

March 14, 2016

Press Release

For Immediate Release

Contact: Gary Wegener, Rotary Project Co-chair, 530 666 4098 gwegener4098@gmail.com

The nine Yolo County Rotary Clubs recently completed a bench project for the Yolo County fairgrounds. The fairgrounds is always in need of additional seating for various events throughout the year. The nine clubs have a long standing relationship with the fairgrounds due to their annual concession and live entertainment venue at the Rotary Park picnic area during the fair itself. So it seemed natural for them to support a project for additional seating.

With the clubs teaming together, the project was more competitive for a Rotary District 5160 grant which funded 2/3s of the \$5000 project. Central Valley Builders Supply in Woodland assisted with discounted pricing, allowing the clubs to increase the number of benches produced from 28 to 34. The fairgrounds coordinated with Brian Bartch, who heads up the Northern California Construction Training program at the fairgrounds, to allow use of the NCCT shop area, greatly facilitating the effort. A crew of 10 to 12 Rotarians sanded, sealed, routed, and assembled the 34 benches in a 12 hour work-a -thong over the rainy weekend of March 12/13. Look for the benches next time you are at the fair; blue end supports, with "ROTARY" routed into the top slat. A side benefit for Rotarians planning future projects was a better understanding of the potential partnership opportunities with NCCT, to utilize their skills while providing NCCT students with meaningful construction training opportunities.





The Rotary Club of Woodland

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May 10, 2016

Ms. Rita Moore, Executive Director
40th District Agricultural Association
1125 East St.
Woodland, Ca 95776

Re: Rotary Bench Project

Dear Ms. Moore,

This is to confirm the completion and turnover of the 34 benches funded and constructed by the nine Rotary Clubs of Yolo County, with significant funding assistance from Rotary District 5160 through a competitive District grant, developed in coordination with your staff. The participating Rotary Clubs included West Sacramento Centennial, Mighty West Sacramento, Davis Sunrise, Noon, and Sunset, Winters, Woodland Sunrise, Noon, and Luna Vista.



Work was finished March 13th on the \$5000 project. As per prior discussion, future maintenance of the benches is the responsibility of the Fairgrounds. Thank you for the opportunity to support the fairgrounds in this worthy endeavor, one of many joint efforts between the fairgrounds and Rotary. We look forward to further collaboration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "Gary Wegener".

Gary Wegener, Project Coordinator
Rotary Club of Woodland (noon)

Cc:

Rotary Clubs of:
West Sacramento Centennial
Mighty West Sacramento
Davis Sunrise
Davis Noon
Davis Sunset
Winters
Woodland Sunrise
Luna Vista

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "Carolyn Miller".

Receipt acknowledged.



State of California
40th District Agricultural Association

May 16, 2016

Gary Wegner, Project Coordinator
Rotary Club of Woodland/noon
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Re: Rotary Bench Project

Dear Gary: On behalf of myself and my Fair Board Members I would like to thank the Rotary clubs that worked so hard on the new benches that were donated to our Fairgrounds. They are beautiful and will make a great difference in the comfort of our guests.

Rotary clubs in Yolo County have always been a great asset to the Yolo County Fairgrounds, without this wonderful partnership our struggles to keep our Fairgrounds operational and safe for our public would be much harder.

With our limited funds and staff the projects Rotary does make a great difference. The bench project is both utilitarian and beautiful. The blue end caps are bright and cheerful and Rotary Blue. They are going to make our entertainment area in Rotary Park more inviting.

With great respect,

Rita Moore, CEO
40th District Agricultural Association
Yolo County Fairgrounds