

## Happy Anniversary

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

18 years	<b>Pat Currier</b> , Special Project Aide, Civic Center Library
10 years	<b>Janet Schonbrun</b> , and <b>Jane Solomons</b> , Ushers, Cultural Services
9 years	<b>Victoria Gonzalez</b> , Art Teacher, Juvenile Hall; <b>Edward Mestre</b> , Urban Search and Rescue, Fire Department
6 years	<b>Susana Narvaez</b> , Senior Peer Counselor, Health and Human Services (HHS)
5 years	<b>Jerry Johannessen</b> , Archive Assistant, Civic Center Library
4 years	<b>Kelley Litz</b> , <i>Frankly Speaking</i> Proofreader, Civic Center Volunteers, Human Resources
3 years	<b>Mary Bramblett</b> , Administrative Aide, District Attorney's Office (DA); <b>Suzanne Gollin</b> , Program Assistant, HHS; <b>Curt Sugiyama</b> , Tutor, Novato Library
2 years	<b>Louise Berto</b> , Patrol Volunteer, Marin County Parks
1 year	<b>Suzan Sharpley</b> , Librarian, Law Library; <b>Linda Goldman</b> , Shelver, Inverness Library



### Volunteer Notes

#### Board to commend volunteers, interns

More than 150 Civic Center volunteers and student interns who completed their commitments as of Nov. 20 and provided exemplary service will be honored by the Marin County Board of Supervisors on Tuesday, Jan. 5. Employees who worked alongside volunteers and interns will attend the ceremony in board chambers. Thanks and congratulations to our outstanding honorees!

#### Holidays

County offices will be closed the afternoon of Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, on Christmas Day, Dec. 25, the afternoon of New Year's Eve, Dec. 31, and on New Year's Day, Jan. 1.

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## The Volunteer View

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### Chief Radio Officer Steve Reynolds is always prepared for disaster



Steve Reynolds

In case of a disaster in Marin, whether fire, flood, or earthquake, Civic Center Volunteer **Steve Reynolds** is ready for action. He is the chief radio officer for Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service/Auxiliary Communications Service (RACES/ACS), a group of more than 40 radio operators who volunteer to use their personal radio equipment to back up county radio systems during emergencies.

Steve works closely with County Emergency Services Coordinator **Tom Jordan** of the Sheriff's Office. "Steve and his group of RACES/ACS volunteers provide the county with radio communication capabilities that far exceed the reliability of most conventional, infrastructure-dependent systems following a major disaster," explained Tom. "Steve enthusiastically

takes on the many challenges involved with running an all-volunteer emergency response team. Without his positive attitude and patient approach, several key elements of the RACES/ACS radio communications program would not exist."

RACES/ACS members are screened by the Sheriff's Office and train weekly. They receive formal field training by participating in county disaster preparedness drills. Some members provide radio support for public events, such as community bike and foot races. Others participate in local emergency preparedness fairs, belong to a local radio club, and interact with Sonoma and San Francisco ACS groups that provide mutual aid and support.

Seven years ago, Steve completed Community Emergency Response Team training and became involved in amateur radio communications. Then four years ago, he became chief radio officer for RACES/ACS. He retired from a 35-year consulting career with a firm doing air quality studies. He received his chemical engineering degree from Cal Tech.

He and his wife Mary Anne live in San Rafael and enjoy opera, exploring Marin, and travel.

Steve said the close-knit radio group is always looking for new members and helps newcomers further develop their skills. "When I see a group like RACES/ACS working together to perform a mission well, it is very satisfying," he said. To learn more about helping this team to help the community, call the Civic Center Volunteers office at 415-473-7407.

By Shirley Trimble



Who's New & Welcome

- Jayline Alvarado**, Intern, Public Defender (PD)

**Katrina Anderson**, Children's Library Aide Intern, Novato Library

**Caitlin Barnes**, Children's Program Assistant Intern, Novato Library

**Gail Butler**, Event Aide, Health & Human Services (HHS)

**Cecilia Castaneda**, Volunteer, HHS

**Gordon Cheong**, Open Space Intern, Parks

**Ben Dines**, Epidemiology Data Intern, HHS

**April Kopp**, Adult Probation Intern, Probation

**Jessica Krupski**, Tutor, Novato Library

**Joshua Lee**, Library Aide Intern, Fairfax Library

**Anthony Maglio**, AAA Superutilizer Committee Member and Assistant, HHS

**Miguel Maravillas**, Teen Program Intern, Novato Library
- Ron McQuoid**, Open Space Patrol Volunteer, Parks

**Jessica Middleton**, CAPA Nursing Student Intern, HHS

**Griselda Olivares**, Nutrition Wellness Health Educator, HHS

**Michelina Perani**, Certified Post-Bar Law Clerk, PD

**Phoebe Quiba**, CAPA Nursing Student Intern, HHS

**Courtney Rodriggs**, Teen Program Intern, Novato Library

**Tamayo Sato**, Spanish Tutor, Novato Library

**Lorraine Sawangwan-Clapper**, Nutrition Wellness Health Educator, HHS

**Grant Sloan**, Library Aide Intern, Fairfax Library

**Malik Smith**, Teen Program Assistant Intern, Novato Library

**Kaylani Teso**, Teen Program Assisntn Intern, Novato Library

Kevin Deely learns about law with County Counsel staff



Kevin Deely

**Kevin Deely's** passion to understand what it means to be a lawyer drove him to become an intern with the Marin County Counsel's Office at the Frank Lloyd Wright-designed Marin Civic Center. "I wanted to discover the nature of such a highly regarded profession," he said. "I appreciate the fact that I was able to volunteer in a greatly respected office – and

in one of the Bay Area's most famous buildings."

Kevin attends Cal Poly San Luis Obispo and, following his internship, is now back on campus. He majors in political science with a concentration in pre-law and is scheduled to graduate in March. After college, he hopes to attend law school.

In addition to assisting with organizational tasks as an intern, Kevin spent time on legal research. "With my fellow intern, **Ethan Greene**, we researched the legality of the Uber transportation service and presented our findings to the members of the Marin County Counsel." That experience "improved my public speaking under pressure," he said.

Kevin's goal of working in the legal realm would allow him to follow in his parents' footsteps. His mother, **Colleen McGrath**, is a paralegal for the Marin County Counsel

while his father, Tom Deely, is a 20-year veteran of the San Francisco Police Department. In addition to his parents, Kevin looks up to his maternal grandfather, a retired San Francisco police officer. "My grandpa Tom McGrath was my childhood mentor," he said. "He taught me how to have a sense of humor and how to carry myself as a man. Today he is suffering from dementia; however there are times when his sense of humor still shines through."

Kevin's supervisor, County Counsel's Office Administrative Assistant **Jeanine Michaels**, said, "We have a special interest in Kevin due to the fact that his mom became pregnant with him a year or two after she began working in the County Counsel's Office. You might say that we worked right alongside him *before* day one! Kevin has been enormously helpful to us during his internship."

By Barbara Webb

Adeline Ellison catalogues Marin County Fair history



Adeline Ellison

Ask Student Intern **Adeline Ellison** what drives her to volunteer and she answers, "I enjoy what it feels like to make a difference." A volunteer for years, Adeline finds herself in the midst of

one her most challenging projects: helping to document and preserve the history of the Marin County Fair. Organized through the county library's Anne T. Kent California Room, this collection of photographs, articles, and scrapbooks reflects decades of history of the fair – and of Marin County as well. "It's productive and fun," Adeline said of her cataloguing work, which will be available to the public when completed. "I love helping the community."

This is not the first time that Adeline, 14, has helped at the Marin County Free Library. Last spring she assisted with the Printing Museum on Wheels special event, during which she explained and demonstrated the letterpress printing process.

Her supervisor, Librarian **Laurie Thompson** looks forward to "working with Adeline to preserve and disseminate our local history collection. As a part of our California Room volunteer staff, she is a true role model!" When not occupied at the library, Adeline often volunteers at other community events and tutors elementary school students in English and math. She assists beyond the county as well, helping with bake sales to benefit Heifer International and planning to volunteer with Global Student Embassy reforestation projects.

Adeline lives with her family in San Rafael and attends Terra Linda High School. She loves to travel and aspires to become an attorney.

By Nick Yanchunis

Use your online Log Book to review service hours

As an active Civic Center volunteer or student intern, you can use the Log Book function of your online profile to track your service hours. It's good practice to check the log periodically to make sure all hours you volunteered are accounted for. Your hours are included in regular reports to department directors, the Board of Supervisors, and the community. Thanks for keeping your record current!

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Welcome back, Nicholas

Please choose from the

To link your Volunteer account with your Facebook or Twitter account click [here](#).

After signing in, use the Log Book feature to review dates that you've volunteered.

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<input type="checkbox"/>	26 Oct 2015, 12:00 am	Not Yet Approved	0	3	0
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	02 Nov 2015, 12:00 am	Not Yet Approved	0	3	0
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Edit Selected Record

Delete Selected Record(s)

In the Log Book, you can see dates you have volunteered and edit or delete them if they were added by mistake.

