Anaheim Hills news: Rotary Club members have no plans to slow down

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Last year proved a busy one for members of the Anaheim Hills Rotary Club and it also proved a rewarding one as the nonprofit participated in various community service projects helping those in need, fostering education, children's safety and even some fun for residents.

Club members say they plan to support many of these philanthropic projects again this year. Among them are sponsoring the annual Easter egg hunt at Ronald Reagan Park, an event that has grown in popularity and now attracts almost a thousand participants; serving monthly meals for families staying at the Ronald McDonald House while their children are receiving treatment at Children's Hospital Orange County; and providing a Thanksgiving meal to low-income seniors.

Other projects in the planning include supporting events at Grandma's House of Hope, the Ronald McDonald House and sponsoring a Tops Soccer luncheon for challenged young athletes. The group also intends to support Canyon High School students during Campus Beautification Day as well as providing scholarships for deserving high school seniors. Members will continue to present their Flags of Honor Field at Eucalyptus Park honoring heroes over the Memorial Day and Veteran's Day weekends and support Rotary literacy, clean water and polio prevention projects world-wide.

Another significant project that Hills Rotary participated in this past year was the Every 15 Minutes program that is presented to high school students at various schools each year. The club has been a major sponsor and participant of this program for students at Canyon High School, which brings the reality to the effects of drinking and driving. This vital program, which is offered every two years, promotes teen safety.

Membership in the Anaheim Hills Rotary is open to those interested in fun, serving the community and participating in interesting and entertaining social activities. Visit AnaheimHillsRotary.org for more information.

Pick up books to support the library

The Friends of Canyon Hills Library will host its first “Flash Book Sale” of the new year from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Jan. 23 and 24 at the branch.

A wide selection of fiction, nonfiction, special interest books, jigsaw puzzles and DVDs will be available all at bargain prices. Money raised help the group support the various programs and services it provides for the library and Anaheim Hills community.

For additional information, contact Canyon Hills Library at 714-765-6444.

Fun and learning at the library

The Anaheim Public Library recently opened its Winter Reading Program, “Chillin’ with Raising Cane’s,” which will run through Feb. 17.

Participants have the opportunity to enjoy reading and win prizes at the same time. Those interested should sign up at readsquared.com, or contact Canyon Hills Library at 714-765-6444.

Also, the Canyon Hills Gaming Club for kids ages 7 and older resumes on Jan. 25. Kids have the opportunity to participate after school on Wednesdays from 4 to 5 p.m. in the teen area at the Canyon Hills branch.

Kids will have the chance to play Nintendo, board games or a use a VR headset for a virtual reality experience.

Call the library at 714-765-6444 for additional information. There is no charge to attend.

Also, the next virtual noontime wellness program hosted by the library will be from noon to 1 p.m. on Jan. 30.

It will be an interactive workshop focused on "Mind Your Brain," which teaches proactive steps to protect brain health and lower risk of cognitive decline. This program is hosted by the Alzheimer's Orange County and there is no charge to attend.

Those interested should register at https://tinyurl.com/37d74pv2 or call 844-373-4400 prior to the event. For more information, call Lisa Weber, Anaheim adult librarian at 714-765-1783.

The Chance has silver plans
This season also includes two world premieres: “Colonialism is Terrible, But Pho is Delicious,” starting March 31 and “Matinicus: The Story of Abigail Burgess,” on May 5, which were developed as part of Chance Theater’s New Works Program.

The Tony-Award-winning mystery, “The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time” is also on the schedule, as well as the return of the popular TYA Family Series, “Fancy Nancy, the Musical” and “The Secret Garden, The Musical.”

The entire 2023 season is produced by community leaders, Bette and Wylie Aitken, as well as the family of Mary Kay Fyda-Mar as associate producers.

For tickets or additional information call 888-455-4212 or email casey@chancetheater.com.

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