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**Former mayor Dick Waldo named Grand Marshal
of Kiwanis Danville Fourth of July Parade**

Former Danville Mayor and councilman Dick Waldo was named Grand Marshal of the Kiwanis Danville Fourth of July Parade at a recent meeting of the local service club. Himself a member of the Kiwanis Club, Waldo was honored by his fellow Kiwanis members for his service and dedication to the Danville community, according to parade chairman Rob Goldstein.

First elected to the Town Council in 1994, he served two terms as mayor—in 1998 and 2002. During his tenure on the Council, the Town built a new library and community center, made major improvements in the Town's parks and improved public safety with the addition of a fourth police beat. He stepped down as a council member last fall.

Goldstein also announced that applications are still being accepted from organizations, individuals and businesses to enter the annual parade which the Kiwanis Club stages on behalf of the Town. Typically the largest single event in Danville each year, the parade draws as many as 40,000 fans who line San Ramon Valley Blvd. and Hartz Avenue in downtown on the morning of the fourth.

There are more than 100 floats, fire trucks and police cars, marching bands, Cub and Boy Scout troops, sports teams, community and neighborhood organizations entered in the two-hour parade, which begins at the intersection of Danville Blvd. and Railroad Avenue at 10 AM. Entries are judged for awards in 24 separate categories. Applications may be downloaded from the Kiwanis web-site at www.kiwanis-srv.org or by calling parade chairman Rob Goldstein at 552-8200. Kiwanis will limit the number of entries to 125 to maintain the parade's traditional length to just over two hours.

For the second year, the Kiwanis will sell patriotic commemorative July 4th buttons to raise funds for non-profit organizations supported by the service club. The

first year buttons have become collector's items in the local community. In addition to button sales along the parade route, buttons can be purchased before the parade at Safeway stores in Danville, San Ramon and Alamo, and Bank of Walnut Creek branches in Danville and San Ramon. Designed by 13-year old Jon Savage, an eighth grader at Iron Horse Middle School in San Ramon, the button was the winner among more than 75 entries in an annual contest for Valley student sponsored by Kiwanis.

In addition to proceeds from the sale of the parade commemorative buttons, the Kiwanis Club raises funds through the parade by sponsorships and commercial entries. Parade sponsors range from the main "presenter" sponsor Heller Jewelers through various levels of support from individuals and businesses who contribute a few hundred dollars or more and are recognized in newspaper, radio and television advertising arranged by the Kiwanis Club. Through the parade and an April golf tournament, the Kiwanis Club raised more than \$50,000 this year for schools, non-profit community organizations, scholarships and to finance their own hands-on community projects.