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Rotary Club recognizes Hope Elementary special education teacher

On Friday, May 18, the Rotary Club of Santa Barbara recognized Hope Elementary School special education teacher Tammy Shorb for her outstanding work and significant contributions to public education. It is the fourth and final of such awards the Rotarians presented to area educators this academic year.

Shorb teaches kindergarten-through-third grade special education classes at Hope. She is in her 10th year of teaching there.

Since 1986, the Rotary Club of Santa Barbara has honored outstanding teachers from South Coast schools each year. It awards a high school, junior high, elementary, and special education teacher with a certificate and a \$1,000 check to spend on classroom needs.

“The Rotary Club of Santa Barbara has a long history of providing support for education in our community,” said County Superintendent of Schools Dr. Susan Salcido, whose office coordinates the recognition with the Rotary Club of Santa Barbara. “We thank them for their steadfast commitment to education. The support and recognition they provide teachers like Tammy are reflective of a community that truly prioritizes education,” Salcido continued.

“The Rotary Club of Santa Barbara is committed to supporting the Santa Barbara County Education Office, and it gives us great pleasure to recognize the efforts of outstanding teachers like Tammy,” said Mike Bieza, chairman of the Teacher Recognition Committee of the Rotary Club of Santa Barbara. “Rotary of Santa Barbara and Rotary International members know that educators like her have a tremendous impact on their students.”

Shorb, who is married and has two sons, attended UCSB, and earned her undergraduate degree in English. She obtained her teaching credential from Antioch University.

Shorb underscores the importance of working together with both students and their families in order to get the best results. “Working with the entire family helps me to understand my students better. Their needs and challenges become more clear when we work as a team,” she says.

She is also quick to credit the support and inspiration she receives at Hope. “I have instructional assistants, a speech pathologist, an adaptive P.E. teacher, an occupational therapist, and a vision specialist,” she adds. “They all prop me up with their creativity, thoughtfulness, and perseverance.”

The Rotary Club of Santa Barbara meets for lunch from noon to 1:30 p.m. on Fridays. Recipients of the club’s Teacher Recognition Awards are made with the assistance of the Teacher Programs and Support department of the Santa Barbara County Education Office.

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