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Gav announces spirit awards

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Three Morgan Hill "institutions" will be nominated tonight to receive Gavilan College's Spirit Awards, given annually to recognize volunteer work and community spirit.

If the Gavilan board of trustees approves the nominations, Julian Mancias, the driving force behind the Dayworker Center, will be named to receive the individual award. **Morgan Hill Rotary, with a multi-page resumé of local and international projects, will be the winning organization** and super volunteering King's Martial Arts studio will receive the business honor.

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The 90-member Morgan Hill Rotary is an active service club that promotes education with scholarships, sponsors Interact clubs at all local high schools and performs hands-on service projects where members grab shovels and paint brushes. The club raises funds for overseas projects, most recently a medical clinic in India, orphanages in Bolivia and a school in Argentina.

Local Rotarians have also hosted International Exchange students from around the world.

Rotary works with El Toro Youth Center and, with the City of Morgan Hill, expanded the facility. Club members regularly perform major work at Villa Mira Monte, the old Hiram Morgan Hill House. They sponsor an annual dinner for seniors in the spring and donate to "Young At Heart" that takes music to rest homes.

The polio eradication project of Rotary International, also gets attention, labor and money from the local group.

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The Morgan Hill awards will be presented at a Chamber of Commerce monthly breakfast on Thursday, Sept. 2, at the Golden Oak restaurant.

Gavilan began giving Community Spirit Awards in 1999. Nominations are accepted from the community at large and presented to the board for confirmation.

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