

Rotary

Club of Glen Ellen Kenwood



Monthly Bulletin and Updates for Our Community Service Committee

Good Morning GEK Community service committee!

Each month I will try to update you on any activities and help we have given our partners that you may or not be aware of. Please give some feedback and suggestions and sign up and volunteer when polls come out...this is the real crux of what we do in Community Service in my opinion.

Presently we have been running volunteer polls for FISH Bell Ringing and The GEK/Food Bank Neighborhood, post fire food assistance for those in need. Both polls/events have gone well and so much thanks for those steadfast volunteers that make this happen from our Rotary Club! This program to date has cost the club nothing but effort.

We have, at least for now stopped the Dunbar Backpack Program due to issues with the size of bags and the practical implications of small kids transporting significant amounts of groceries home and other bits of chaos on the transport buses. Jimmy Galvin has offered to use those funds we have used for this program and divert to our partner and program at Operation Bicycle...many thanks to Jimmy.

Don Jayne is pursuing the Dunbar book idea brought up at the last meeting, will update when there is progress on this.

We have donated some monies to Operation Bicycle for a specific list of items necessary to the opening of their new shop on Rt 12 (\$294.54). They have definitely graduated from the crawl area underneath the Sonoma Teen Center. Please come by anytime Wednesday to Sunday from 12pm on at 207 Nino Marco Sq, Sonoma, CA 95476. You never know, Adrian might put us to work.

The Food Bank endeavors at Jack London Parking Lot will end on December 15 and we are attempting to reorient the Food Bank into a location that would work better in the cold and rain of winter and help mitigate post wildfire issues of simply feeding a family.

We have assisted SOS Homeless Haven with a shed on site at the Haven as you might recall when Kathy King came to visit us at the Club. The final cost on that was \$706.06. We have also had an additional donation to assist the winter homeless for \$500.00, Thank you to our anonymous donor. Kathy has sent thank yous and appreciation.

Her most recent request had to do with assisting SOS homeless Haven in their quest to provide shelter to the local homeless during the winter months to enable them to stay out of the cold and rain at night. Presently the Sonoma Alliance Church has generously provided the shelter but could not provide storage for belongings that would be secure. Kathy suggested renting a POD for the winter months and the church agreed that that would be satisfactory. We have donated from Community service to fund this for this winter, cost is \$1092.36.

Thank you for all your volunteering and let myself and the committee know if you have any suggestions. Our new website which we are keeping current is www.glenellenkenwoodrotary.com

Thanks,
Community Service Chair
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