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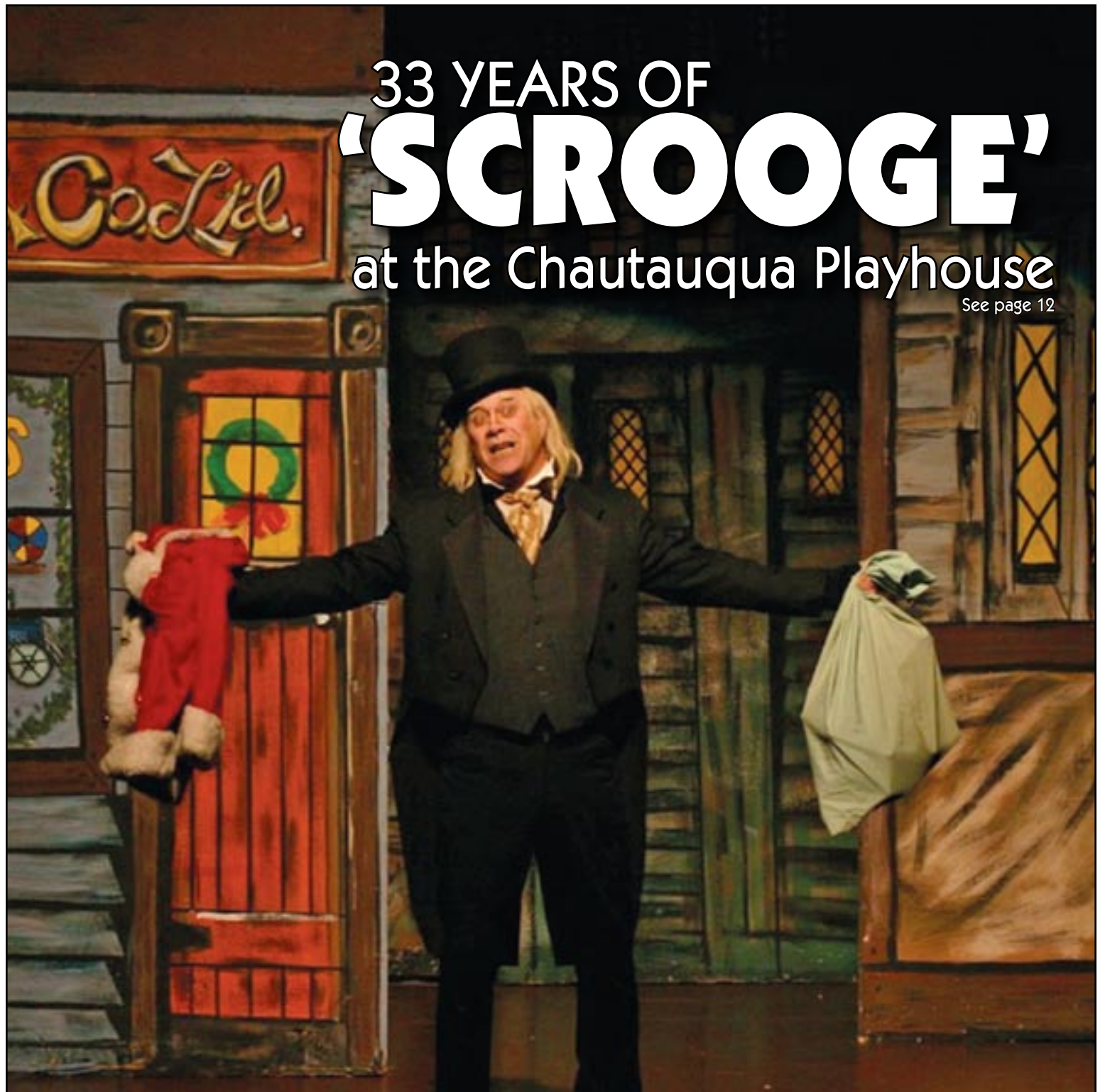
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# Whitney Ave. Elementary students reap rewards for recycling

Dr. Richard Pan (D-Sacramento), the American Chemistry Council (ACC), Keep California Beautiful (KCB) and the Sacramento Regional Conservation Corps (SRCC) today announced the winner of the *Read, Write, Recycle!* Challenge, a recycling contest for students in the San Juan and Natomas School Districts that teaches the importance and value of recycling.

Students from Whitney Avenue Elementary School emerged as the grand-prize winners after collecting and recycling 1,124 pounds of plastic, aluminum, glass and paper during the five-week contest. Today, the students received the \$1,000 grand prize for their achievement. Along with the grand prize, one participating school in each of the two school districts was awarded a district level prize of \$500. Witter Ranch Elementary School claimed victory in the Natomas School District and Whitney Avenue Elementary won in the San Juan School District.

In total, the six participating schools helped recycle a grand total of 2,892 pounds, more than one ton, of materials throughout the competition, including 467 pounds of plastics. The six participating schools included: Natomas Park Elementary, Heron School, H. Allen Hight Elementary, Greer Elementary, Witter Ranch Elementary and Whitney Avenue Elementary.

"The students at all of these schools should be proud of what they have accomplished by being part of *Read, Write, Recycle!*," said Dr. Pan, a local pediatrician and State Assemblymember. "They should also know that, by recycling, they are connected to a larger effort to protect our environment, creating a healthy planet and healthy futures."

"The efforts of the students in the San Juan and Natomas School Districts are phenomenal. The more we can do to spread the word about recycling among kids, the more kids can take that knowledge and apply it in their ev-

eryday lives," said Steve Russell, vice president of ACC's Plastics Division.

"It's amazing how much our students, as well as the staff, learned about recycling by participating in this program," said Vincent Arias, principal at Whitney Avenue Elementary. "Educating and involving students in recycling at the elementary school age will help ensure that they will continue recycling as they grow up."

A total of 165 elementary school classes from the six schools participated in this five-week recycling challenge. In total, more than 4,300 students participated in the program, learning valuable lessons about recycling.

"The *Read, Write, Recycle!* Challenge has been a welcome addition to our ongoing conservation efforts and work training program," said Dwight Washabaugh, executive director of the Sacramento Regional Conservation Corps. "Partnerships like these help ensure that the SRCC can provide the kind of on-the-job career experience that our corps members need."

The *Read, Write, Recycle!* program was first conducted in February of 2012 in San Gabriel County where 1,500 students recycled more than 11,000 pounds of materials. Building on the success of this initial program, Assemblymember Dr. Pan and the partners brought the competition to Sacramento in the fall of 2012.

*Read, Write, Recycle!* is the latest recycling effort supported by ACC under the *Plastics, Too*

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# Pardee's Cameras owner to celebrate 35th anniversary

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Editor's note: This is the seventh part of a series regarding the history of the "four corners" of Watt and El Camino avenues.

As this series regarding the four corners of Watt and El Camino avenues was reaching its fourth corner, it was brought to the attention of this publication that one of the north area's longtime continuously operating businesses was about to celebrate a milestone under its current ownership.

This business, Pardee's Cameras, was acquired by Manfred Kallweit 35 years ago this Saturday.

In remembering that moment, Manfred said, "We agreed and we signed the paper (for the transferring of the business's ownership) on Dec. 15, 1977."

Although not precisely on the northwest corner of Watt and El Camino avenues, this business is only separated from the corner by the small street, Yorktown Avenue.

The story of Pardee's Cameras, which was originally known as John Pardee Photographic Supplies, began in 1946.

The store, which became the north area's first photography shop

with its opening on Nov. 29, 1946, was originally located in Town and Country Village at 2417 Marconi Ave.

Eventually under John Pardee's proprietorship and later during the early part of Manfred's ownership, the shop was recognized as one of The Village's longest operating businesses.

John, who resided with his wife, Norma, at 3201 Bonita Drive, near Del Paso Country Club, where he maintained a membership, was originally from Nevada.

He made his way to Sacramento from San Jose in the mid-1920s.

In about 1927, he was residing with his wife at 1441 51<sup>st</sup> Street and working as a bookkeeper at the Ehmann-Kohler Stationery Co. at 1318 J St.

John and Norma and their daughter, Barbara, moved to 1567 32<sup>nd</sup> Street in 1929 and by the following year, John was working as a bookkeeper at Lavenson's shoe store at 1018-1020 K St.

In 1933, John and Norma's second daughter, Nedra, was born.

While residing at 3400 H Street in 1935, John became Lavenson's credit manager. But three years later, he was once again the company's bookkeeper.



This recent photograph shows the interior of Pardee's Cameras, which carries a wide variety of cameras and accessories.

John left his job at Lavenson's in 1938 to become a clerk at Douglas Osborn Photo Supply at 1207 K St.

This Kodak shop operated at that site from 1937 to 1941, at which time it was relocated to 1025 12<sup>th</sup> St. The business, which moved to 1231 K St. in 1946 and was last known as Osborn's Camera Center, continued to operate until 1955.

Prior to his time working for Osborn, John co-founded the Sierra Camera Club of Sacramento, which was established with 19 members in the spring of 1936.

On Dec. 8, 1936, while serving as the club's president, John was presented with a trophy in honor of his accomplishment of earning the most points during the year for the exhibition of prints in the amateur class. The presentation was made by the club at the Consumers' Ice & Cold Storage Co. clubroom at 300 9th St.

On the evening of Aug. 25, 1938, while John was serving as the club's director, members of the club met at Osborn's shop and then adjourned to John's home for a supper meeting

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# Pardee's: Store is museum-like

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with the main dish of weiners.

During the gathering, Florence Keemer of 5253 22nd Ave. spoke about flower arrangements. Her speech was accompanied by a Kodachrome slide show.

In 1939, John moved to Route 5, Box 8520, along Fair Oaks Boulevard.

John, who became the assistant manager of Osborn's shop in 1940 and later worked at this business at separate times as the manager and as a salesman, continued to work at the shop until he established his own business.

In 1950, John's shop had a change of address, as the address became 2617 Marconi Ave.

And about five years later, John Pardee Photographic Supplies was operating in a different location in The Village at 2922 Fulton Ave.

During its time in The Village, the business expanded its floor area by four times its original space.

Manfred, who was born in East Prussia, Germany and was one of the seven children of Gustav and Hedwig Kallweit, said that he immigrated to the United States with his then-wife, Ulrike, 12 years prior to purchasing John Pardee Photographic Supplies.

In being that Manfred had gained a love for photography through his father who owned and operated a photography studio in his hometown of Tilsit, after arriving in America in 1965, he worked in a camera store in Bishop, Calif.

Two years later, Manfred, who completed his photography apprenticeship in Germany, was operating a European camera store that was built for him by the McCurry Camera Co. in The Crossroads shopping center at 5770 Freepoint Blvd.

The store, which was known as Kamera Haus, was in operation from 1967 to 1971, at which time Manfred began managing the McCurry store in Arden Fair Mall.

In recalling his negotiations with John in 1974, Manfred said, "I knew there was this camera store in Town and Country Village and there was an older owner and he was 72 or 73 at the time," Manfred said. "I said, 'Why is he still in there when he should be retiring?' I'm saying that about him and I'm doing it still. I'll be 72 this month. Anyway, I told him that I was interested in his store and that I could start there as a manager and then he could sell it to me. He was delighted."

Because he could no longer afford to operate the store in Town and Country Village by 1983, Manfred relocated the business to a 1,000-square-foot space at 3333 Balmoral Drive.

After about 12 years of operating the Balmoral Drive store, Manfred, in desiring to expand his store, moved the shop to its present, 4,000-square-foot location at 3335 El Camino Ave.

The current store site was originally divided into three store spaces in its pre-Pardee's days, but it was made into its larger space when Country Club Family Billiards, with its 16 tournament tables, opened at that location in 1967.

The store, which is operated by Manfred, Ulrike and several employees, has continued its success at its present location despite challenges created by a changing market.

Pardee's Cameras, which has a strong reputation for its emphasis on personal ser-

vice and its offering of quality cameras and accessories, is also recognized as a museum-type camera store.

The store includes a large display of historic still photography and moving picture cameras, which Manfred said he collected to set his store apart from other camera stores.

"I've been into photography and cameras all my life and I wanted to have not just an ordinary camera store like you see everywhere, but something special," Manfred said. "People come in and make remarks in awe of what they see. 'Is this a camera store or what?' they say. They can't believe it what this looks like, what it feels like to be surrounded with cameras that are over 100 years old."

And in describing some of these cameras, Manfred said, "The history-making wooden, brass cameras up there are super neat and made in England. They're large 8 (inch)

by 10 (inch) format cameras that were made around 1925. That big, black machine in the center is a (35 mm) manually operated, movie film projector that was made in about 1915. We have a lot of Leica cameras, a pioneering company from Germany that invented 35 millimeter photography. We have a collection of over 100 of those. They were made by the Leitz company. There's also an old Kodak box camera from 1896. I bought (the cameras) at swap meets and people came in donating them at times and were trying to sell them. There are hundreds and hundreds (of cameras) and about 20, 25 movie cameras, and a tremendous variety of movie projectors, as well."

In speaking about the anniversary of his business, which has 35,000 loyal customers in its database, Manfred said, "I'm proud of the success (of Pardee's). It's my profession, it's my hobby, it's my passion."

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## Arden residents gather citrus for Harvest Sacramento

Every winter, starting in late November and early December, massive amounts of citrus fruit begin to show themselves on front yard and backyard trees throughout Sacramento. Lemons, limes, grapefruit, oranges and kumquats all begin turning from their "hidden" dark green color towards ripeness. For most people in our area, even with the color change, this amazing food source is still hidden in plain sight—grocery stores and farmers markets sell massive amounts of this same fruit, while our truly "local" fruit falls to the ground to rot.

Soil Born Farms' Harvest Sacramento has been organizing neighborhood residents for the past four years to not only help people see this fruit, but to harvest the fruit and distribute it to local food assistance agencies like Sacramento Food Bank and Family Services. In 2012 alone, over 53,000 pounds of fruit was harvested and donated with the help of 800+ volunteers.

"When one of the group leaders said after today we would start noticing fruit trees everywhere, and he was right! I can't stop wanting to get out of car when driving by someone's house and ask if I can harvest their fruit," said Annaliese Achteplik, Arden Arcade volunteer.

One of the goals for this coming citrus season is to have neighborhood-based teams help coordinate the harvesting activities in the areas where they live. Harvest Sacramento received a large donation of harvesting tools, so teams can have access to their own set. In addition to tools, Harvest Sacramento will provide training, outreach materials and staffing support to help get teams started. "This can start with one motivated individual, a student community service project, a family or a neighborhood association and at any scale. There is no one right way to do it. It is easy, fun and has tangible results" said Randy Stannard, Harvest Sac-

ramento Project Coordinator.

Achteplik said she sees a lot of fruit go to waste in my neighborhood and see Harvest Sacramento as an opportunity to help put a stop to that. "As someone who is enamored and spoiled with fresh produce, I want others to be as lucky as I am and have plenty of fresh fruit, that they maybe couldn't afford right now," Achteplik said.

Volunteers of all ages and abilities can provide meaningful contributions. Harvest Sacramento is as interested in bringing people together and building community relationships as they are in harvesting fruit. Randy Stannard added, "We don't just need people to get up on ladders and pick fruit. We can always use volunteers who like to enter data, organize and help with the coordination efforts via computer and phone. We need people to walk neighborhoods and find trees to harvest, photographers, videographers, bloggers, and cooks to make food for post-event meals. Young kids can help move buckets and sort fruit...we need people to drive vehicles. Everybody can help—that is the beauty of it!"

In addition to volunteers, the project is still looking for more fruit trees to harvest. Harvests take



place year-round, so while they are looking for citrus to harvest this winter, they are also looking for stone fruit, apples, pears, figs, pomegranates, and persimmons. They are willing to pick up pre-harvested fruit and vegetables as well. It is easy to offer fruit from your tree or garden—they have an online form on their website or give a phone call or email to Harvest Sacramento.

For more information or to get involved with Soil Born Farms' Harvest Sacramento, visit their website, [www.soil-born.org/harvestsacramento](http://www.soil-born.org/harvestsacramento) or contact Randy Stannard, [stannard@soilborn.org](mailto:stannard@soilborn.org) or (530) 204-8082.



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Like many Americans, after a year of unemployment, Self-Griswold found a job paying a fraction of her previous salary and went back to work. While adjusting to her less than optimal role, an attorney at her new firm asked if she would Bates label a few hundred documents for him.

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Think of the Bates machine as that thing your school librarian would use when you would check out books. Think of that, but replace the rubber pad with rotating number plates that increase in numerical order with every depression of the stamp. It's loud, it's messy and it's inconvenient.

Self-Griswold knew exactly what was being asked of her and didn't want to disrupt the other people in her office. She also didn't want to ruin her clothes if any ink sprayed from the Bates machine. She had already ruined countless of outfits when refilling the archaic, 100-year-old Bates machine during her career, and didn't want to ruin any more. With the Bates machine, if the ink isn't allowed to soak into the pad, then globs of it spray everywhere when depressed. Instead of using the Bates machine, she setup a

template on her computer and printed labels from her PC for the task.

This took hours, and when she finally finished, she realized the documents needing to be numbered had been written on, which would require her to redact the handwritten notes before applying the sequentially numbered printed labels. If this sounds familiar, it's because the practice of Bates labeling documents goes on every day in the United States and around the world.

In fact, according to the Judicial Center for Courts, in 2009 over 110 million new lawsuits were filed in the United States. Every case has documents that need to be Bates labeled. When all of the other industries that utilize Bates numbering are taken into account, literally hundreds of billions



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# Labeling: Process is now smooth and quiet

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of documents are numbered around the world annually.

So, while using a correction tape dispenser to white out the handwritten notes, Self-Griswold got an idea that would soon change the face of Bates labeling. She knew there had to be a better way to perform what should be an easy task.

Labeling shouldn't take this long and it shouldn't be this difficult. While she stood there repeatedly whiting-out documents over and over again, she came up with an idea that would eliminate all the frustrating problems associated with using a Bates machine or alternative methods of Bates labeling — the B8Zipr.

Instead of using the noisy metal Bates machine, or inefficient com-

puter labeling methods, Self-Griswold imagined a light-weight refillable plastic dispenser containing refillable pre-printed labels, all of which could be applied to documents as simply as using her correction tape. By dragging the unit across the page, the label would dispense and adhere to the paper smoothly and silently.

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The more Self-Griswold imagined this concept, the more she was convinced her idea was a good one. At a party, she discussed her concept with friends and family who convinced her to pursue her idea. Unfortunately, Self-Griswold had never done anything like this before, yet, despite her inexperience

and the daunting task of launching such a product, she formed a corporation and raised \$83,000 in capital.

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In hindsight, Sharon admits that losing her job and struggling to find her place in the market once more could have been the motivation she needed to seize an opportunity. It was dealing with technology that hadn't been upgraded in a hundred years that inspired Self-Griswold to do something new.

"In today's world, so much of what we do has changed because of technology or automation, yet despite complicated software programs, the majority of legal assistants Bates numbering documents still use the old Bates machine which has not changed for over a century," says Self-Griswold. Because of Self-Griswold and the B8Zipr, those documents can now be labeled more efficiently, without the mess or noise.

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As the Wood Turns:

# Volunteers Teach Leo A Palmiter and Elinor Lincoln Hickey Students the Art of Woodturning

By CORRIE PELC  
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Ten years ago, Ted Young decided he needed a hobby after he retired.

He decided to take a class in woodturning – a type of woodworking where pieces of wood are turned on a piece of equipment called a lathe, and the wood is shaped using various tools into a number of different objects, such as bowls, pens, and vases.

One class turned into more classes, and now Young says woodturning is his major activity. “Before I retired I was an engineer designing medical devices, and so I’ve got those creative juices that I have to continue to let out,” he explains.

Then seven years ago, Young found the Nor-Cal Woodturners, Inc. – a club of currently 128 woodturning enthusiasts in the Sacramento area that meets in the Arden

area – and found not only a group of like-minded individuals, but also an opportunity to give back by volunteering to teach local kids a new skill.

## Learning Curve

About two years ago, Young found himself wanted to do something for the community. With the support of the Sacramento County Board of Education, in July 2011 Young launched a one-month summer program that since has turned into a weekly elective class at both Leo A Palmiter High School and Elinor Lincoln Hickey Junior/Senior High School.

Now in its second year, Young says the two-hour classes are held every Friday. About five to seven students from Hickey come in the morning, and the same amount from Palmiter come in the afternoon. Young adds the classes are so popular with



Students in the Youth Training Program of the Nor-Cal Woodturners.

Photo courtesy Nor-Cal Woodturners

the students, there is normally a waiting list to attend the classes.

Lauren Roth, principal of Leo A. Palmiter High School, says her students are enjoy the woodturning class as they are very interested in working with their hands and producing a product. “On Monday they talk about what they’re going to make on Friday – they’re very enthusiastic about this class,” she adds.

Young says he has about 35 members of Nor-Cal Wood-

turners that volunteer with him through the program, allowing the students to work on a project one-on-one with a volunteer woodturner coach. “We try and do projects that they can finish in one session because they just love to leave with their finished object that they made that they can take home and show their family and friends,” he adds.

And some objects the students make – such as wooden pens and bowls – are also sold at Palmiter’s Farmers Market, held every Thursday, Roth says. “They’re beautifully done – I have to say our students are getting better and better at it,” she adds.

In addition to volunteers, Young has also received donations from his fellow club members. After starting his program out with four lathes and a small amount of tools, through donations he now has lathes and “all the tools that we need.”

Young also recently received a grant from his group’s national organization, which he is using to purchase safety equipment and kits the students can use to make wooden pens.

## Bringing a Passion

Through learning woodturning, Young says it gives students a chance to learn by using their hands, and it teaches them patience. “It is a process that you have to have patience to do it,” he says.

Roth agrees, and says learning process is the most important thing. “I think today our students tend to want to have things right away,” she explains. “They have to learn that there’s a process in learning and advancing in a profession and in a field.”

Additionally, Roth says the woodturning class also gives students the opportunity to apply math concepts, learn how to work as a team, and learn safety on the job. Plus the class has helped motivate students to come to class as they need to have a positive attendance of 85 percent or better to attend the class each week.

Overall, Roth says the Nor-Cal Woodturners are “wonderful” as they bring a passion for woodworking to the students. “I think it’s just a great mentoring program as well as learning the craft, and it’s just excellent,” she says. “I’m just so grateful that they’re able to come to our school every week.”

## Bowls & Trees

The Young Training Program is not the only way the Nor-Cal Woodturners give back to the community.

According to President Chris Smith, for the past few years the club’s members have been donating bowls to the Empty Bowls fundraiser for

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Photo courtesy Nor-Cal Woodturners  
A woodturning by Nor-Cal Woodturners member Gene Kelly.



Photo courtesy Nor-Cal Woodturners  
A woodturning by Nor-Cal Woodturners member Richard Bell.



Students in the Youth Training Program of the Nor-Cal Woodturners.

# Woodturning: Volunteers want to expand the knowledge of the art

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the River City Food Bank. Attendees to the fundraiser can select a handmade bowl made by a local student or artist to take home.

“It’s a way for us to help support the local food bank and their fundraiser and give back to the community,” he says.

Young says Nor-Cal Woodturners donated over 100 bowls to the 2012 Empty Bowls.

According to Eileen Thomas, executive director of River City Food Bank, the wooden bowls donated by the Nor-Cal Woodturners are “beautiful” and “classy,” and bring diversity from the large amount of ceramic bowls normally available at the event.

“We want to make sure that we have something for everybody, so we’re just thrilled that they’re doing that,” she says. “I’m just very grateful for their artistic ability and the fact that they share it with all of the community through this event.”

And Smith says the Nor-Cal Woodturners is active with the Sacramento Tree Foundation’s Urban Wood Rescue Program, where the group works with the foundation to keep some of the trees the city cuts down out of landfills by distributing the logs to club members who turn “firewood into art.”

“This is a hobby that if you had to buy all the wood you get can be very expensive, so for us if we can get free wood, that’s great, and it’s basically a win-win (as the city gets to keep the stuff out of the landfills,” Smith explains.

Plus Smith says members pay the Sacramento Tree Foundation back for the wood either through monetary donations or by do-

nating a woodturning to the foundation.

## Join In

Interested in learning more about woodturning?

Smith says come to a meeting and don’t be afraid to ask for help, as the group offers a number of ways to learn from demonstrations at their monthly meetings, to a Mentor Program that members

can use to upgrade their skills or learn a brand new technique.

“Our goal is to expand the knowledge of wood turning out there to people who haven’t seen it or haven’t experienced what wood turning is, and then to have an outlet for people who know a little bit about it (to grow their skill level,” Smith explains. “What we try to do is give people that little bit of in-

formation, that little knowledge that will help them to succeed at creating what they want to make when they’re woodturning.”

The Nor-Cal Woodturners meet on the fourth Tuesday of each month (except in November and December) at Leo A. Palmiter Junior/Senior High School in Sacramento, from 7-9 p.m. For more information, visit [norcalwoodturners.org](http://norcalwoodturners.org).

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formation and reservations or call the Chautauqua Playhouse at 489-7529. Group rates are available. The original production of *Scrooge* opened in 1978 in Cal Expo's Golden Bear Playhouse, directed by Gary McFadyen and featuring Rodger Hoopman as Scrooge. Since then, *Scrooge* has played each holiday season to enthusiastic audiences throughout Northern California.



With Rodger Hoopman in the title role for his 33rd year, the current production of *Scrooge*, directed by Warren Harrison, will feature a company of local favorites including Salina Donek, Warren Harrison (who has performed the role of Bob Cratchit for the past 18 years), Chris Lamb, Karén Sandoval and many other local actors.

The production includes an original musical score by Hoopman and Rob Knable and it will also include a new opening number written by director Harrison.

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Chautauqua Playhouse Children's Theatre Christmas Production

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"Reindeer Revolution" is an original script written and directed by Marie Raymond and based on characters created by Kent Miller. Marie Raymond has been Arts Director for Chautauqua Children's Theatre for more than 30 years. One of Santa's reindeer wishes he had never been born after everyone forgets his birthday. When he gets his wish, he finds things at the North Pole far different than he remembers. [www.cplayhouse.org](http://www.cplayhouse.org)



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Carmichael landscape professionals learn new niche through green gardener program

## Trained professionals help residents create beautiful, sustainable landscapes

Top names in the sustainable landscaping industry recently gathered to celebrate new Green Gardener graduates, including Carmichael-based Rebecca Wright and Steve Hauser of o2ocompost.

Green Gardeners are landscape professionals that undergo an intensive, 10-week training course in sustainable, River-Friendly landscaping. During the course, participants learn principles and practices that can help reduce urban runoff and conserve water.

"The Green Gardener program is important to the Sacramento region because it trains landscaping professionals to garden responsibly and to protect our resources, especially our waterways," said Debbie Flower, Horticulture Professor at American River College and one of the industry leaders who attended the graduation. "The program also provides a niche for pro-

fessionals to market their services, which can be especially important in this economic environment."

More and more homeowners are asking their landscapers for safer, healthier gardening products and methods, said Kellogg Garden Products Manager Rex Lamb, another industry leader who attended the event.

"Homeowners are catching on that they gotta be green. They want to landscape organically, in a way that's healthier for their family," Lamb said, adding that Kellogg now sells more organic fertilizers than synthetic fertilizers 10 to one in Northern California.

The graduation honored 72 Green Gardener graduates. Since the program launched in fall 2009, more than 200 landscape professionals have attended Green Gardener classes, and nearly 150 have graduated. Graduates include contractors, designers, arborists, irri-



Photo courtesy  
Green Gardener graduates included Brandon Hurd of ASustainableGarden.com in Marysville (left), Carmichael-based Rebecca Wright and Steve Hauser of o2ocompost and Deborah Kruse a landscape architect based in Fresno.

gation experts and maintenance professionals.

Among the 16 special industry guests who attended the event were:

- Farmer Fred Hoffman (Keynote Speaker), lifetime Master Gardener and host of the "KFBK Garden Show" on NewsTalk 1530
- John Perrino, Co-founder and Chief Operation Officer of Vermicrop Organics
- Dave Phelps, Sustainability Manager for Cagwin & Dorward landscape contractors

"Considering that more than 65 percent of a household's water use typically goes toward landscape irrigation, and that more than 30 percent of that is lost to overwatering and evaporation, Green Gardeners provide an important service," said RWA Water Efficiency Program Manager Amy Talbot. "They are a great resource for residents looking to create a beautiful, sustainable landscape but don't know where to begin."

The Green Gardener training program is sponsored by the Regional Water Authority and River-Friendly Landscaping Coalition. A list of qualified Green Gardeners can be found at [www.BeWaterSmart.info](http://www.BeWaterSmart.info).

About the Regional Water Authority: RWA is a joint powers authority representing 25 water providers and affiliates in the greater Sacramento area. Its primary mission is to help its members protect and enhance the reliability, availability, affordability and quality of water resources.

## Carmichael Oaks residents take sign language class

By MONICA STARK  
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Every Wednesday for the last month or so, a group of about 5-10 seniors varying in age from 79 to 98 at Carmichael Oaks gather for an informal hour-long sign-language class. Taught by 82-year-old Ginger White, the students listen intently to the lesson.

White passes out handouts showing pictures of the signs she wants them to learn over the course of the hour and goes through the list one by one. Going over words like "what, when, where, light and question", White has the students answer questions using the new vocabulary.

Since White is deaf herself, she has the help of Carmichael Oaks employee Laurie Taylor verbalize what various signs mean if a student has difficulty following along.

Students say how much fun they have with each other. One of them, Lola Chan, 86, said she used some of the signs over Thanksgiving. Hard of hearing, Chan uses a caption phone and looks forward to practicing her skills more often. She spends some of her time watching sign language videos on the Internet to help practice.



The seniors at Carmichael Oaks who take Ginger White's sign language class.

"(Signs are) really just the same as the thing is. You're just showing it," Chan said.

Another one of the students, Ica, is 98 years old, is legally blind and has arthritis in her hands. She has learned just as much as any of the other students.

Asked why she decided to teach the class at the senior home, White said she wanted a challenge.

The seniors looked around at each other and one just blurted out what was on all their minds: "What? We're a challenge?"

Then they all started to laugh.

With a chuckle, White held out a zipper, which is her way of telling her students to shut their mouths and listen. "(The zipper) is only for Lola" she said and everybody laughed again.

After the laughter subsided, it was back to work learning more signs.

Students said they enjoy learning a new language and think White is a fantastic teacher.

"She has a good sense of humor. She knows how to deal with us," one said.

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Ginger White, 82, teaches a group of seniors at Carmichael Oaks sign language every Wednesday.

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By CORRIE PELC  
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**WHEN:** December 12-23, 24 hours  
**WHAT:** Help out military families in need this holiday season with donations of toys, warm clothes, gift cards, diapers, baby wipes, and baby formula.  
**WHERE:** Donations collected in parking lot on Arden Way next to The Cheesecake Factory at Arden Fair Mall.  
**QUESTIONS:** 530-282-9926, santasyellowribbon@live.com, or visit wp.yellowribbonamerica.org.

### Drawing For Toys

**WHEN:** December 15 from 11am-8pm  
**WHAT:** Watch local comic book artists create original works of art that you can purchase - all proceeds made from the live artwork will be donated to Toys for Tots.

And the US Marines will be collecting toy donations.  
**WHERE:** Empire's Comics Vault, 1120 Fulton Ave., Ste. K, Sacramento  
**QUESTIONS:** Jason Dube, 916-716-0310, scattered\_cat@yahoo.com

### Beatles Holiday Concert & Toy Drive

**WHEN:** December 15 from 4-6pm  
**WHAT:** Enjoy Beatles tribute band "Because" while donating a new, unwrapped toy for kids ages 5-12. General admission \$10; \$5 with donation of a new, unwrapped toy.  
**WHERE:** La Sierra Community Center, 5325 Engle Road, John Smith Hall, Carmichael  
**QUESTIONS:** Carmichael Recreation and Park District at 485-5322

## General Sacramento Area

### Sacramento Sheriff's Toy Project

**WHEN:** Donations accepted all year long  
**WHAT:** New, unwrapped toys  
**WHERE:** Drop off donations at the main office, 10117 Mills Station Road, Ste. C, in Sacramento, or any Sheriff's Department. Visit www.toyproject.org for more locations.  
**QUESTIONS:** 916-361-4571 or www.toyproject.org

**Fill The Truck**  
**WHEN:** December 8, 9am-5pm  
**WHAT:** Donate new toys to children who take part in Salvation Army's Christmas Assistance programs. Once the donation receptacles are full, The Salvation Army will bring the donations to their local units and distribute the gifts this holiday season as part of their

support to local families in need.  
**WHERE:** Visit www.gosalarmy.org for a list of participating Walmart stores.  
**QUESTIONS:** 916-563-3731

### Great Toy Drive

**WHEN:** Until December 15

See Toy drive, page 20

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**Toy Drive: Arden Fair to house drop off spot in the lot**

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**WHAT:** Join KTXL FOX 40, Big O Tires, 107.9 THE END and KHOP 95.1 in collecting new, unwrapped toys for Shriners Hospital for Children of Northern California.

**WHERE:** Donations can be dropped off at various Big O Tire locations – visit FOX40.com/toys for a full list.

**QUESTIONS:** gsaunders@tribune.com

**Fleet Feet Holiday Classic**

**WHEN:** December 16, race starts at 9am

**WHAT:** The 6th annual Fleet Feet Holiday Classic is a free 5K run/walk. Since

there's no entry fee, race participants are encourage to donate a new, unwrapped toy at the event to benefit The Salvation Army Toy Drive.

**WHERE:** Sutter's Landing Park (28th and A Streets), Sacramento

**QUESTIONS:** 916-441-1751

**2012 CHiPS for Kids**

**WHEN:** Until December 19

**WHAT:** Join KCRA 3 and the California Highway Patrol by bringing a new, unwrapped toy to a participating location.

**WHERE:** Visit www.kcra.com for a full list of drop-off locations.

**QUESTIONS:** Adrian Quintero, Public Information Officer, El Protector, CHP Valley Division at (916) 731-6516

**Soft Toy Drive at IKEA West Sacramento**

**WHEN:** Until December 29

**WHAT:** Donate a new soft toy to the UC Davis Children's Hospital. And for every soft toy purchased and donated at IKEA West Sacramento, the store will donate \$1 to UNICEF.

**WHERE:** Donations accepted at the donation bin at the store's exit.

**QUESTIONS:** 916-371-4532

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Faces and Places:

**6th Annual Christmas Tree Lighting**

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The Fulton Avenue Association decked the halls and brought good cheer to families on a wet and cold Christmas tree lighting ceremony, held annually for the sixth time on Saturday, Dec. 1. Santa was there taking notes from children for gifts. And of course children sat in awe looking at the beautifully decorated tree on Fulton Avenue.



# CALENDAR

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## ONGOING:

### Need An End-of-Year Write Off?

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### The Camellia Symphony now accepts vehicle donations

If you have a vehicle you'd like to donate to support CSO, call 320-0476 to get the process started. Not only is a vehicle donation a great way to support classical music in your community, but it may also provide you with a tax deduction. <http://www.camelliasymphony.org/sponsor/vehicle-donation/>

### Old Sacramento Theatre of Lights

Theatre of Lights continues through the holiday season with two 20-minute light shows at 6:15 p.m. and 7:45 p.m. every Thursday through Sunday until Dec. 23 with special Monday shows at 6:15 p.m. on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve. The Christmas Eve show will only be at 6:15 p.m. New Year's Eve will feature Theatre of Lights as an important piece of the overall fireworks spectacular with shows running later in the evening at 7 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.

### Chautauqua Children's Theatre presents its Christmas production 'Reindeer Revolution'

Playing every Saturday at noon and 2 p.m. **Now through Dec. 22.** Tickets are \$7 all ages and can be purchased by calling 489-7529 or by emailing: tickets@cplayhouse.org 5235 Engle Rd. Ste. 110. Carmichael.

## DECEMBER

### Classical Revolution performs:

Dec. 13: Classical music in a comfortable setting. Bows and Arrows, 8 p.m., free of charge. 1815 19<sup>th</sup> St., Sacramento

### Mission Oaks Computer Club meeting

Dec. 13: The meeting topic will be "ID Theft Protection" presented by Sarah Dalton of the CA Office of Privacy Protection. A problem-solving clinic, led by Adam Lacey of Applications, Etc, will follow the meeting. To be held from 1 to 3 p.m. at Mission Oaks Community Center, located at 4701 Gibbons Drive, Carmichael, CA 366-1687 or website [www.missionoakscomputerclub.org](http://www.missionoakscomputerclub.org).

### Salvation Army Band to be featured at River's Edge Senior Community

Dec. 13: The Salvation Army ensemble is made up of Salvation Army musicians from the Sacramento area. They play at many events throughout the year and especially at Christmas where they can be seen playing around the Red Kettle. Their main purpose is to support the weekly church services at The Salvation Army. Anyone interested in attending should contact the community at 921-5131 by Monday, Dec. 10. Refreshments will be served. Event starts 2 p.m. 601 Feature Dr.

### Bi-Polar Anonymous

Dec. 14: Free 12-step program/support group, for people who have Bi-Polar and those who love them. Meets every Friday, 7-8:30 p.m. 4300 Auburn Blvd., Room 106. (916) 889-5786.

### Compañía Mazatlán Bellas Artes de Sacramento Announces Annual Holiday Ballet Folklorico "Posada Navideña"

Dec. 14: Compañía Mazatlán Bellas Artes de Sacramento presents a festival of vibrant sound and shimmering colors in this special Mexican Christmas production. Three Stages Performing Arts Center at Folsom Lake College, 10 College Parkway, Folsom, beginning at 7:30 p.m. [www.threestages.net](http://www.threestages.net).

### Jesus' birthday party

Dec. 14: Come join in for a free family fun event featuring a short Christmas skit, A Prime Time Christmas, and music by the Youth Praise Band. Afterward, there will be fun games including pin the tail on the donkey, and a sharing of piñata, cake and ice cream as we celebrate Jesus' Birthday. If one is able, please bring an unwrapped toy for an underprivileged child. For more information, call (916) 487-5192 or visit [northminsteronline.org](http://northminsteronline.org). Party starts at 7 p.m. at the Northminster Presbyterian Church, located at 3235 Pope Ave.

### Robbie Waters Pocket-Greenhaven Library presents technology petting zoo

Dec. 15: Thinking about buying a tablet or eReader for the holidays? The Sacramento Public Library can help you decide which one to purchase at its technology petting zoo at 1 p.m. at the Robbie Waters Pocket-Greenhaven branch, 7335 Gloria Dr. There will be a full selection of the latest gadgets to see and try out. Plus, library staff will show how to use them with the Sacramento Public Library's digital catalog of downloadable books. For more information, 264-2920 or visit [www.saclibrary.org](http://www.saclibrary.org).

### Free wine tasting

Dec. 15: Wine & More will give the public the opportunity to indulge in a variety of delicious wines from Bordeaux, the most famous wine-growing region in the world, at its newest wine tasting event from noon to 6 p.m. The event will be held at all California Total Wine & More stores, including Sacramento (Arden), located at 2121 Arden Way. For more information, call 921-5328.

### Celebration Arts Presents 'Waiting to be Invited'

Dec. 15: It's the summer of 1964 in Atlanta. Four middle-aged black women, co-workers from a local doll factory, travel by city bus to a "whites only" eating establishment inside a downtown Atlanta department store. Their purpose is to "test" their newly acquired civil rights handed down by the Supreme Court outlawing segregation in eating establishments. The play will take place at the Celebration Arts Theatre, 4469 D St. 455-2787 or [www.celebrationarts.net](http://www.celebrationarts.net). For tickets online visit: [www.mycommunityevents.com](http://www.mycommunityevents.com).

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### Breakfast with Santa

Dec. 15: From 9 to 11 a.m. at Sierra Arden United Church of Christ. Free of charge. Bring the kids to meet with Santa. A pancake breakfast will be served. 890 Morse Ave. at Northrop Ave.

### Family holiday party set Dec. 15 at McKinley Library

Dec. 15: The Sacramento Public Library invites all ages for a fun winter holiday party, at 11 a.m., Saturday, December 15, at the McKinley branch, 601 Alhambra Boulevard, Sacramento. Hosted by the Friends of McKinley Library, the celebration will feature a free puppet show, visit from Santa, and light refreshments. 264-2920 or visit [www.saclibrary.org](http://www.saclibrary.org).

### Capitol Ballet Company presents, The Nutcracker

Dec. 15: The Nutcracker will be performed at 2 p.m. at the Sheldon High School Performing Arts Center, 8333 Kingsbridge Dr., Sacramento. Tickets are \$18-\$22 for adults; \$12-\$16 for children, seniors (65+), students and military with ID. Tickets may be purchased at [www.capitolballet.com](http://www.capitolballet.com) or by calling Capitol Ballet Company 484-1188.

### Words and Wine Authors Event at Old Sugar Mill

Dec. 15-16: The Old Sugar Mill Winery is hosting "Gifts of Words and Wine Authors Event" featuring 40 authors between 1 and 5 p.m. at 35265 Willow Ave., Clarksburg. Free admission; [Info@CarvalhoFamilyWinery.com](mailto:Info@CarvalhoFamilyWinery.com). 744-1625

### Tolkien's The Lord of the Rings discussed at Sacramento's Central Library program

Dec. 16: The Sacramento Public Library invites The Lord of the Rings book and movie fans on a journey through Middle-earth with scholars and experts as guides at 2 p.m., at the Central Library, 828 I St. Metered street parking is free on Sundays. For more information, call 264-2920 or visit [www.saclibrary.org](http://www.saclibrary.org).

### Christmas concert at Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church

Dec. 16: Starting at 7 p.m. at the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church, located at Alhambra Boulevard and F Streets in East Sacramento, The Church Choir of the Annunciation Greek Orthodox, under the direction of Mr. William Bobolis, will be performed. This will be the 18th consecutive year the choir has brought both liturgical and secular music of the season to the parishioners of the parish and the members of the community. The choir will be accompanied by LuAnn Higgs and Maria DeVille and Jamie Bobolis will be assisting the director. There is no admission but offerings are accepted. A reception will follow in the Hellenic Center.

### Barber Shop Discussion: A Conversation with Ishmael Reed

Dec. 16: A live Jazz performance by Harley White Jr. Trio, and Ishmael Reed will be discussing his latest book, *Gone Too Far: Essays About America's Nervous Breakdown*. This event will take place at the Brick-house Gallery, 2837 36th St., from 3-6 p.m. \$10.

### Breakfast with Santa at the Elks Lodge No. 6

Dec. 16: From 8:30 to 11 a.m., enjoy breakfast while a picture of your child with Santa gets printed. \$9 for adults and \$5 for children under age 12. 6446 Riverside Blvd. Sacramento.

### NorCal Big Band Preservation Holiday Gala

Dec. 16: Holiday Gala Ball Presented by the Nor Cal Big Band Society at the Elks Lodge, No. 6 features Buddy Harpham's Orchestra (2-5 p.m.) Celia Cottle's J. Street Jazz Cats 1-2 p.m.) Three 15-minute Ladies' Tags segments singles and couples, dance hosts, snacks, and door prizes. Regular admission is \$12, groups of 10 are \$11. Gold Card-\$10. Sacramento Elks No. 6 is located at 6446 Riverside Blvd. For more information, call Lou at 444-6138, [loucpp45@gmail.com](mailto:loucpp45@gmail.com)

### Rotary Clubs of Arden-Arcade, Carmichael

Dec. 18: Guest speakers address local, regional and international topics. Visitors welcome, every Tuesday. Arden-Arcade meets at noon, Jackson Catering and Events, 1120 Fulton Ave. (916) 925-2787. Carmichael meets at 6 p.m., Palm Street Pub & Grill, 6416 Fair Oaks Blvd. [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org).

### Soroptimist International of Sacramento North meeting

Dec. 18: An organization for the betterment of women and children meets at the atria El Camino Gardens at 2426 Garfield, Carmichael. Call Sheila at 624-4643.

### Nutcracker puppet show at Arden-Dimick Library

Dec. 18: School-age children are welcome to a free puppet show, based on the classic The Nutcracker tale by E.T.A. Hoffman and the music of Tchaikovsky, at 4 p.m., 891 Watt Ave. The Puppet Company's 40 puppets will perform the tale of young Clara, who rescues her toy Nutcracker from the evil Mouse King and turns him into a Prince. In doing so, she visits the land of the Sugar Plum Fairy and witnesses all kinds of holiday marvels. The show features Dancing Candies, The Snow Queen spreading snow over all the children, Prancing Clowns, Mechanical Toys, and Chinese Dragons. And of course the big battle between the Mouse King's armies and the toys and candies. 264-2920 or visit [www.saclibrary.org](http://www.saclibrary.org).

### Rotary Club of Pocket/Greenhaven

Dec. 19: Guest speakers address local, regional and international topics. Visitors welcome. 7:30 a.m., every Wednesday. Aviators Restaurant, 6151 Freepoint Blvd. (916) 684-6854.

### East Sac Rotary

Dec. 19: Meets at noon, Evan's Kitchen, 855 57<sup>th</sup> St. Sacramento. [www.eastsacrota.com](http://www.eastsacrota.com).

### Teen game fun planned Dec. 20 at Arcade Library

Dec. 20: The Sacramento Public Library is challenging teens for an afternoon of gaming fun at 4 p.m., Thursday, December 20, at its Arcade branch, 2443 Marconi Avenue, Sacramento. New games are available each month, with occasional tournaments for prizes. Grab a controller for free play, fight to the top of the leaderboard, or just grab a snack and watch the action. 264-2920 or visit [www.saclibrary.org](http://www.saclibrary.org).

### Depression Glass and Pottery Collecting program at Sacramento's Central Library

Dec. 20: Don't throw out your grandmother's wine glasses — begin collecting today! Continue the tradition, or develop your own style in glassware, china or pottery at the Sacramento Public Library's Depression Glass and Pottery Collecting program, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., at the Central Library, 828 I Street, Sacramento. International Depression Glass Club members will share their expertise about Depression glass and pottery collecting. Attendees are encouraged to bring their collectibles to the library event for identification. 264-2920 or visit [www.saclibrary.org](http://www.saclibrary.org).

### Bi-Polar Anonymous

Dec. 21: Free 12-step program/support group, for people who have Bi-Polar and those who love them. Meets every Friday, 7-8:30 p.m. 4300 Auburn Blvd., Room 106. (916) 889-5786.

### Animal shelter highlighted at Robbie Waters Pocket-Greenhaven Library

Dec. 21: Gina Knepp, Sacramento's Front Street Shelter director will explain what an animal shelter is and why we need shelters at a special program at 3:30 p.m., 7335 Gloria Dr. Each child attending will receive an activity book related to the class to take home. The program is for kids, ages 6 to 10, and parents are also encouraged to join the fun. Registration is required by telephoning the Sacramento Public Library at 264-2920 or visiting [www.saclibrary.org](http://www.saclibrary.org).

### Decorated bike ride starting at the Coffee Garden

Dec. 22: Cruise through Curtis Park with the Christmas Season Bicycle Ride Cruise. Decorate your bike and wear a holiday costume for a chance to win prizes. Cruise through Curtis Park and enjoy the holiday lights, two stops for hot apple cider or chocolate, come early to enjoy the party! Celebrate the holiday, raise funds and bring toys to benefit the Tubman House. Starts at The Coffee Garden, located at 2904 Franklin Blvd. Sacramento. Contest for the following categories: Best Decorated (Peoples Choice), Most Lights, Best Overall Costume and Decorated Bike, Best Kids Bike. Prizes, food and entertainment. Take your picture with Santa Clause and Snoopy. Bring an unwrapped toy for donation. Party starts at 2 p.m., ride goes from 6 to 8 p.m. 457-5507.

### Free admission day at Fairytale Town

Dec. 24: On Christmas Eve, Fairytale Town gives the gift of free admission to visiting guests from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information, visit [fairytaleatown.org](http://fairytaleatown.org) or call 808-7462.

### Rotary Clubs of Arden-Arcade, Carmichael

Dec. 25: Guest speakers address local, regional and international topics. Visitors welcome, every Tuesday. Arden-Arcade meets at noon, Jackson Catering and Events, 1120 Fulton Ave. (916) 925-2787. Carmichael meets at 6 p.m., Palm Street Pub & Grill, 6416 Fair Oaks Blvd. [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org).

### Rotary Club of Pocket/Greenhaven

Dec. 26: Guest speakers address local, regional and international topics. Visitors welcome. 7:30 a.m., every Wednesday. Aviators Restaurant, 6151 Freepoint Blvd. (916) 684-6854.

### East Sac Rotary

Dec. 26: Meets at 6 p.m., Evan's Kitchen, 855 57<sup>th</sup> St. Sacramento. [www.eastsacrota.com](http://www.eastsacrota.com).

### Bi-Polar Anonymous

Dec. 28: Free 12-step program/support group, for people who have Bi-Polar and those who love them. Meets every Friday, 7-8:30 p.m. 4300 Auburn Blvd., Room 106. (916) 889-5786.

### Fr Big Dreams, Small Shoulders

Dec. 28: Kwanzaa performance at Crocker at 2 p.m. Big Dreams Small Shoulders is a work on Norman Rockwell's painting of Ruby Bridges, the six-year old escorted into an all-white school by federal marshals in 1960. ) Crocker Art Museum, 216 O St., SAC. Cost: museum admission.

### Congregation B'Nai Israel's sustainability committee sponsors e-waste collection

Dec. 30: Free public collection event to dispose of your electronic waste, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. 3600 Riverside Blvd., Sacramento. E-waste will be safely and properly recycled and some of the proceeds will benefit the Downtown Food Closet. Examples of accepted items: Computers, monitors, printer, TV, VCR, ink and toner cartridge. Not Accepted: All types of lighting, household batteries, car batteries, paint, mercury con-

taining devices, appliances, universal waste, non-electronic waste. Attention Businesses - For a special pick up, call 310-734-6700, [www.newwaste.com](http://www.newwaste.com)

### Book, CD, and DVD 'swap meet'

at Sacramento's Central Library  
Dec. 30: The Sacramento Public Library is inviting the public to trade their books, CDs and DVDs and meet other reading, music and movie lovers during a free social gathering from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., at the Central Library, 828 I St. 264-2920 or visit [www.saclibrary.org](http://www.saclibrary.org).

### New Year's Eve Sky Spectacular

Dec. 31: Come one, come all to the 13th annual New Year's Eve Sky Spectacular in Old Sacramento between 6 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. With two stunning — and free — firework shows at 9 p.m. and midnight, guests will enjoy twists, turns and heart pounding visual inspiration choreographed to music. Free. 808-7777 or [www.nyescapto.com](http://www.nyescapto.com)

## JANUARY

### POWERTalk International

Jan. 1, 5: Want to improve your public speaking and presentation skills? POWERTalk International, a nonprofit public speaking organization, provides coaching in leadership skills, sales presentation, interviewing, confidence building and more. Meets First Tuesdays of the month 10 a.m.—1 p.m. and First Saturdays of the Month 12 noon—3 p.m. Aviators Restaurant, 6151 Freepoint Blvd., Sac. Liz Richardson (916) 208-9163, [erichardson1202@yahoo.com](mailto:erichardson1202@yahoo.com) [www.powertalkinternational.com](http://www.powertalkinternational.com)

### Rotary Clubs of Arden-Arcade, Carmichael

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### Soroptimist International of Sacramento North meeting

Jan. 1: An organization for the betterment of women and children meets at the atria El Camino Gardens at 2426 Garfield, Carmichael. Call Sheila at 624-4643.

### Rotary Club of Pocket/Greenhaven

Jan. 2: Guest speakers address local, regional and international topics. Visitors welcome. 7:30 a.m., every Wednesday. Aviators Restaurant, 6151 Freepoint Blvd. (916) 684-6854.

### East Sac Rotary

Jan. 2: Meets at noon, Evan's Kitchen, 855 57<sup>th</sup> St. Sacramento. [www.eastsacrota.com](http://www.eastsacrota.com).

### The Yale Spizzwinks A Cappella Concert

Jan. 2: Featuring Sacramento native and 2012 Jesuit High School alumnus Drew Robinett, the Yale Spizzwinks(?) kick off their west coast tour at the First United Methodist Church at 7 p.m. For Tickets: <https://spizzwinks.ticketbud.com/sacramento/>. \$15 Adult / \$5 Student & Child



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Wonderful Arden Oaks property located on 1½ acres of trees, floral gardens and fountains. Features separate guest quarters, large formal dining room, and patio area with fireplace, 2 office areas in addition to 5 bedrooms, 4 fireplaces and 4 HVAC units. \$1,650,000

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**CLASSIC ARDEN PARK**

3 bedroom 1½ bath home with all the original charm including a wonderful brick exterior and hardwood floors. Located on a .24 acre lot; separate 2-car garage sets back on the lot. Approximately 1502 sq. ft. of living space per seller which includes the service porch. \$349,000

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5 bedroom 3 bath home on a quiet street in great location! 3,343 square foot beauty has an open floor plan, hardwood floors, and kitchen family room combination. Lovely backyard with fenced pool area, play area, eating area and even a covered sitting area with TV hookup. \$545,000

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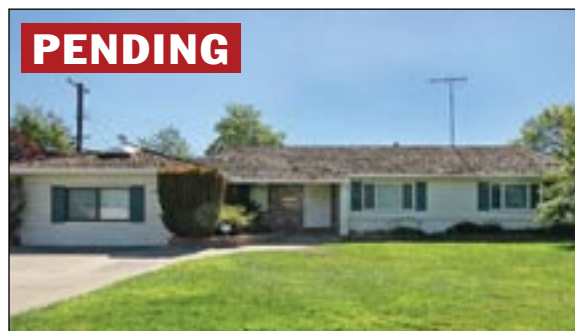


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**DESIRABLE SHELFIELD**

4 bedroom 2½ bath home in wonderful Carmichael area close to American River Parkway. Features include open floor plan, formal dining room and breakfast nook, dual pane windows, 2 HVAC units and solar heated pool! Spacious lot with area beside garage for parking, RV space and more. \$549,000

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