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San Mateo Library, Starbucks Blend Efforts for Book Drive

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(09-03) 04:00 PST PENINSULA — **1999-09-03**

04:00:00 PST PENINSULA -- Give the joy of reading to San Mateo kids by donating new or used children's books at any San Mateo Starbucks store.

Starbucks will distribute the books to Families for Literacy at the San Mateo Public Library. The coffee chain will also give participating customers a "Buy One, Get One Free" drink coupon. The program runs through Wednesday.

"We know that children who have books at home are more likely to succeed in becoming readers and do well in school," said Caroline Beverstock, literacy program coordinator for Project Read in San Mateo. "Building a home library for families that would not otherwise be able to afford books fosters the love of reading and future success."

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For more information about the book drive, call (650) 522-7848. STANFORD STUDY: The Stanford Center for Research in Disease Prevention is looking for Filipina, Native American and South Asian women to participate in a brief research project to evaluate the health and physical activity patterns of older ethnic minority women.

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Volunteers should be at least 50 years old and be able to participate in exercise of moderate intensity such as brisk walking. Participants will be asked to visit Stanford University Medical Center for a one- to two-hour interview. Eligible volunteers will receive a free basic health assessment and information on ways to improve one's health.

To volunteer or for more information, call Dr. Audie Atienza at (650) 725-6206. DOCTOR DIRECTORY: The San Mateo County Medical Association is now distributing a physician directory of its members to the approximately 220,000 households in San Mateo County.

The directory profiles each physician, listing his or her address, telephone number, practice specialty, medical school, board certifications and the scope of patients the doctor covers. The association hopes to improve understanding and ease patient apprehension.

For more information, call (650) 342-0262. NAMES IN THE NEWS: Hidden Villa in Los Altos Hills will honor Rev. Cecil Williams and his wife Janice Mirikitani, John and Tashia Morgridge and Christy Holloway as winners of the 1999 Duveneck Humanitarian Awards to be presented at a dinner ceremony September 18.

The award honors individuals devoted to humanitarian and environmental issues, sharing a philosophy similar to that of Hidden Villa's founders, Josephine and Frank Duveneck.

Williams has served as pastor of Glide Memorial United Methodist Church in San Francisco for more than 35 years, overseeing a congregation of 9,000 noted for its racial, ethnic and religious diversity.

Mirikitani oversees 52 social programs including a food program that serves 500,000 meals each year, a substance abuse treatment and recovery service, a free health clinic, a computer learning center, a child care facility and a family counseling center.

John Morgridge is chairman of the board for Cisco Systems. He and his wife, who live in Portola Valley, are active volunteers in Peninsula organizations. Holloway of Palo Alto is a former co-director of Hidden Villa and serves on the board of Peninsula Open Space Trust.

"This year's award recipients are local individuals, who, like the Duvenecks, have touched the lives of many people and made our community a richer place to live," said Judith Steiner, executive director of Hidden Villa. "Their tireless volunteer leadership and philanthropic work have helped to bring about key social and environmental change. In this way, they serve as role models to us all."

Tickets for the dinner ceremony are available for \$150 per person, \$105 of which is a tax-deductible contribution to Hidden Villa. All fees benefit Hidden Villa's programs. Call (650) 949-9702 for reservations and details.

-- The Palo Alto Chamber of Commerce Women in Business honored Marlene H. Prendergast, executive director of the Palo Alto Housing Corp., with the 13th ATHENA Award. The award was created to recognize "individuals who strive toward the highest level of accomplishment and open paths so that others may follow."

Since becoming director in 1992, Prendergast has implemented seven new low-income housing projects in Palo Alto. An awards ceremony and luncheon in her honor will be held from 11:45 a.m.-1:30 p.m. on September 21 at the Crown Plaza Cabana in Palo Alto. Tickets cost \$35; \$30 for members of the Palo Alto Chamber of Commerce. For reservations call (650) 324-3121.

-- Sean Williams, a member of Boy Scout Troop 42 sponsored by the Brotherhood of Peninsula Temple Beth El, achieved the hallmark of scouting, the Eagle Scout Award. The Hillsborough resident not only achieved the required 21 merit badges, but pressed on to complete all 120 merit badges before his 18th birthday.

The Eagle Scout Award is the highest award a person can earn in scouting. Only 1 million of the 114 million young people who have participated in Boy Scouts since its founding in 1910 have earned the award.

-- A total of 340 years of service in education, health care and spiritual ministries was celebrated at the Jubilee for six Sisters of Mercy last month in the Motherhouse Chapel in Burlingame.

Mary Sophia Newcomb and Mary Assumpta Murray celebrated their 70-year jubilees. Barbara Cavanaugh, Rosaleen O'Sullivan, Mary Ann Scofield and Frances Webster celebrated their 50-year jubilees. Send items for this column to Community Notes c/o The Chronicle, 2425 Leghorn St., Mountain View, CA 94043. Or fax to (800) 340-5940. E-mail: penfriday@sfgate.com. To speak to Heather Knight, call (650) 961-2499 or (415) 777-7581.

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