

SILVER LUPINE CIRCLE LEGACY NEWS

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RICHARD W. SCHROEN

A LIFELONG FASCINATION WITH THE ROCK

When he was a boy, Richard Schroen of Washington, IL saw an episode of “The Untouchables” about Alcatraz, and he was hooked for the rest of his life. He was fascinated with the island’s history as a penitentiary and in particular with perhaps its most famous prisoner, Al Capone.

“What better way to benefit a large community that will continue to grow, impacting multitudes into the future? This is bigger than yourself.”

—Richard W. Schroen

A longtime dream came true for him when he took a leisure trip to the Bay Area in 1987 and visited the Rock for the very first time. Fortune soon smiled on Richard

again when the following year he traveled to Berkeley for a supplier meeting, as a purchasing agent for a manufacturing company. He made sure that he visited Alcatraz again, this time with enthusiastic colleagues. Richard returned to the island twice more, in 1991 for another supplier meeting and in 2012 by Amtrak to Emeryville.

In January, he wrote that he was looking forward to planning another trip to the San Francisco Bay Area and to Alcatraz within the year. In April, Richard passed away in Illinois while shelter-in-place orders were in effect. He had named the Conservancy as a beneficiary of his will, directing his gift to assist in preserving Alcatraz. It will be our honor to fulfill Richard’s wishes, which will help us keep this national treasure open to visitors from near and far.

MESSAGE FROM CHRIS LEHNERTZ PRESIDENT & CEO



MAKING FUTURE IMPACT

This fall season is unlike any we have ever experienced as the pandemic continues to affect every aspect of the parklands and of our lives. During this time, the importance of parks has been amplified. Thanks to forward-thinking members and volunteers of the Conservancy, we have been able to meet the challenges of this moment. Your support now can help us look forward to a bright future, keeping our parks healthy, vibrant and welcoming to all. Thank you for virtually walking side by side with us on this journey.

Wishing you health and safety,



Photos: Left, Andrew and Melanie Moll. Right, Young Alex Moll

THE MOLL FAMILY MUIR WOODS, 'OUR WOODS'

Alexander and Andrew Moll were born at Stanford Hospital, while their dad Kevin was getting his Ph.D in musicology at the university. Their mom, Melanie Frost Moll, introduced her young boys to the wonder of Bay Area parklands, including Muir Woods National Monument. They loved to explore the groves, examine the burned-out trunks, and look up to see the tops of the redwoods. For the Moll family, "Our Woods" was a magical place.

Fast forward: The family moved to North Carolina. Alex had been fighting osteosarcoma for six years when he enrolled at the University of Pennsylvania. Still fascinated by the environmental

"Muir Woods is one of nature's most sacred cathedrals, filling me with a sense of peace whenever I enter it."

—Melanie Frost Moll

philosopher John Muir, he took a class on utopianism to examine Muir's work. Following his first year of college, Alex and his dad took his last trip to Muir Woods. When he passed away that summer of 2013, a redwood seedling lay on his pillow. And he thoughtfully left a bequest gift to benefit Muir Woods, "His Woods."

Melanie and Andrew both became Conservancy members and continue to visit Muir Woods as often as they can, where they remain awed by the majesty and quiet, reminisce about family experiences, and feel Alex's spirit in the old-growth temple.

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Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy
Building 201, Fort Mason
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Tax ID: 94-2781708

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THE MADELEINE TANG ENDOWMENT FUND

NURTURING FUTURE SCIENTISTS



Madeleine H. Tang loved the outdoors and shared this deep affection with friends and family, leading hikes to explore remote areas of Hong Kong and the New Territories and helping form the Country Parks in Hong Kong.

The Tang family's commitment to youth education and leadership as well as preserving public open spaces naturally came together in the creation of an endowment fund at the Conservancy. This fund was created by Martin, Nadine and Leslie to honor their mother, a longtime resident of the U.S., when she passed away.

"We wanted to facilitate the education of young people in all the wonders of the outdoors as well as help preserve the parks system for future generations." –Leslie Tang Schilling

For the past decade, the Madeleine Tang Endowment Fund has benefited Project WISE (Watersheds Inspiring Student Education), an experiential science education program based at the Crissy Field Center that engages San Francisco high school students, who explore different environmental challenges that are being faced by their own communities.

This spring, due to the financial hardships caused by the recent Covid-19 pandemic, the Tang siblings invited the Conservancy to spend down the endowment principal, to use the funds now when they're most needed rather than try to preserve them. An infusion of immediate funding from the Madeleine Tang Endowment Fund for staffing, training, and access to new platforms and learning tools was an investment in the future of Project WISE, and ultimately will benefit all of our youth education programs as we continue to design and strengthen virtual curricular activities.

We are grateful to the Tang Family for their forward-thinking legacy gift that helps nurture our young scientists.

STEWARDS FOR TOMORROW

SILVER LUPINE CIRCLE MEMBERS

When you make a planned gift to the Conservancy, you become a member of the **Silver Lupine Circle** – a community of park lovers who, like you, ensure these national treasures will be protected and nurtured for generations to come. You join an extraordinary group of people – hikers and history buffs, beachcombers and triathletes, volunteers and philanthropists, parents and grandparents, friends and neighbors – who care about preserving these parks as much as you do.

We are grateful for our stewards for tomorrow.

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