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Oracle Delivers: Grant and Volunteers

Oracle Funds CityTrees Plantings

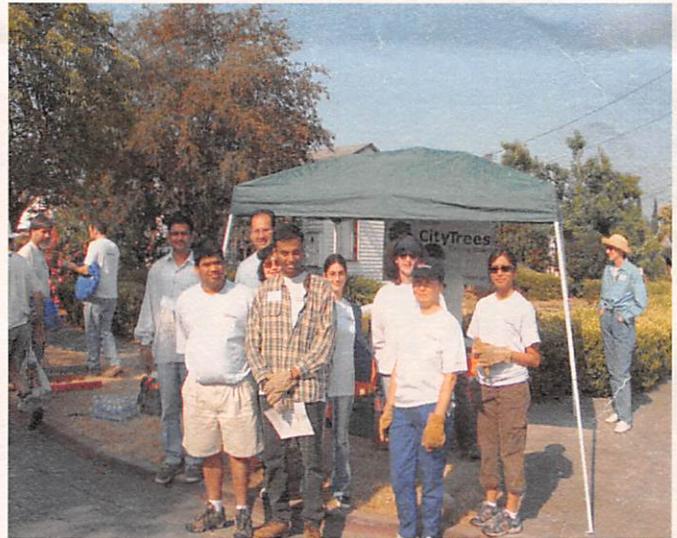
CityTrees received a grant of \$10,000 from the Oracle Giving Program. Funds will be used for a 12-month program of tree planting and maintenance, according to the organization's founder, Jane Taylor.

"We are grateful to Oracle for this generous contribution. CityTrees has been going for three years now and we set ourselves a goal of a thousand trees in a thousand days and we're going to reach that goal this fall. The Oracle grant will help that happen," said Taylor.

Oracle is an international software company with offices in Redwood Shores. The Oracle Giving Program contributes to qualified nonprofits that provide direct support to medical research, environmental groups, and math and science education.

In addition to the monthly plantings, the Oracle grant will be used to design and implement a maintenance program. "The trees that our volunteers planted about two years ago are due for maintenance about now. We know that if a tree is pruned and maintained properly, it will grow in a much more healthy way," said Taylor. The Oracle grant will provide funds for equipment and training for these tree maintenance projects throughout the city.

CityTrees is grateful to Oracle for its generous grant and the many wonderful volunteers from Oracle who join us in monthly plantings. "This is what a community partnership is all about," said Taylor.



Oracle Volunteers at our planting on Page Street

Newsletter Quiz: How many trees were cut down to produce this newsletter??
Answer on page 4.

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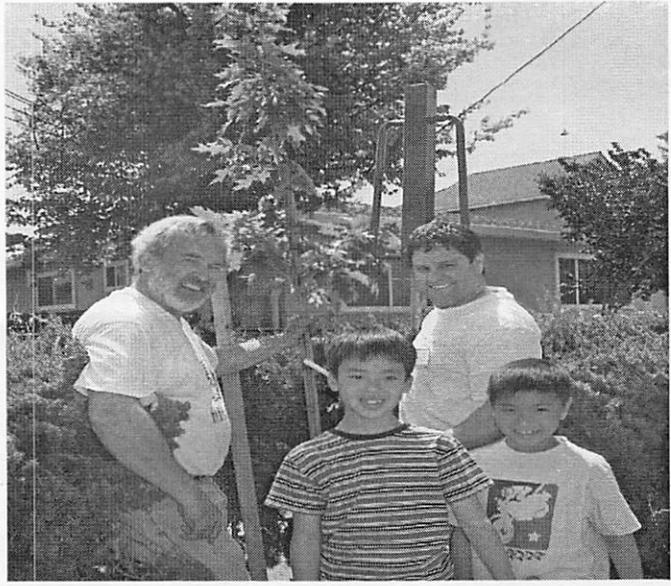
This Spring CityTrees hosted three planting projects in Redwood City to bring the total number of trees planted to 924 trees since November of 2000!



Sun Microsystem Volunteers, April 26th

On March 22nd, volunteers from the Peninsula Sunrise, Woodside and Menlo Park Rotaries, and students from Adelante Elementary School joined us to plant 37 trees around the intersection of King & Katherine Streets.

On April 26th volunteers from Sun Microsystems Volunteers joined us to plant 27 trees around the intersection of 10th and Page Avenues. And on May 17th we had volunteers from local Redwood City Girlscout troops and students from Carlmont High School with us to plant the 30 trees on Jones Court in the Friendly Acres neighborhood



Planting on Jones Court

Yes, please sign me up as a member

Your Name: _____

Address : _____

Phone: _____ (optional)

Email: _____ (optional)

Membership Level: ___ \$25 ___ \$50 ___ \$100 ___ \$250
Other _____

Send to: City Trees
1060 El Camino Real, Suite E
Redwood City, CA 94062-1623

Thank you for your support!

Checks should be made payable to "Acterra--
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(Contact Sue Patrick for more information, 650 903-4960) email: suepatick5@aol.com

YOUNG TREE PRUNING OR A "SNIP" " IN TIME SAVES NINE

Tips from: **Tree Bob.**

Bob Mullins, Urban Forester

The first pruning in a tree's life is the most important one. A few well-placed cuts now can eliminate problems later. Even one poorly placed cut can cause big problems when the tree grows to maturity. The best shape for most species is to have a single central leader or trunk. Branches should be evenly spaced and alternate along the central leader. The central leader should not be removed or stubbed off. Stubbing causes numerous sprouts to grow from one location. These sprouts are weakly attached and can fail. Before pruning a young tree take a class or study the latest information on pruning.

The City has several thousand young trees that are in need of their first pruning. CityTrees and the City of Redwood City are developing a young tree maintenance program. A corps of volunteers will be trained to do the pruning. The training will include instruction in the International Society of Arboriculture's new method of pruning young trees for form and structure, the selection and safe use of pruning tools, and hands-on pruning practice. Teams of pruners and helpers will prune on blocks designated by the City. Pruning dates may be during the week in the evenings or on weekends during the day. The maintenance program should be ready to begin sometime in August or September.

CityTrees is actively recruiting volunteer pruners to assist us in pruning some of the 900+ trees we have planted in Redwood City. Not only can you help improve how the community looks you can also use your new tree pruning skills with trees in your own yard or neighborhood. Come on out with your friends and trim up the trees.

If you are interested in becoming an expert pruner, please contact Sue Patrick at (650) 903-4960, email: suepatrick5@aol.com.

Salute to Sponsors

SafeTree and CityTrees: Partners in Planting

SafeTree was one of the original funders of CityTrees and really helped us get off the ground and allow us to plant some of our first trees. They have been instrumental in funding organizations like ours throughout Northern California. We take the SafeTree motto to heart when we plant trees in Redwood City:

We're looking for great community projects that will help "plant the right tree in the right place!"

"SafeTree is a public awareness program aimed at educating people about planting the right trees around electric power lines" said Mary Burns, SafeTree Program Manager. In addition to funding planting projects SafeTree also has an educational outreach program and nearly 200,00 fourth graders in California have an opportunity to learn about safe trees as part of the Earth Day activities.

The SafeTree Program is a public education and awareness program funded by the shareholders of Pacific Gas and Electric Company and is being developed and carried out under a mandate from the California Public Utilities Commission. Pacific Gas and Electric Company is dedicating five million dollars to this effort over five years (approximately 2000-2004). This project is intended to create greater public awareness about the safety issues concerning proper tree selection and vegetation placement near electric power lines.

The SafeTree Program includes such elements as public education; elementary and secondary school programs; grassroots and community organization outreach.

(excerpts from *SafeTree News*, Summer 2002)

Newsletter Quiz Answer

Answer: None. This newsletter has been produced on Kenaf paper. Kenaf is a plant related to cotton and okra. The USDA has identified kenaf as the best non-wood paper alternative. A number of major retailers are now producing their catalogues on kenaf and a few books have been printed kenaf paper. Kenaf reaches maturity in 150 days; white southern pine (used for paper) takes 14 -17 years. Kenaf produces 4 times more fiber per acre than southern pine. Harmless hydrogen peroxide is

used in the manufacturing process vs. chlorine bleaching for tree paper. Kenaf paper production saves critical forest habitat and is considerably less polluting and environmentally destructive than virgin wood-based paper production.

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Calendar of Events

June

28 Tree Planting: Woodside Plaza 9:00am
Volunteers from MIT Alumni

July

26 Tree Planting: TBD 9:00am

August

Tree Pruning
Old County Rd

1000 Trees in a 1000 Days

Celebration
Stafford Park

September

27 Tree Planting
Oracle volunteers

October

25 Tree Planting
Friendly Acres
Volunteers from Young Latino Leaders



TO

ACTERRA- CITY TREES
1060 EL CAMINO REAL #E
REDWOOD CITY CA 94062-1623

FROM

CAROL EBNER
TREASURER
REDWOOD CITY ROTARY CLUB

SUBJECT

TREE PLANTING

DATE

9/5/03

Enclosed please find a check from the Redwood City Rotary Foundation for \$300.00 to benefit your Redwood City tree planting programs.

I hope this amount will assist you in your projects.

REDWOOD CITY ROTARY
PO BOX 2605
REDWOOD CITY CA 94064-2605

SIGNED

Carol Ebner
650-366-3732



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March 2, 2004

Redwood City Rotary Foundation
P.O. Box 2605
Redwood City, CA 94064

Dear Friends,

Please accept our warmest thanks for your gift of \$1,000 for the *Sheriff's Youth Program Fund*, received by Peninsula Community Foundation on February 27, 2004. We appreciate your support of the community and partnership with the Foundation.

The Foundation strives to improve the quality of life in the Peninsula/Silicon Valley region through strategic charitable activities that address critical community concerns. A satisfying and significant segment of our work allows us to partner with local organizations, corporations, individuals and families to help them respond to their own charitable inspirations.

On behalf of our Board of Directors, thank you again for your contribution. We appreciate your generosity and interest in improving our community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ash McNeely', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Ash McNeely
Vice President, Philanthropic Services

P.S. The Foundation is pleased to confirm that you received no goods or services for your contribution and that your gift is fully tax deductible. Our federal tax identification number is 94-2746687. *Please keep this letter for your tax records.*



Family Connections

May 19, 2004

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Carol Ebner
Redwood City Rotary Foundation
350 Blomquist Avenue
Redwood City, CA 94068

Dear Carol,

Thank you so much for the check in the amount of \$4,190.96 from the 2004 Rummage Sale. We received both the check for the Rummage Sale contribution and the check for \$275.00 to reimburse our petty cash. It is only with your continued support that Family Connections is able to successfully raise funds to provide a free parent participative preschool to low income families in San Mateo County.

We are honored by the hard work and dedication of the Redwood City Rotary Foundation!

We would love to hear from you and additionally we would most certainly be thrilled to show you first hand how your generosity is impacting others. To schedule a visit to one of our classrooms or to communicate with us further, please feel free to contact the Family Connections telephone number at (650)369-6467 or email at director@familyconnections.org.

We truly thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Renee

Renee L. Zimmerman
Executive Director

Enclosed: Donation Receipt

*Carol- It was nice getting
to know you this
year during the
Rummage Sale
I hope to see
you at Rotary
in the near
future! ☺*

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Menlo Park

Clara Mateo Alliance
Menlo Park

Girls Club of the Mid-Peninsula
East Palo Alto

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May 31, 2005

Rotary Club of Redwood City
Carlos Bolanos, President
P.O. Box 2605
Redwood City, CA 94064

Dear Carlos:

On behalf of the San Mateo County Historical Association thank you for the contribution received from The Redwood City Rotary Foundation in the amount of \$1,000. (No goods or services were received in return for the donation. Please retain this letter for tax purposes).

The Rotary Club of Redwood City's generous support will enable Middle School students to come to the museum and learn about San Mateo County's colorful history. Your grant supports us in our mission to teach our children about the past so they can imagine their futures.

Again, thank you for your generosity and commitment to the San Mateo County Historical Association.

Sincerely,

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Director of Development

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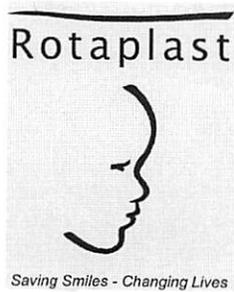
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June 12, 2004

Rotary Foundation of Redwood City
PO Box 2605
Redwood City, CA 94064

Dear Friends:

Thank you so much for your generous contribution of \$497.00 to Rotaplast International dated June 8, 2004. Your generosity will help Rotaplast International fulfill its mission to treat children worldwide. Undeniably, the most memorable and lasting aspect of your support will be the heartfelt gratitude from the children you have directly helped and their parents who no longer have to see their children suffer.

As you know, Rotaplast International facilitates surgical missions to developing countries to help children born with the cleft lip and palate anomaly. Children treated by Rotaplast receive free reconstructive surgery that will allow them to have a normal appearance and to speak and swallow food correctly. Although the cleft anomaly is not life threatening, it is life compromising. Children affected by the cleft anomaly grow up in isolation, "cleft" from the normal joys of childhood. They are often tormented and rejected by their peers, isolated from society to the extent that they are deprived of any chance of education, and hidden away and treated as outcasts. Tragically, they are also prone to serious upper respiratory problems and hearing loss. Rotaplast seeks to help them by providing surgical intervention and long-term counseling for parents on ways to prevent this condition. To date, over 5,000 children have been treated through Rotaplast and their lives permanently changed.

Rotaplast International is a 501 (c) (3) charitable organization (Federal Identification No. 94-3247677) and your contribution qualifies as a charitable donation under Federal and California State Tax laws. We acknowledge that nothing of value, including goods or services, were provided or expected in return for your donation.

Once again, thank you for your support of Rotaplast's worthy efforts to help children and our long-term goal to eliminate untreated cleft lips and palates by the year 2025.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Anita Stangl". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Anita Stangl
President, Rotaplast International, Inc.