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NEWSLETTER

Chase Wolfsohn, Winner of the MJC Rim High School Essay Contest

Essay Theme: Greta Thunberg has gained the world stage for her climate change activism.

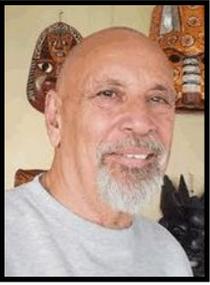
If you find her efforts inspiring, what steps would you take to help save the planet?

ESSAY

Greta Thunberg, like many environmentalists, has focused on awareness of the indisputable fact that Earth's climate is changing. Her tireless efforts are inspiring to anyone who has a passion to save the only home that we have and I believe that she is the start of a movement that is necessary for human survival. The biggest idea that I believe more activists need to focus on is education. Education about the facts, the dilemmas, and the possible solutions is vital for people to understand that we have to act and we have to act now. I believe that what I can do in this movement is be a source for that information and start locally. As history has shown us, grassroots movements can be arduous, but end up making the most change in the long run. It starts first in our communities, our schools, our neighborhoods, and our homes. By spreading this information, just as Thunberg has done, we can begin to illuminate what corporations and industry wish to hide in the darkness. I will, as I progress in my knowledge and understanding, begin to start up the conversation that so many people are willing to ignore. Humanity first needs to simply talk about the problem and understand that there are ways to fix it. The issue though cannot be solved without support from a majority of the population, and that is where others may shy away. I believe that personal persistence and determination by myself and others who are just as passionate for life, will begin the process of securing a future for the next generation.

However, education without action is not going to save the planet. I believe that once we get the general population on the same page, we need to go to those who can fix the problem more effectively: politicians. While not all representatives or senators will listen to an individual, masses of constituents fighting for real change can influence the decisions of those elected. Last fall I was able to lobby a California representative, with the nonprofit group Economic Democracy Advocates, about protecting the water table that millions of people rely on to drink. This activity was with about ten other people and I realized that with even twice as many people, we would be that much stronger in our influence. I will advocate to others about the impact that they have in a country where free speech allows you to speak out against global issues. I will continue to lobby and disperse the information of what an individual can do, and how they can do it. We only have one chance at a planet and we cannot let it die because people aren't aware that they can save it.

SAD NEWS



With heavy hearts we announce the passing of MJC member Jack Winsten. Jack brought laughter, smiles, and his giving nature to our mountain for many years. His involvement with Lake Arrowhead Rotary, Project Child Save, the Rim High School Interact Club, and Friends of the Library, were a few of his passions.

A love of travel, camping, dancing, and helping others, were at the top of his list. After the passing of his late wife Lynne, Jack became even more involved with helping others. He coordinated the delivery of water filters to the devastated victims of Hurricane Matthew in Haiti. He also did the PolaPlunge fund raiser to support MJC and other organizations.

Jack's recent marriage to Linda Bonetti brought him much happiness! Jack was a 'mench', and we will remember his upbeat and giving spirit.

Those wishing to send a condolence card to Linda Winsten may send it to: PO Box 3789, Crestline, CA 92325. If you'd like to make a donation in Jack's memory, Linda requested that they be sent to: MJC, PO Box 101, Blue Jay, CA 92317.



Long time Lake Arrowhead resident and former MJC member Elsbeth Wittler recently passed away. Elsbeth was involved in many local charities to benefit our mountain community such as the Mountains Community Hospital Foundation and Arrowhead Arts Association. For many years she enjoyed her social membership at the Lake Arrowhead Country club. One of our best attended socials took place in her beautiful mountain home. Many of us remember her loving to attend our annual picnic at Grass Valley Park.

Living many years in Pasadena, Elsbeth supported the National Wounded Warrior Center, and the West Pasadena Resident's Association. Elsbeth's giving personality was always appreciated.

TENTATIVE UPCOMING EVENTS

with social distancing

JULY - Brunch at Grass Valley Park

AUGUST - Dessert Social on a deck.

SEPTEMBER - Sing-along under the stars

OCTOBER - To be scheduled

NOVEMBER - Pre-Thanksgiving Dinner

DECEMBER - Annual Chanukah party

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**

Sid Lewis
Joan Urmer

**HAPPY
ANNIVERSARY**

Bobbi & Bob Alberts
Adrienne & Al lauriSchere

MJC MEMBERSHIP DUES

Our annual dues now cover the calendar year. For those of you who haven't yet paid for the last 6 months of 2020, please send your payment in by June 31. Families: \$50 - Individual \$25.

I would like to renew my MJC Membership for June-December 2020. Enclosed is my check for \$_____

Name _____ Phone _____

If you have made any changes to your address, e-mail, etc. please note on the back of this form.
Please sign below to give us permission for your phone & email address to appear on the MJC Roster.

Signature _____

Mail to: MJC Membership, PO Box 101, Blue Jay, CA 92317