

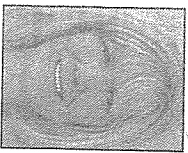
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HILLS HAPPENINGS

Anaheim Hills Rotary funds teachers' special projects

This year marks the second consecutive year the Anaheim Hills Rotary Club has awarded educational grants to teachers at local



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elementary schools and at Canyon High School. Club

members are aware of tight school budgets

that prevent many teachers from utilizing some of their more creative ideas to foster their students' education. As a result of this, applications were distributed to local schools so teachers could request funding for special projects. The Rotary Club received 27 requests and funded 13 – two more than last year.

"It was difficult to turn any of the projects down,

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but we couldn't fund every idea," George Gillespie, vocational service chair, said. "Hopefully, the club will be able to increase the number of grants next year."

The club hosted several of the teachers and principals during Rotary's dinner meetings to enable them to showcase their ideas.

Canyon Hills School Principal Karen Hanson received a grant to help fund and support Matthew McMahan's Eagle Scout Project to build a sensory garden for students at the school.

Anaheim Hills Elementary fifth-grade teacher France Shuttler received money for a school science assembly and sixth-grade

teacher Jeff Hawley was provided funds for drip irrigation supplies for a vegetable demonstration garden to be used for the entire school.

Crescent Elementary fifth-grade teacher Sharon Cechl was able to purchase supplies for an Electric City project at

teaches students about series and parallel electrical circuits, and a pocket projector was funded to enable a teacher to become mobile and record classes outside the classroom.

Imperial Elementary teacher Andrew Hintz received money for two compost systems to assist in teaching students about composting and reducing carbon footprint.

Nohl Canyon School fourth-grade GATE teacher Alysia Turpley's Brainology project was funded and Melissa Houghtling at Running Springs Elementary received money for videos to teach nonverbal children sign language to develop better communication skills.

Shannon McChurch, a Running Springs fourth-grade teacher, purchased owl pellets for students to dissect in science class. (Rotary previously purchased hand lenses, sticks and trays for this lab project, which allows students to study food cycles/food chains.)

Canyon High School music teacher Ariel Lambert purchased microphones, speakers, stands, cables and microphone bars. Krista Garcia purchased sets of books involving "leadership" and the teaching of habits and attitudes. Speech and Debate teacher David Heck

received money for a high tech camera and power adapter, while engineering teacher Mark Bowie was given money for tools and equipment for the development and construction of robotics and drones.

TEEN ROOM GETS SPRUCING UP BY ADT

Office volunteers from ADT Security Services in Anaheim Hills recently completed a project at Canyon Hills Library during its ADT Always Cares "Week of Service."

Dozens of company volunteers painted vibrant accent wall colors in the teen area in preparation for the installation of a large mural, which was designed by one of Canyon Hills Library's Young Adult Council members, Megan Deiss. ADT will purchase additional comfortable lounge furniture, will install a large white board and also made repairs to existing furniture

in the teen area. Many students use the library daily and will now have a welcoming gathering place to study and socialize.

A special open house is planned from noon to 3 p.m. on Saturday at the library. ADT will serve complimentary "Muffins for Moms" in honor of Mother's Day. Volunteers will read aloud to children in attendance and lead an art activity for them.

ADT Always Cares offers a spectrum of company-sponsored charitable events throughout the year for its 17,000 employees and their families nationwide. For additional information about ADT charitable programs, call Katie Ryan-Hoke at 714-579-6410 or Cynthia Hicks, east region supervising librarian, at 714-765-6442.

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