



# The Volunteer View

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## VOLUNTEER NOTES

### Arts & Crafts Fair

Save the date! On Thursday, December 5, everyone is welcome at the 19th annual Employee Arts & Crafts Fair. The pop-up fair includes live music, original art, and handcrafted gifts. It runs from 1:00 to 4:00 at the Marin Civic Center Cafe. Among the 30-plus artists and crafters will be Volunteer Tour Docent **Noel Ryan**. Former Volunteer **Miguel Lienes**, who very recently was hired by Health & Human Services, organized this year's fair.

### New Numbers Coming

Thanks to everyone who made sure to report service hours – or confirmed that their department rep was keeping track – for the 2018-2019 fiscal year. We are almost ready to publish our report on last year's participation. Check the next *Volunteer View* for the grand totals. Thanks for contributing time and skills – and for keeping your own record current. Need a password re-set? Have a question or comment for us?

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## Former Summer Reader Returns to Support the Program

By Jacob Derin

Intern **Anna Qiu**'s love of the library began early.

“As a child I participated in the Summer Reading Program each year and greatly enjoyed doing so. Additionally, I had quite enjoyed helping out at the library, and so volunteering for the Summer Reading Program seemed like a fun thing to do.”

Anna, 17, has been contributing her time every summer since 2013 at the Civic Center branch of the Marin County Free Library.

She hands out the library's reading prizes for children who have logged a certain number of hours spent reading. She also reads to kids and helps them select books. Over 400 children took part this summer in the reading program, which has been in existence for decades at the library. Anna is one

of 12 volunteers who support summer reading.

This fall she is studying computer science at Carnegie Mellon University. She enjoys programming and hopes to use this skill “to give back to the



PHOTO BY JACOB DERIN

*Anna Qiu at the Children's Room*

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## Parks 'A-Team' Learns Restoration

By Jacob Derin

Staff member **Kirk Schroeder** is the program coordinator in charge of the Marin County Parks Adventure Team Internship, nicknamed the A-Team. The program ran for four weeks this summer, with three interns working four days a week for a total of 32 hours per week.



PHOTO BY KIRK SCHROEDER

*Max's first day operating a weedwhip near the Black Point Boat Launch.*

All the interns — **Susana Phillips, Max Shmelev, and Ali Modam** — were high school students. Max is a Tamalpais High School student who enjoys backpacking, rock climbing, and “all things computers.” To anyone considering the Adventure Team, Max says, “You should join the

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## Parks

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program! It will give you a good jump start into being able to work in parks and open spaces.”

“Participants in the program are able to just get immersed in the work that we do – to learn about it and also practice it and see the importance of the work we do,” Kirk said. “It’s unique to be able to see how much of a difference even a small team can make.”

This is the first year the program offered financial compensation, at \$13.15 an hour, for duties centered around park facilities maintenance. The interns replaced weeds with



PHOTOS BY KIRK SCHROEDER

*Everyone smiles after a hugely productive day of landscaping at the Parks Department's Lucas Valley field offices.*



*The A-Team clears an isolated stand of perennial pepperweed at Bothin Marsh.*

desirable plants and performed gardening beautification, landscaping, and restoration work around the county, including McInnis Park, the Lucas Valley field office of Marin County Parks, Terra Linda Sleepy Hollow Preserve, Kent Island, and Stafford Lake Bike Park in Novato.

In its final week, the program collaborated with the LINC (Linking Individuals to their Natural Community) Summer High School Program run through the OneTam program and the Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy.

“Being able to build relationships while doing the work was really positive,” Kirk said. “We spent a lot of time together over a short period and accomplished a lot of great work.”

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## Library Intern

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community and help improve the world in some way.”

In her free time, Anna enjoys reading and hanging out with her friends.

Her staff supervisor, Children’s Librarian **Kathleen Fitzhugh-Remitz**, said Anna is “bright and capable. It’s been really rewarding to see her grow into a competent young adult who’s professional in every way.”

Kathleen also emphasized the importance of the program and Anna’s work. If a child cannot read “at level” by third grade, she said, it can be extremely difficult to catch up. “This is why it’s essential to keep them reading over the summer and avoid the summer slide that could otherwise result.”

Anna, a Terra Linda native and 2019 graduate of Terra Linda High

School, has enjoyed working with the kids and seeing them grow up from one summer to the next. She mostly works with elementary students and preschool children.

“I’ve continued all these years as I have found that I really enjoy working with the kids and families,” Anna said of her voluntary role. “It really delights me to see children reading outside of school.”

## Who's New & Welcome!

**Laticia Anderson** (Pinole), Certified Ambulatory Perianesthesia (CAPA) Nursing Student, Health and Human Services (HHS)

**Joseph Attwell** (Santa Clara), Post-Bar Intern, District Attorney's Office (DA)

**Evelyn Bailey** (Corte Madera), Tobacco Prevention & Education Intern (School to Career), HHS

**Abigail Baltzer** (San Rafael), CAPA Nursing Student, HHS

**Alexandra Barkin** (Berkeley), Adult Case Management Intern, HHS

**Frances Bencomo** (Kentfield), CAPA Nursing Student, HHS

**Lucy Berry** (Tiburon), Tobacco Prevention & Education Intern, School to Career Student, HHS

**Jacob Boyle** (San Rafael), Adult Case Management Intern, HHS

**Summer Cassel** (Inverness), District 4 Intern, Board of Supervisors

**Mandeep Chahal** (Elk Grove), CAPA Nursing Student, HHS

**Barrie Chi** (Novato), English Tutor, Novato Library

**Joseph Chung** (Hayward), Adult Case Management Intern, HHS

**Josie Cunningham** (San Francisco), CAPA Nursing Student, HHS

**Robert Curland** (San Rafael), Adult Case Management Intern, HHS

**Michael Danne** (Mill Valley), Tobacco Prevention & Education Intern, School to Career Student, HHS

**Kaelyn Del Rosario** (San Francisco), CAPA Nursing Student, HHS

**Adriana Delgadillo** (Vallejo), Latino Family Health Intern, HHS

**Katherine Dominguez** (San Francisco), CAPA Nursing Student, HHS

**Emily Duncan** (Vacaville), CAPA Nursing Student, HHS

**Adrian Embry** (South San Francisco), CAPA Nursing Student, HHS

**George Erickson** (San Rafael), Records Management Volunteer, Community Development Agency

**Karen Flynn** (Larkspur), Library Beyond Walls Liaison, Marin County Free Library (Library)

**Larnell France** (Hayward), Law School Intern, DA

**Shaina Gaba** (Danville), CAPA Nursing Student, HHS

**Leah Givant** (San Francisco), CAPA Nursing Student, HHS

**Frances Gonzalez** (Petaluma), Latino Family Health Intern, HHS

**Andrea Gonzalez-Kanh** (San Francisco), CAPA Nursing Student, HHS

**Shaun Gregg** (Novato), CAPA Nursing Student, HHS

**Lauren Halsey** (Novato), Tobacco Prevention & Education Intern (School to Career), HHS

**Cassandra Heron Kov** (Petaluma), CAPA Nursing Student, HHS

**Xiaochang Huang** (San Francisco), Adult Case Management Intern, HHS

**Rebecca Hurwitz** (San Rafael), Nutrition Wellness Program Intern, HHS

**Gabrielle Jackson** (Guerneville), Bridge Team Social Work Intern, HHS

**Jason John** (San Francisco), CAPA Nursing Student, HHS

**Christopher Johnson** (San Francisco), Law School Intern, Public Defender's Office (PD)

**Molly Lanigan** (San Francisco), CAPA Nursing Student, HHS

**Timothy Lee** (Millbrae), CAPA Nursing Student, HHS

**Maria Lindo** (Novato), Spanish Tutor, Novato Library

**Kunal Lohtia** (San Rafael), Clean Marin Intern, Public Works

**Xiaowen Luo** (San Rafael), CAPA Nursing Student, HHS

**Kristina Mackensen** (San Rafael), CAPA Nursing Student, HHS

**Aoife Mellett** (Mill Valley), High School Intern, PD

**Dana Montoro** (Berkeley), Child Welfare Intern, HHS

**Ailya Naqvi** (Oakland), Post-Bar Intern, PD

**Marah Navarroza** (San Francisco), Bridge Team Class Assistant, HHS

**Mia Nguyen** (San Rafael), Bridge Team Class Assistant, HHS

**Cecile Noland** (San Rafael), Library Beyond Walls Liaison, Library

**Katya Palacios** (San Rafael), District 2 Intern, Board of Supervisors

**Abie Prieto** (Novato), Teen Shelves, Novato Library

**Lauren Quan** (Hayward), Post-Bar Intern, PD

**Cassidy Rodgers** (Corte Madera), Tobacco Prevention & Education Intern (School to Career), HHS

**Kevin Rodriguez** (Richmond), Latino Family Health Intern, HHS

**Julia Rose** (Tiburon), Tobacco Prevention & Education Intern (School to Career), HHS

**Nelly Sanchez** (San Francisco), CAPA Nursing Student, HHS

**Lena Simbe** (Daly City), CAPA Nursing Student, HHS

**Carmina Tiotnyuo** (San Rafael), CAPA Nursing Student, HHS

**Alison Tynan** (Windsor), CAPA Nursing Student, HHS

**Katrina Velasco** (Point Reyes Station), CAPA Nursing Student, HHS

**Noemi Villagomez** (San Francisco), Child Welfare Intern, Title IV-E, HHS

**Victoria Wu** (Larkspur), Adult Case Management Intern, HHS



# Happy Anniversary!

We congratulate these volunteers who celebrate their anniversaries this month and thank them for their ongoing involvement.

## 37 YEARS

**Nancy Douglass** (San Rafael), Usher, Cultural Services

## 35 YEARS

**Karen Berke** (Novato) Patrol, Marin County Parks

## 32 YEARS

**Cecelia Kudlick** (San Rafael), Usher, Cultural Services

## 23 YEARS

**Ralph Lunan** (San Rafael), Emergency Services Volunteer, Sheriff's Office

## 21 YEARS

**Jo-Ann Giunti** (Novato), Usher, Cultural Services

## 18 YEARS

**Cathy Day** (San Anselmo), **Melanie Facen** (San Rafael), **Irma Richter** (Novato), **Christine Valente** (Novato), Ushers, Cultural Services

## 17 YEARS

**Madelon Van Lier** (San Rafael), Usher, Cultural Services

## 16 YEARS

**Kathleen Holland** (San Rafael), Usher, Cultural Services; **David Williams** (Novato), Docent, California Room Library; **Leslie Miller** (San Anselmo), *Frankly Speaking* Proofreader, Human Resources

## 15 YEARS

**Zerene Soans** (Novato), **Connie Tellep** (San Rafael), Ushers, Cultural Services

## 14 YEARS

**Craig Mirkin** (Corte Madera), RACES/ACS Volunteer, Sheriff's Office

**Cathy Gowdy** (Novato), Docent, California Room Library

**Robert Rye** (Corte Madera), Marin Search & Rescue Volunteer, Sheriff's Office

## 11 YEARS

**Mary Schmidt** (San Rafael), **Jillian Robinson** (Fairfax), **Peter Schindler** (Richmond), **Carol Sheerin** (San Rafael), **Joel Toste** (San Rafael), Ushers, Cultural Services

## 10 YEARS

**Gayanne G. Enquist** (Inverness), Aide, Inverness Library; **Marge Jackson** (Novato), **Patricia Finnegan** (Sausalito), **Joanne Lee** (Corte Madera), **Christine Sansom** (Fairfax), **Kathy Flynn** (San Rafael), Ushers, Cultural Services

## 9 YEARS

**Joan Gosliner** (San Rafael), **Ken Gosliner** (San Rafael), **Charles Wallace** (San Rafael), Consumer Mediators, District Attorney (DA); **Belinda Zell** (Stinson Beach), Shelver, Stinson Beach Library; **Mary Anderson** (Tiburon), **Helen Bohaczyk** (Greenbrae), **Arlene Burstrem** (Novato), **Roger Burstrem** (Novato), **Ruth Falkenberg** (San Rafael), **Marilyn McConnell** (Novato), **Esther Solar** (Novato), Ushers, Cultural Services

## 8 YEARS

**Karen Hege** (Greenbrae), Search & Rescue Volunteer; **Michael Yuan** (San Rafael), Search & Rescue Youth Volunteer, Sheriff's Office  
**Ann Bonfigli** (Novato), **Alice Rivas** (Novato), Ushers, Cultural Services  
**Steve O'Keefe** (Novato), Patrol Volunteer, Marin County Parks

## 7 YEARS

**Nancy Chaffin** (Petaluma), **Violet Marshall** (Tiburon), **Ruth-Louise Moran** (San Rafael), **Deborah Salisbury** (San Rafael), **Elizabeth Hannon** (Novato), Ushers, Cultural Services  
**Melisa Hickman** (Fairfax), Steward, Marin County Parks

## 6 YEARS

**Ted Kreines** (Tiburon), Tour Docent, Cultural Services  
**Barbara Byers** (Novato), Shelver, Novato Library  
**Madison Grove-Burke** (Fairfax), Search & Rescue Youth Volunteer, **Molly Williams** (Mill Valley), Search & Rescue Volunteer, Sheriff's Office

## 5 YEARS

**Raphael Dunne** (San Rafael), Steward, Marin County Parks  
**Lindsay Contreras** (Petaluma), **William Schimpf** (Petaluma), Search & Rescue Volunteers, Sheriff's Office  
**Annemarie Ambuehl** (Novato), **Sue Derana** (Novato), **Deborah Gregor** (Novato), **Joan Jamison** (San Rafael), **Mary O'Hara** (Novato), **Charles Parmelee** (Santa Rosa), **Sandy Schering** (San Rafael), **Daina Vitols** (San Rafael), **Jackie Watson** (San Rafael), Ushers, Cultural Services  
**Patrick Murphy** (Novato), Financial Abuse Specialist Team (FAST) Volunteer, Health & Human Services (HHS)

## 4 YEARS

**April Forsythe** (San Rafael), **MB Fribley** (San Anselmo), **Marjorie Jules** (Novato), **Mary Miller** (San Rafael), **Diane Reeder** (Novato) and **Claire Taylor** (San Rafael), Ushers, Cultural Services  
**Cole Zesiger** (San Rafael), Search & Rescue Youth Volunteer, Sheriff's Office

## 1 YEAR

**Emma Barenbaum** (Mill Valley), Teen Girl Ambassador, Human Resources  
**Diane Rudden** (Ross), Communicable Disease Investigation Support Volunteer, HHS  
**Ruben Diaz Escobar** (Novato), Spanish Tutor, **Charles Viebrock** (Novato), English Tutor. Novato Library