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## **PRESS RELEASE FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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### **John Richmond the Master of Ceremony for July 3<sup>rd</sup> Hay Days Celebration**

The July 3<sup>rd</sup> 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Hay Days Celebration and the Town of Danville's 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary are being held in downtown Danville from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Hay Days was celebrated in 1958 to commemorate the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Town of Danville. Hay Days was a four day event that ended with a parade. In 1962 Hay Days was discontinued and the parade was turned into the current Kiwanis Danville July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade. This year's celebration brings us back to the roots of the current July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade we have enjoyed for almost 50 years.

Kiwanis Club is doing a re-creation of the original four days 1958 Hay Days Celebration in four hours. In addition to the Old Fashion Bathing Suit Show, the July 3<sup>rd</sup> Hay Days Celebration includes a Town of Danville community picnic, hay rides, children's train rides, kid's carnival games, musical entertainment, an Arabian horse exhibition, Dreyer's ice cream social and the Coronation of Miss Pioneer Belle. Thanks to the generous support of Safeway and the Town of Danville all events are at no charge to the public.

The Master of Ceremony for July 3<sup>rd</sup> Hay Days Event will be John Richmond, a local realtor, entertainer and resident of the San Ramon Valley for over 20 years. John has been a featured vocalist at many events locally and from coast to coast for over 28 years. He provides contemporary hits, pop, jazz and a wide variety of classic songs.

The Hay Days Celebration is followed by an old fashion talent show organized by the Role Players Ensemble. The "Danville Got Talent" talent show starts at 8:00 pm at the Veteran's Hall on Hartz Avenue. Role Players is asking for minimal donations to help cover the cost of the show.

#### **July 3<sup>rd</sup> Event Schedule:**

- 4pm to 7pm – Town of Danville Community Picnic with music by the Fabulous Cruisetones, at the Town Green on Front Street
- 5pm to 8pm – Hay Days Celebration presented by Safeway at the Railroad Avenue Parking Lot
- 8pm to ??? – "Danville's Got Talent" Old Time Talent Show, hosted by Role Players Ensemble, at the Veteran's Hall on Hartz Avenue

#### **July 4<sup>th</sup> Event Schedule:**

**The July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade will begin at 9:00 am and NOT the regularly scheduled 10:00 am.** The Kiwanis Club of the San Ramon Valley is also planning a Special Edition Danville July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade. Because the parade is almost fifty years old, the Kiwanis Club of the San Ramon Valley will present several great entries this year... The award-winning Concord Blue Devils Band and Drill Team will perform, as will a Civil War re-enactment group. And the Wells Fargo Stage Coach will also make a much awaited appearance. The Kiwanis Club of the San Ramon Valley wants to make this the most entertaining parade in fifty years!

The Kiwanis Club of the San Ramon Valley is currently looking for participants for the July 3<sup>rd</sup> Kids and Pets Costume Parade and for the Old Fashioned Bathing Suit Show in addition to the July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade. Kiwanian David Romano says, "We have the fun planned but we need members from the public to participate in the events. Prizes are being awarded in the contests." Information, entry forms, and pictures from the past can be found on the Kiwanis Club of the San Ramon Valley's web site at [www.kiwanis-srv.org](http://www.kiwanis-srv.org) or by calling 925.413.2032.

Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world one child and one community at a time. Founded in 1915 in Detroit and with headquarters now in Indianapolis, Kiwanis International is a thriving organization of service and community minded individuals who support children and young adults around the world. More than 600,000 Kiwanis family members in 96 countries make their mark by responding to the needs of their communities and pooling their resources to address worldwide issues. Through these efforts, Kiwanis International truly is "Serving the Children of the World".

Additional information about the Kiwanis Club of the San Ramon Valley may be obtained at its website: [www.kiwanis-srv.org](http://www.kiwanis-srv.org). The club meets every Thursday at noon for a luncheon at Round Hill Country Club in Alamo. Guests are welcome.