

LARPD FOUNDATION

Staying Focused



ANNUAL REPORT 2011

From the LARPD Foundation President

Dear Friends,

The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District Foundation is proud to present its first annual report. Though the Foundation has existed since 1993 and has been responsible for numerous contributions, we have never compiled everything into an annual report until now. Because this is the first annual report, I'd like to take this opportunity to include some highlights from recent years.

I titled this report "Staying Focused" because despite difficult economic times, the Foundation's role in supporting LARPD continues to grow and progress through our concerted efforts. We have even discovered some innovative ways to expand the Foundation's role:

- The Foundation joined the SaveMart SHARES program which provides 3% of qualified purchases to the Foundation and we have already raised over \$1,800. This is a great way to support the Foundation at no cost! Shoppers simply need to provide the card at checkout and do not need to submit their personal information because the card is registered to the organization. Please stop by the Robert Livermore Community Center and pick up a SHARES card if you haven't already.
- The Foundation has taken on a new role and now processes memorial donations.
- The Foundation created a policy for the Giving Tree to recognize donations to the Endowment Fund. I invite you to come and see the Giving Tree, located at the Robert Livermore Community Center (4444 East Avenue) in the Community Building near the Cresta Blanca Ballroom. With a policy in place, we have engraved leaves and signage to recognize donors who have given \$1,000 or more to the Endowment Fund.
- With the synthetic turf fields project at Robertson Park, the Foundation has taken this opportunity to help fundraise by selling custom, engraved bricks to benefit the project and the Endowment Fund.
- Lastly, awareness of the Foundation has increased significantly due to our Donation Catalog, posters, flyers, updates to the website, and advertisements in the LARPD brochure.

Amongst the projects that the Foundation has funded this year, the Foundation financed \$20,000 for a new Robert Livermore Community Center sign located on East Avenue. In addition, the Foundation was able to partially or fully subsidize numerous scholarships for underprivileged children and seniors so that they would be able to participate in District programs.

On behalf of the LARPD Foundation, I'd like to thank the LARPD Board of Directors for their assistance and interest in the Foundation, former Foundation Board Trustees for their contributions and time, and to the community for the ongoing support and donations.

Sincerely,

Ralph Sherman

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President

Objectives and Purposes

The primary objectives and purposes of this corporation shall be:

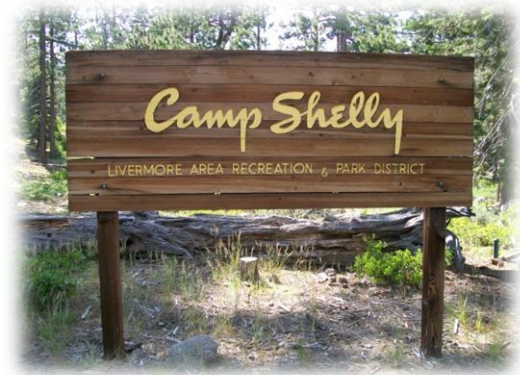
- To aid, sponsor, promote, advance and assist in the provision of public parks, recreation and community services in the Livermore Area.
- To cooperate with and support the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District and other community organizations in the development of interpretive, recreational, educational, environmental and community service programs throughout the park district for the benefit and enjoyment of people in the service area of the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District.
- To receive, invest and manage funds acquired through dues, donations, grants, gifts, bequests and solicitations in furtherance of the purposes and goals of the corporation and the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District.

2011 Foundation Donors

2011 Friends of the Foundation

\$249 and below

- Barbara Samans and Mary Milen
- Breyon Le Duff
- Monisa and David Wilcox
- Real Mex Restaurants
- United Way
- Virginia Mc Fann
- Ronald Knott, in memory of Lester Knott
- Ila Fenstermaker, in memory of Lester Knott
- Dorcas Yow
- Patti Cole
- Real Mex Restaurants
- Sharon Opsal
- Linda Boucke
- Norma Foss
- Jerry Van Epps



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2011 Friends of the Foundation

\$249 and below

- Melo's Pizza and Pasta
- Saras Saveiro
- Jasbir Singh-Thandi
- Art Molvik
- Robert Rudd
- Victoria Genetti
- Paul Demange
- Lisa Belk
- Sarita Patterson
- William Smith
- Barbara Sherohman
- Bruce Young
- Jeffrey Hittinger
- Anonymous



2011 Foundation Donors

2011 Partners of the Foundation *\$250-\$999*

- Kohl's
- Livermore Rodeo Foundation
- First Presbyterian Church
- Groth Brothers Chevrolet
- Leland and Florence Younker
- Timothy and Claudia Barry
- Frank and Joan Holm
- Mosaic Lodge
- David and Karen Furst
- Golden Circle
- Leland and Florence Younker
- Anonymous

2011 Sponsors of the Foundation *\$1,000 and above*

- Steven and Kathy Hawkins
- Tri-Valley Trailblazers
- I.M. Jones



2011 Foundation Donors

Donations In Honor Of:

- Maxine Spruiell
- Vincent Sowle
- Aaron Lee Wilson
- Ethan James Hockman
- Ryan Jeffrey Hopkins
- Lester Knott



The Endowment

As part of LARPD's 60th anniversary celebration in 2007, the LARPD Foundation started an Endowment Fund, designed to help support the needs of the District. The Endowment Fund is a long term support mechanism that helps provide needed repairs and renovations, special funding for child, youth and senior scholarships; all of which helps provide you with ever improving parks, facilities and programs.

Like other endowment funds, only the interest on the fund is spent, so your generous gift continues to give for years to come. And, the LARPD Foundation is a non-profit organization, so your gift is tax deductible.

You have the choice to spread your giving over time or make a single contribution. Once you've donated a total of \$1,000, your name will be engraved on a leaf on the Giving Tree, located at the Robert Livermore Community Center. For every additional \$1,000 donation by the same donor, a star is placed on the engraved leaf. Our goal is to reach \$1,000,000 and we appreciate you becoming part of the excitement as the fund continues to grow.



The Endowment

Thank you to our generous donors who have given \$1,000 or more to the Endowment Fund:

- Margery Golightly
- Madden Charities
- Claire and Harry Nelson
- Alternative Retail Solutions
- Anita and Michael Thompson
- Simona McCartney
- Delma Kline
- David and Darcie Kent
- Maryalice Summers Faltings
- Barbara Kraybill
- Howard and Christine Wilson, in memory of Aaron Lee Wilson



2011 Financial Overview

ALL ACCOUNTS

\$84,975.29

ENDOWMENT

\$39,541.09



The Foundation is exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and the corresponding provisions of the California Revenue and Taxation Code. Accordingly, no provision for taxes based on income has been included in this report.

“Through the Foundation, we are able to raise money for preschool scholarships, allowing participation by low-income families who would otherwise not be able to afford it.” – Jill Kirk, Youth Services Division Manager

2011 Projects

- \$20,000 for the RLCC Monument Sign
- \$ 500 for Ravenswood Vineyard Signage
- \$ 75 for LARPD Employee Suggestion Incentives
- \$ 150 for conversion of VHS tapes about Brushy Peak to DVD

Other Projects Have Included

- AEDS for Ranger staff
- Donation Catalog
- Sycamore Grove calendar printing
- Senior holiday lights tour
- Scholarships for low-income participants



“Thanks to the generous support of the LARPD Foundation, the Rangers have been able to produce and sell yearly calendars featuring beautiful photos of Sycamore Grove Park. These calendars have been a big hit with the public and many people purchase multiple copies to give as gifts. It's been an exciting project to work on. It is wonderful to be given the opportunity to share the beautiful vistas and captivating wildlife we are lucky enough to encounter as Rangers.”- Amy Wolitzer, LARPD Ranger

The Foundation Board of Trustees

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Simona McCartney, Secretary

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