shfb.org> for more information. To learn about volunteer opportunities in shelters or how to donate money and goods like blankets, toiletries, clean socks, and underwear, visit <http://www.home-firstsc.org/donate-today/>.

Socks for Seniors celebrates 15 years

Socks for Seniors is celebrating its 15th year as a service project collecting and distributing new socks for seniors throughout the country.

Each year, thousands of lonely and financially challenged seniors struggle with the holiday blues. They dread facing the holiday season alone - some being without family or friends, some with the isolation of being a widow or widower.

Some seniors just being away from children and grandchildren produces extreme loneliness that's exaggerated by festivities of the season.

Socks for Seniors and its volunteers have one priority this Holiday Season and that is to bring holiday cheer along with a pair of new socks to warm the hearts and cover the cold feet of our elderly seniors.

The Socks for Seniors program benefits those living alone and in nursing homes and yes even those seniors that are homeless.

For more information, visit socksfor seniors.com.

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Times Local News

Evergreen School District and Saturday Night Live

By Rita Swencionis
Special to the Times

Teaching is reminiscent of directing a play, and I've always preferred comedy over tragedy.

My bottom line quality for choosing a date was always a good sense of humor. It has served me well in my choice of a spouse. This year will be our 30th wedding anniversary.

In my opinion, "improv" is step above the ordinary in comedy. As teachers, we must often improvise, so I think many of us identify with comedians. Katie Rich writes for Saturday Night Live. She came via Chicago's Second City comedy club, the "Improv Club" which gave us Gilda Radner, Stephen Colbert,

Tina Fey, Mike Nichols, Elaine May.

Rich wrote an article for the September Southwest Airlines magazine: "Comedy of Errors, Five lessons on teamwork and failure from the halls of Saturday Night Live". She started out humbly, writing about a colossal failure of a show she wrote. But Rich concludes that segment with how terrific was the aftermath with her team. The director told the actors to never again mention it, but, in fact, they are always joking about it.

She preaches what we are telling our students with Common Core, that it's great to work with a team. Rich loves working with a team because it's "so much better and more exciting than what we create

on our own."

Say, "Yes, and... 'yes' to the people on your team." The "and" part is to be present, with "less attitude and more gratitude". Respect the people you work with by respecting their ideas and thoughts. And listen, "Listen. Listen. Oh my goodness, just listen." Listen instead of thinking about what you're going to say when the person talking is done speaking. Just stop talking and listen. "And" is bring your voice, and if you don't really have one, just listen.

Know your role-only enter a scene when you are needed. And needs change all the time. "When you're frustrated with your teammates, think: 'Would I want to work with me?' Be the player you would want to play with."

"Don't try to fix everything. You cannot change the people you work with", but you can change how you react to them. Try getting a kick out of people you find annoying.

"See the whole picture" – don't forget about the other people who are not on the stage. A character on stage at SNL is backed up by over 100 people who support that character.

"Goshdarnit, be good to each other." "Treat others like they are geniuses, like they are important, and guess what - they will feel that way. And they'll remember you made them feel that way. And the team will get better."

The Evergreen community knows the days of the teachers and administrators acting like a family, "The Evergreen Family," are in the

past. A return to those days would be good. The Trustees and the employees of the Evergreen School District (ESD) should act like we are all on the same team. Trustees and district leaders need to examine the whole picture.

Fighting the teachers on our contract year after year is ruining our district. ESD needs to look at their priorities and recognize the value of the teachers. They need to move to settle our contract. It will not harm the students. Treating teachers well is treating the students well. It is time for Evergreen School District to be good to the teachers, to treat us well.

Editor's note: Rita Swencionis is Treasurer for the Evergreen Teachers' Association.

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Barnes & Noble offers special Holiday shopping event for educators Dec. 5

To recognize the company's commitment to pre-K-12 educators and administrators, Barnes & Noble is offering teachers a special holiday shopping event on Saturday, December 5, at its Eastridge Mall location.

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"Barnes & Noble is pleased to continue our tradition of offering educators a special day of discounted holiday shopping on December 5," said Sarah DiFrancesco, Vice President of Business Development, Barnes & Noble, Inc.

"Teachers may use the discount to purchase holiday gifts for co-workers or students, special items for their classrooms or treat themselves to something special," she said. "Teachers help make our country great by educating our children and Barnes & Noble wants them to know they are valued and appreciated."

For more information, educators can contact the Eastridge Barnes & Noble Community Business Development Manager Michael Koller, at 408-270-9477 or crm2247@bn.com

Times Features

Music

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“Karen has a heart of gold and she is all about using music to better the lives of children, seniors, and really everyone that she touches,” says Natalie Miller, whose son Aidan takes piano lessons from Hook. “She teaches in a therapeutic framework. It’s a rewarding way to work fine and large motor skills.”

Miller says Aidan has a very sweet singing voice, a good sense of rhythm, and responds well to music, grasping new concepts more easily and remaining more focused when being taught within a musical environment. “Today, he knows that listening to, or playing music will immediately calm his nerves,” she says.

As a parent, Miller also finds it gratifying to see a music education emerge for Aidan, along with life lessons for them both through music therapy. “I learned the technique of ‘your turn/my turn’ specifically from watching Miss Karen,” she says, “and I employ it in most aspects of our everyday life.”

The autism spectrum ranges from low functioning to extremely intelligent individuals with impairments in social, vocal, and sensory motor skills. Each person’s abilities and disabilities are unique. As noted autism activist Temple Grandin says, “If you’ve met one person with autism, you’ve met one person with autism.”

As a music therapist, Hook focuses on communication skills, cognitive skills, motor skills, movement to music, and balancing. She also works with her clients on sensory regulation, providing sensory input with instruments, such as the vibrations created by hitting a steel HAPI drum. “You’ll often see someone with autism rocking back and forth, spinning, or flapping their hands,” she says. “They’re trying to make sense of their environment and give themselves sensory input.”

A child with autism often lacks spatial perspective, so executing movement can be difficult. “They might be thinking they’re walking across the room, and they end up walking into the wall,” says Hook. “It’s frustrating for them because it’s not their intention, and they can’t express it. I have children who want to sit next to me on the piano bench, and they end up sitting in my lap because they can’t place themselves properly next to me.”

Sensory input like vibrations, pressure, and music with a steady beat help organize sound environments. “Music is mathematical in the way it’s organized and structured measure-to-measure,” she says. “I’m giving children sensory regulation and helping them learn ways to take charge of that so they can participate in more activities.”

With affective or emotional development, the goal is to increase a person’s self-esteem. “I want them to participate in mainstream choir and play an instrument in band,” says Hook. “Several of my students do that.”

Last year, Hook was invited to view the documentary, “Alive Inside,” which features Dan Cohen enriching the lives of individuals with Alzheimer’s and dementia through personalized music played on iPods.

In the documentary, a man sits hunched over with his head hanging down, and doesn’t recognize his daughter, who is trying to talk to him. But when the nurse’s aide turns on the music on his iPod, he sits up, is animated, and sings along with the music. Ten minutes later, when she takes his headset off, he is able to converse with his daughter.

In another clip, a woman with tight limbs affected by cerebral palsy is restless in bed. When the nurse put earphones playing her music on her, the woman’s limbs relax and she moves her head and legs in rhythm to the music.

“I was so moved and amazed by it,” says Hook. Through Music & Memory, a nonprofit organization founded by Cohen, personnel at nursing facilities, assisted living facilities, hospital staff, and hospices are trained to research what music each resident likes, and how to program iPods to help seniors trigger their forgotten memories.



Above: Music Therapist **Karen Hook** takes turns playing the HAPI drum with **Aidan Miller**. “Karen has a heart of gold and she is all about using music to better the lives of children, seniors, and really everyone that she touches,” says **Natalie Miller**, Aidan’s mother. Photo courtesy of **Karen Hook** and **Natalie Miller**. Below: **Dan Cohen** enriches the lives of individuals with Alzheimer’s and dementia through personalized music played on iPods. Photo credit: **Michael Rossato-Bennett**; courtesy of **Music and Memory**



“In people with Alzheimer’s or dementia, musical memories are the last memories to be affected by the disease, and are often associated with a certain time in someone’s life. Therefore, that person will associate a song with that time, and those memories will be sparked,” says **Alexis Gregos**, Community Outreach Coordinator with Music and Memory. “Personalized music can also help lessen stress and agitation, sun-dawning, and overall help improve the quality of life.”

“The beauty of it is that someone who knows the person, like a family member, knows what music the person listened to as a child, and in their courtship years,” says Hook. “Someone with Alzheimer’s may not”
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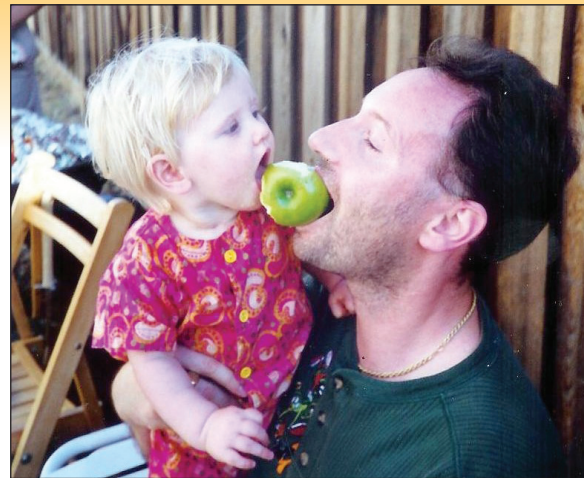
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Times **Feature**

'Tis the season to be safe

By Vice Mayor Rose Herrera
Special to the Times

The holidays should be a happy time – a time to spend with family and friends, exchanging gifts and celebrating traditions. Unfortunately, some people think of it as a perfect opportunity to take advantage of our generosity with each other while they plan their move to steal whatever is available and unattended. Don't let the happiness of the holidays lull you into letting them get the best of you and your family this season. Be aware of your surroundings and do a few things to keep your valuables safe.

The change in our regular routine can make us forget to take precautions that prevent us from being a victim of crime. Take a breath, be aware and don't forget to keep valuables out of sight and enjoy the holiday free of crime.

Here are some tips to help celebrate safely this holiday season:

IF YOU'RE TRAVELING

Get an automatic timer for your lights.

Ask a neighbor to watch your home and park in the driveway from time to time.

Don't forget to have mail and newspaper delivery stopped. If it piles up, it's a sure sign you're gone.

IF YOU'RE OUT FOR THE EVENING

Turn on lights and the radio or TV so it looks like somebody's home.

Be extra cautious about locking doors and windows when you leave, even if it's just for a few minutes.

Don't display gifts where they can be seen from outside.

IF YOU'RE SHOPPING

Stay alert and be aware of what's going on around you.

Park in a well-lighted space, and be sure to lock the car, close the windows, and hide shopping bags and gifts in the trunk.

Avoid carrying large amounts of cash; pay with a check or credit card whenever possible.

Deter pickpockets and purse-snatchers. Don't overburden yourself with packages. Be extra careful with purses and wallets. Carry a purse close to your body, not dangling by the straps. Put a wallet in an inside coat or front pants pocket.

Only carry a minimal amount of credit cards when out shopping.

Do not carry your Social Security Card or PIN numbers in your wallet or purse, leave these

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Times Feature

Music

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remember the day, where they are, or their family, but when personalized music is turned on, they become animated and engaged again because the neurons in the brain are firing.”

Hook was so impressed with the Music and Memory program, she started an iPod donation drive for residents of Lincoln Glen Manor, a local senior living facility. Through friends and family and the 2017 Almaden/Blossom Valley Chapter of National Charity League (NCL), she received more than 30 iPod players and \$300 in iTunes gift cards and was able to give Lincoln Glen \$600 in cash towards the \$1000 Music and Memory training and certification.

“NCL was amazing,” she says. “They jumped all over it. Most of the donations came from them. They’re a powerful group of volunteers.”

“Kit Lurie brought it to our attention that Karen was interested in starting a Music and Memory program,” says NCL Patroness Darcy Regan. “As our philanthropy focus last year was Lincoln Glen, she thought it would be the perfect segue. ‘Alive Inside’ is so inspiring. The girls saw a clip on YouTube and were very moved by it. With our donations, Lincoln Glen got up and running and we’re proud to be a part of it.”

Jessenia Zepeda, Activity Director at Lincoln Glen Manor, says that her staff was also inspired by the documentary and motivated to improve their residents’ day-to-day lives. “Residents benefit from having personalized playlists on their iPods,” she says. “The greatest results have been with residents who are agitated; it helps them relax and brings back old memories. Their favorite songs frequently are from when they were in high school and the fun times of their youth. Often, residents respond by tapping their feet, or singing along to the music. We have seen great results with the Music and Memory program here at Lincoln Glen.”

Hook is interested in continuing the Music and Memory program at another senior living facility in the South Bay. The Atrium just opened their memory care unit, but isn’t cer-



Through Music & Memory, a nonprofit organization founded by **Dan Cohen**, personnel at nursing facilities, assisted living facilities, hospital staff, and hospices are trained to research what music each resident likes, and how to program iPods to help seniors trigger their forgotten memories. *Photo credit: Michael Rossato-Bennett; courtesy of Music and Memory*

tified in the Music and Memory program. In the meantime, Hook takes her music theory clients there to perform on a regular basis, from sing-alongs to concerts. “My students provide entertainment and the joy of seeing children of all ages perform,” says Hook, “as well as showing the residents that they’re not the only ones with a disability. Their bodies may not move as well as they’d like, and their eyesight may be failing, but there’s a child with autism and look what they have to overcome. It gives them perspective. We’re helping them, as well as my clients who need to be out in the community, and love to share their musical gifts. It’s not often a child on the autism spectrum gets to do community service and the residents just love it. I hope The Atrium will be the next beneficiary of my iPod project.”

A Musical Background

Hook grew up in a very musical family in St. Louis, Missouri. She says that her mother, Jan, is still a wonderful piano player, and her grandmother Rose played beautifully when she was alive. “It was assumed that my older sister, Margie, would play the piano,” says Hook, “so some of my earliest musical memories are being dragged to her piano lessons.”

Hook, then age four, had to sit quietly every afternoon while her sister practiced. “I

just wanted to play the piano so badly,” she says. “Finally, my grandmother told the piano teacher, who was her good friend, that her youngest granddaughter wanted to play piano, but she didn’t think she had any talent.”

But at age six, when she started playing, Hook could stretch an octave. She took piano lessons all the way through college, earning a Bachelor’s Degree in Music Therapy with a minor equivalent in Piano Performance from the University of Kansas.

When Hook was in high school and considering what major to pursue in college, her close friend, Jane Gilbert, told her about music therapy. Hook thought it sounded really cool. Her father, Sid Schoenfeld, worked as an audiologist and ran programs for the hearing impaired for all of the St. Louis County schools. As there was one umbrella school district serving students with physical handicaps, developmental disabilities, and emotional handicaps, Hook remembers being around special needs children from a young age. “My dad taught me to treat all people with respect,” she says.

The summer after her junior year of college was a turning point as she had the opportunity to work with special needs children at a camp in upstate New York and loved it. She completed her clinical intern-

ship working with developmentally disabled adults at the Alan Short Center and on the pediatric and crisis intervention units at St. Joseph’s Hospital in Stockton. Hook received a Master’s Degree in Special Education from San Francisco State University.

Hook later worked for The Learning Company and Academy in San Jose and taught Kindermusik for about 12 years. “I enjoyed seeing children interact and the moms and dads enjoying it, too,” she says. “It was such a good curriculum with a strong emphasis on language development, communication skills, self-concept, and self-esteem.” Through Kindermusik, she mainstreamed four- and five-year-olds with autism, working with them with self-regulation, attention skills, taking turns, and sharing. “Music is such a tool for young children to explore their world,” she says.

She has worked with a variety of special education classrooms in Cupertino, Alum Rock, Oak Grove, Franklin McKinley, Gilroy Unified, Live Oak, and Santa Clara Office of Education classrooms, and provided Music Therapy services for the City of San Jose’s Therapeutic Recreation Services.

Today, in addition to offering music therapy classes in her home office, Hook enjoys working at Creekside School as a music therapist consultant. With her younger students, she works with group music experiences, building engagement, interaction, relationships, and longer exchanges of music. In the motor room, she plays her keyboard while the children play with music happening around them. Recently, while she was playing, she had a nice rhythm going and a boy on the scooter started repeating it. Their exchange continued for five minutes. “That’s the goal for all children with autism,” says Hook, “to relate to their world in a constructive manner and communicate, attending to the environment.”

“I hope there will always be music in my life,” says Hook. “It’s just who I am. Music has given me a job that rewards me daily. It’s given me a chance to share what I love with the community, and especially with children who really need it.”

For more information, or to donate iPods or iTunes gift cards, please email Karen Hook at khookrmt@yahoo.com or see karenhook.com.

Safety

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items in a secure place at home.

Taking the extra time to close your purse and keep it with you while shopping or in public places will reduce the opportunity for thieves to take wallets and other valuables.

Shopping with kids? Teach them to go to a store clerk or security guard if you get separated.

When possible walk to your car with someone or ask a store employee to walk with you to your car especially after dark. For more holiday safety tips go to: <http://www.sjpd.org/BFO/Community/Crimeprev/PreventionTips/HolidaySafety.html>

Pre-Holiday Public Safety Meeting Held

I wanted to help prepare

Evergreen residents to stay safe during the holidays and introduce them to the latest technology in public safety, so I hosted a Public Safety Fair at Evergreen Community Center on Monday, November 23rd where we invited our police department Assistant Police Chief, Eddie Garcia as well as Lt. Paul Messier who oversees the Burglary Unit, to give us their best tips on staying safe. They also shared the latest and greatest in public safety technology that our police department is using to catch criminals.

Prior to the Presentations we held a public safety fair where Private industry safety experts/services shared up-to-date information and vendors including MP Security Installation, Xfinity, On View Security Systems, AEC Alarms, Pratt Security Systems, Sure Lock Homes Burglar Alarms

and ADT displayed their latest products. Many of these companies provide mobile apps that allow you to arm or disarm your home security system as well as view video feeds remotely so you can monitor activity away from home.

During last year’s budget proposals, I voted along with my colleagues to enhance neighborhood safety by funding more LED street-light conversions, traffic calming measures, voluntary camera registry and the use of data analytics to predict and prevent crime.

My council colleagues and I recognized that many residents have purchased high tech video cameras that capture illegal activity on their property and around their neighborhood supported our police department implementing a program to register the location of cameras in order to help officers collect video evidence and follow

up on leads. The program enables SJPD to directly contact CRP registrants who are using video in an area in which a crime occurred. To register your camera, go to: http://www.sjpd.org/_forms/CameraRegistrationFAQs.asp. Once you’ve registered, if any video evidence is found, the resident or business owner can contact the Crime Prevention Unit by calling (408) 277-4133 to make arrangements for video retrieval.

In addition to all of these tips to keeping safe during the holidays and avoid becoming a victim of crime, it’s important to remain aware of ways to keep your neighborhood safe and not allow criminals the upper hand by leaving valuables out in the open. One of the best ways to stay alert and create a safer neighborhood is to host a Neighborhood Watch meeting and get to know your neighbors. If

you’re interested in finding our more information about the Neighborhood Watch Program or to schedule your first meeting, call the San Jose Police Department Crime Prevention Unit (408) 277-4133 or go online to: <http://www.sjpd.org/BFO/Community/Crimeprev/neighborhoodwatch.html>.

For additional year-round tips on avoiding being a victim of crime go to: http://www.sjpd.org/BFO/Community/Crimeprev/PreventionTips/Prevent_Burglary.html

Have a wonderful holiday and my best wishes to you and your family.

If you have any further questions or comments, please do not hesitate to email my office at district8@sanjoseca.gov.

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'Fantasy of Lights' tries new ticketing system

Long car lines may magically disappear for one of Santa Clara County's premier Holiday events, Fantasy of Lights.

County Parks is introducing for the first time a pre-paid ticketing and reservation system with the convenience of buying tickets online.

The event now in its' 17th year, will allow visitors to pre-select the exact day and time they choose to see the wondrous event from the comfort of their own car. Visitors can also choose to buy their tickets in person at Parks Administration Office during regular business hours but tickets must be purchased in advance in order to enter the park. The 17th annual Fantasy of Lights Drive-thru, a spectacular 1.5-mile drive-thru holiday light show at Vasona Lake County Park in Los Gatos will open nightly, December 6 - December 31, 2015 from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.

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Jona Denz-Hamilton and enjoy the Holiday Fun Photo Booth.

Free parking and a FREE shuttle from Netflix at 121 Albright Way is recommended. There is no parking at Vasona. Tickets are \$6 per person, ages four and up. Prepaid tickets are highly recommended and may be purchased online or in person at Parks Administration Office.

Vasona Lake County Park is located at 333 Blossom Hill Rd, Los Gatos, CA 95037. For

directions, ticketing and more information visit www.parkhere.org or call 408.355.2201.

Fantasy of Lights is presented by Santa Clara County Department of Parks and Recreation, 298 Garden Hill Drive, Los Gatos, CA 95032. The Santa Clara County Parks and Recreation Department has provided recreational opportunities, beautiful parks and precious natural resources for Santa Clara County residents for more than 50 years. This golden legacy has resulted in one of the largest regional park systems in the State of California. For more information call (408) 355-2201.

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erupting volcano in the dangerously fun dinosaur den, Santa shooting hoops, a pen of playful penguins, blazing cannons, a tunnel of moving lights, and a 90-foot twinkling tree will have you "oohing and aahing" throughout your ride. Visitors will see all this and so much more. A free pair of 3D glasses with the event program, are available while supplies last.

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Evergreen Area Meetings

Adlibmasters Toastmasters Club
A group dedicated to helping develop communication and leadership skills. The group meets the first and third Tuesdays of each month from 5:15 - 7 p.m. at HGST, a Western Digital Co. and the second and fourth Tuesdays from 12 - 1 p.m. at IBM. For more information, go to www.adlibmasters.org or call Lorraine Myers at (408) 717-5552 weekdays or (408) 238-4580 weekends.

District 8 Community Roundtable (D8CRT)
The District 8 Community Round Table (D8CRT) meets the first Thursday of the month from 7 - 9 p.m. at the Community Room in the new Evergreen Branch Library on Aborn Road. <http://d8crt.org>

CalRTA-Area V-Div. 70 Retired Teachers Organization. Meets bi-monthly at various east-side cafes also conducts a variety of holiday socials/activities and scholarship fundraisers. Established in 1983! All teaching levels and others welcome. This organization supports the goals and purposes of the California Teachers' Retirement System. For more information call E. Paros at (408) 274-1609 or email parosej@sbcglobal.net.

East Side Union High School District Board of Trustees
Meetings are typically held on the third Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. in the ESUHS Education Center, 830 N. Capitol Ave. 347-5000. Check the web site for agendas and updates: www.esuhsd.org

The Evergreen AI-Anon meetings held at St. Francis of Assisi Church on Thursdays at 7 p.m. have been cancelled indefinitely due to lack of attendance.

The Evergreen Business Association is intended to allow business owners and lead-

ers in the Evergreen community to meet, connect, and network with each other in this fast growing part of San Jose. We believe that doing business with local business serves everyone in the community. The group will meet each month on the third Thursday at the Evergreen Branch Library. The group invites owners and leaders of B2B and B2C businesses in the Evergreen area. There is no cost for membership. For more information please refer to our Meetup page here: <http://www.meetup.com/Evergreen-Business-Association>

Evergreen-East Valley Realtors Marketing Meeting
Meets each Tuesday, 8:30 a.m. The EEVRMM invites realtors, brokers, lenders and related affiliates to its breakfast meeting. Market your listings, match buyers with sellers and share real estate success stories. Meetings are held at MegaByte Pizza Co., 5623 Silver Creek Valley Rd., San Jose, CA 95138. \$3 admission, coffee and pastries included. For more information, call David Castillo at 238-2000.

Evergreen School District Board of Trustees
Meetings are typically held on the second Thursday of every month, in the district boardroom at 3188 Quimby Road. For more information, call (408) 270-6800.

Evergreen School District Parent Advisory Committee
The Parent Advisory Committee Meetings for 2015-16 will meet on the first Wednesday of the months of October, December, January, February, March and May. The meeting is held in the Evergreen School District boardroom, 3188 Quimby Road at 9:30 a.m.

The Evergreen Senior Advisory Council meets the third

Thursday of every month at 9:30 a.m. Get involved in helping plan events for seniors, volunteering for a good cause, and getting to know your fellow seniors. For more information, call the Evergreen Community Center at (408) 270-2220.

Evergreen Valley Garden Club
Meets at the Evergreen Library on Aborn Road, San Jose the first Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. Each meeting will feature a monthly gardening class FREE to the public. For further information contact Arvind Kumar at (408) 715-7020 or email chhaprahiya@yahoo.com

Evergreen Valley High School Athletic Booster Club meets every second Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. in the school's administration office.

Evergreen Valley High School Site Council
Meets the first Wednesday of every month on the EVHS campus in the administration building D, 3300 Quimby Rd., San Jose. Confirm meetings by visiting the school's web site, <http://ev.ca.campusgrid.net/home> and clicking on school site council in the left hand toolbar or calling the school at (408) 347-7000.

Evergreen Valley Service Organization
For more information, call (408) 274-6756.

Falls Creek

Neighborhood Association
Homeowners from the Madison and Pulte area developments are welcome and encouraged to attend future meetings. For more information go to the Web at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/fallscreekneighbors> or call Dave Zenker at (408) 238-2591.

The Evergreen Community Center offers a variety of classes and special events, for kids, adults, and seniors. For more information on our activities visit: www.sanjoseca.gov/prns. The Senior Nutrition program serves a delicious and well balanced meal to seniors 60 and over every Monday - Friday at noon. The suggested donation is \$3 per person. Please make reservations at least one day in advance by calling (408) 270-1244. The center is located at 4860 San Felipe Road.

Friends of Evergreen Library
Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of February, April, June, August, October and December from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., in Group Study Room A at the Evergreen Branch Library, 2635 Aborn Road, San Jose. Visit their website at friendsofvergreenlibrary.org or call 408-808-3060 for more information.

Hidden Glen Community
To join a neighborhood discussion egroup, go to: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/>

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LeyVa Community Action Team Association
This group is bounded by Barberry Lane and Monrovia Drive, Capitol Expressway, Aborn Road, and South King Road. For meeting time and location, please contact the association at (408) 795-5855.

Lions Club - San Jose East Valley
This group meets Tuesday evenings from 6 pm to 8 pm for a dinner meeting at Carrow's Restaurant, 1696 Tully Rd. near the corner of Tully Rd/King Road. For more information, contact Lions Club member Bill Evans at (408) 274-4728.

McLaughlin Corridor Neighborhood Assoc.
Meets second Thursday at 7 p.m. at Tully

Library. 365-1300.

Meadowfair Neighborhood Association Meets the second Wednesday of odd-numbered months at 7 p.m. at Meadowfair Center, 2696 King Rd. For more information, call 539-2308.

Reid—Hillview Airport Assn
Meets third Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in the Reid Hillview airport terminal, 2350 Cunningham Ave. 251-4939. For more information visit www.rhva.org.

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CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF ALMADEN VALLEY, UCC

6581 Camden Ave., San Jose, CA 95120
Pastor, Rev. Dr. Michele Rogers Brigham
408 268-0243
www.AlmadenCongregational.org
We are a welcoming Church engaged in progressive approach to faith, worship and giving to our local community. We are proud to be UCC, Open and affirming (O&A) and welcome members of the LGBT community. We support local Invision Shelter Feedings once a month, San Francisco Night Ministry, Second Harvest Food Bank, Church World Service, and Communities Responding to End Poverty. Worship 9:00AM, Sunday School 10:00 AM Sundays. 1st Sundays in Worship: Holy Communion
2nd Sunday in Worship: Folk Choir
3rd Sundays at Coffee Hour: Round Table Disc.
4th Sundays in Worship: Blessing of Birthdays/Anniversaries/other "joy" Occasions
Tuesday, AA Meetings, 8:15-9:15 PM.
Wednesdays, 9:30 AM., Women's Study Group

CHURCH OF CHRIST

5351 Carter Ave., San Jose 95118
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www.bibleroad.org
We strive to be a group of Christians that love and honor God and Jesus Christ in our daily lives. We assemble each Sunday to encourage each other through singing, studying, praying and sharing in the Lord's supper. Simple—just like what one reads about in the New Testament. Bible class at 9:30 AM
Worship at 10:30 AM
Located in south San Jose near Kooser Rd. and Camden Ave. (behind the Almaden Valley Athletic Club). Come make new Christian friends!

EAST VALLEY CHURCH

East Valley Church
We are a Multicultural Christian Community committed to making Christ known to our Neighbors, Community and World. Sunday Schedule: Breezeway

Café 9:15am, Worship 9:45am, Sunday School for all ages 11:15am

Childcare is provided for all our Sunday Services. We will be opening our New Nurseries and Children's Building Soon! Uplifting music, Biblical teaching, ministries for Children, Youth, College & Career, Small Groups for all adults, Ministries to Men, Women, Seniors, Celebrate Recovery (Please see website for details and meeting times www.eastvalleychurch.com) Community-Life Pastor (Youth/College & Career) – Pastor Patrick Boyd, We are located at 2827 Flint Ave (Between Tully & Norwood) San Jose, CA 95148, Phone 408-238-0231, e-mail info@eastvalleychurch.com
We are associated with Converge Worldwide www.convergeworldwide.org

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN ALMADEN

6581 Camden Ave. San Jose, CA 95120. The Rev. Shelley Booth Denney, Rector
Phone:408-268-0243
Web:www.ecc-sj.org
At the Episcopal Church in Almaden (ECA), we are joyful followers of Jesus Christ. Through worship, study, fellowship and outreach, we strive to nurture and grow a strong faith community of believers, a family of all ages, where each member feels welcomed, loved, valued and empowered to serve. Children are especially welcomed and cherished as an important part of God's family. All junior high and senior high students are welcome to participate in our Youth Groups. During the school year we have joint Sunday School with our sister church, the Congregational Church of Almaden Valley, UCC. The Episcopal Church in Almaden offers the following regular opportunities for worship: Sunday at 7:30AM and 10:30AM, Holy Communion service. Each Sunday service is followed by a coffee hour for friendship and conversation.

EVERGREEN VALLEY CHURCH

Visit our Web Site at www.evcsj.com
2750 Yerba Buena Rd. San Jose, CA 95121. Phone: 408-274-7422. Saturday worship is at 5 pm. Sunday worship services at 9 am and 11 am. Excellent contemporary Christian music and Bible-based teaching. Nursery care and Children's Sunday School programs at 9 am and 11 am. Junior High students meet at 9am and High School students meet at 11am. Nuevo Comienzo: Servicio en español, Domingo 4pm.

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Worshipping at 55 N. 7th Street, in downtown San Jose. (Horace Mann school) firstchurchdowntown.com
Telephone: (408) 294-7254 x310. We are a community serving the Christ from the heart of the City, working to know Jesus and make Jesus known by serving, worshipping, and learning together. Worship services are at 10:00 AM at the Horace Mann Community Center (7th and Santa Clara Streets). Worship includes both con-

temporary and traditional music, a message that is relevant to real life, based in the Bible, and meaningful to people of all ages and backgrounds. We work in our community to provide real assistance and long-term, life-saving solutions: food, housing, counseling, and spiritual direction. Our children's & families' ministries include Sunday classes, outdoor family activities such as bike rides and fishing trips. Come, Make a Difference and feel the difference God can make in your life!

HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC CHURCH

Faith.Knowledge.Community - this is our promise to our members. If you are looking for an active Christian faith community, we invite you to experience Holy Spirit Parish Community. All are welcome! We are located at 1200 Redmond Avenue, San Jose, CA 95120. Mass is celebrated at 8:30 a.m. Monday - Friday. Our weekend Mass schedule is Saturday 5 p.m., Sunday 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Rite of Reconciliation is every Saturday at 4 p.m. or by appointment. Our Parish Office is open Monday - Thursday 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. and Friday 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Call 408-997-5100 for recorded information or 408-997-5101 to speak with someone in our parish office. Information on Faith Formation for children and adults can be obtained by calling our Catechetical Office at 408-997-5115. Get in the loop with our 3sixty High School Youth Ministry by calling 408-997-5106. Holy Spirit School serves grades Pre-K through 8th, and is located at 1198 Redmond Avenue. You can reach the school office at 408-268-0794.

THE POINT CHURCH

www.ThePoint.Church
3695 Rose Terrasse Circle. San Jose CA 95148
Located at the top of Aborn Rd and Murillo Ave. Come be inspired and build your faith as we worship together this Sunday @ 10:30 AM. KidsPoint is our children's ministry, serving infants through 5th grade. It is a fun and safe experience for kids as they grow in their walk with God. ONE is our student ministry, serving 6th through 12th grades. We help lead students into a growing relationship with Jesus through conversations, fun and service. Because of the diversity of Evergreen we offer church services in 5 languages, each with their own auditorium and pastor. 10:30 AM English, Mandarin, Cantonese and Cambodian. Spanish at 1:00 PM.

SAINT ANTHONY CATHOLIC CHURCH

We invite you to become a part of our hospitable, intimate Catholic parish. We are a caring community, promoting spiritual growth, reaching out to people in need and where you get to know people by name. We offer children's religious education (CREATE); Youth Ministry (BLAST & X-STATIC); Scripture Study (day & evening); Senior's Group and many other adult ministries as well. Saint Anthony parish is located in Almaden Valley

at 20101 McKean Road, San Jose, 95120. Our weekend Masses are at 4 p.m. on Saturday at our historic church at 21800 Bertram Road in New Almaden, CA 95042 and on Sunday at 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., and 5:30 p.m. at the McKean Road location. Our Parish Office is open Monday 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. and Tuesday thru Thursday, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. and 1 - 4 p.m. For more information, stop by the Parish Office or call 1+ (408) 997-4800, or visit our website at www.churchstanthony.com. Fr. Larry Hendel, Pastor.

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH

5111 San Felipe Rd., San Jose, CA 95135
408-223-1562. www.stfrancisofassisi.com
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We invite you to join our community of faith located in the Evergreen area of San Jose. We are an inclusive diverse community striving to serve as Disciples of Jesus Christ in the footsteps of St. Francis, offering prayerful and joyful liturgies; evangelization, fellowship, and service opportunities to the community. We offer spiritual opportunities for all ages, including children's liturgy, dynamic E.C.H.O - Jr. High, IGNITE - High School and North Star - Young Adult Ministries, along with small faith communities and opportunities to help the poor and marginalized of San Jose. Our Preschool is the only Catholic Preschool offering quality family oriented service in the Evergreen and Silver Creek areas. Our Chapel, Gathering Hall, Parish Office, Mission Center, Parish Gift Shop, Memorial Garden and Preschool are all located at 5111 San Felipe Rd. Please come join us to worship at one of the following times and locations:
St. Francis of Assisi Chapel Saturday 5:00PM, Sunday 8:30 AM, 10:30 AM, 12:30 PM, 4:00 PM (Mass in Vietnamese), 6:00 PM Youth Mass
St. Francis of Assisi Gathering Hall Sunday 9:00 AM, Sunday 11:00AM, Igbo Mass - Second Sunday of the month 12:30 PM
Mt. Hamilton Grange - 2840 Aborn Road Sunday 9:30 AM
The Villages Gated Community (Cribari Auditorium) Sunday 8:15 AM
For more information, please call or visit us at the Parish Mission Center open M-F 9:00 AM -12:00 PM; 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM. Come join us and share your presence with us so that together we may grow and share our gifts to help build God's Kingdom!

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Normally meets second Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. Meetings in the District Office, Board Room, 40 S. Market St., San Jose, CA 95113.

San Pedro Squares Toastmasters Club
Meets every Tuesday from 7 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. at Jimmy's Restaurant, 222 W. Capitol Expressway in San Jose.

Contact Barbara at 373-2815, or email barbamcchesney@sbcglobal.net for further information, or check out the website at http://www.sanpedrosquares.freetoasthost.org.

Silver Creek (PTSA) Parent, Teacher, Student Association
Meets at 6:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday in the Silver Creek High School Principal's Conference Room, 3434 Silver Creek Road. For more information, call 347-5830. Silver Creek School Site Council Meetings: Second Tuesday of the month at 5:30 p.m. in room V-1.

Silver Oak Educational Partnership
The Silver Oak Educational Partnership is now called the Silver Oak Elementary PTO (Parent Teacher Organization). SOEPTO will not be meeting over summer. Meetings will resume in September. New meeting

schedule will be posted in August.

SIR Branch 114 at the Villages
Sons in Retirement (SIR) Branch 114 meets every first Tuesday of the month in the Villages' Clubhouse Fairway Room. The meeting agenda includes a noon luncheon for all SIR Branch 114 members and a 12:30 p.m. speaker open to all Villagers and friends. For more information, call Lou Figone, SIR 114 BIG SIR at (408) 966-4175.

West Evergreen Neighborhood Association
This group represents the area bounded approximately by Flanigan Drive, South King Road, Aborn Road, and Alvin Avenue. Meets the third Tuesday at O.B. Whaley Elementary School, 2655 Alvin Ave., 7 to 8 p.m. For more information, contact the association at 535-8613.



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