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**KIWANIS CLUB OF SAN RAMON VALLEY IS NOW TAKING APPLICATIONS
FOR THE 2008 DANVILLE 4th OF JULY PARADE**

Danville – July 4th is only days away, so it's time to get your group, business, or organization signed up to join the fun. Register at www.kiwanis-srv.org.

The theme of the 2008 Special Edition Danville 4th of July Parade, proudly presented by Heller Jewelers, will be "**Celebrating Hay Days**. In honor of our theme, the **Grand Marshal for 2008 will be Roxanne Lindsey, of the Wiedemann Family** – part of the Valley's history. Kiwanis Club has recruited historic parade entries as the Wells Fargo Stage Coach and the California History Artillery Society, a civil war re-enactment group.

Kiwanis Club, organizer of the July 4th Parade, wants to remind everyone the parade starts at 9:00 am this year rather the traditional 10:00 am due to the estimated longer parade time.

This year, we are celebrating the Town of Danville's 150th anniversary and the 50th anniversary of Hay Days with a two day celebration - July 3rd Hay Days and July 4th Parade. The original Hay Days was the Town of Danville's Centennial celebration which was held in 1958. The Kiwanis Club of San Ramon Valley is re-creating July 3rd Hay Days celebration with the generous support of Safeway.

We expect about 125 entries in 24 different categories. Each category will receive a Best of Parade award, to be given out at the Kiwanis luncheon meeting on the Thursday July 12th. Categories include: Marching Unit, Band, Horse, Float, Majorette, Parade Theme – 1858, Parade Theme – 1958, Parade Theme - Patriotic, Antique Auto, Bicycle, Novelty-Comic, Animal Non-Horse, Special Interest Auto, Scout Troop, School, Dance/Theatrical, Family, Country Club, Neighborhood/Homeowner Association, Church Group, Retail Business, Service Business, Sports Team, and Community Service/Special Interest – Non-Profit Community Organizations, Civic or Public Safety Organizations.

The Kiwanis-Danville 4th of July Parade is an incredible event which typically attracts between 35,000 and 40,000 attendees including local community residents as well as friends and family from areas far beyond Danville. Some folks describe the parade as something from "The Music Man" and others say it's simply the last vestiges of small town America.

While we all look forward to this event, public safety really makes it necessary to keep the streets and sidewalks clear until 6pm the evening before the event. Please help us do this. Based on the experience of the last several years, the Town of Danville will be removing all items placed along the event route prior to 6:00 pm on July 3rd. This includes chairs, cardboard and other materials. Everyone's help in making this a safe and enjoyable July 4th for all to enjoy is greatly appreciated.

The Kiwanis Club of San Ramon Valley is a community service club comprised of local business leaders and community residents who enjoy sharing good fellowship, building enduring friendships and helping local organizations and individuals with community service projects and grant funding. For information on membership or how to be involved, please email membership@kiwanis-srv.org or call 925.785.4196.