



# Saratoga Foothill Club Historic Landmark Foundation

September 2024

## A N N U A L R E P O R T T O D O N O R S

### Exterior Preservation Project: 2024 Annual Report

Our outstanding project team, which includes club members Paula Cappello and Cathy Schroeder, along with historic architect, John Tabuena-Frolli and preservation contractor, Norman Koepernik, worked diligently this past year to implement the final segments of the project.

**ENTRY PILASTERS** The six former pilasters under the double bracket sets were not original and did not match those around the clubhouse. After the removal, repairs and restoration work began on the interior spaces behind the pilasters and included: 1. corrections to dry rot and insect damage; 2. installation of vital, additional structural support. Six old-growth, straight grained redwood pilasters were sized appropriately, hand-textured to match others around the clubhouse and painted in the historic “Brown Bear” color. Texturing provides the rustic esthetic that Julia Morgan originally incorporated into the club’s craftsman design.



*Photo by Maria Guldner*

**FRONT ENTRY DOORS** The finish of the front doors, like the rest of the exterior, was originally unpainted, textured and oiled. The repair and refinishing process was painstaking and delicate. After the stripping of seven layers of paint from the panel sections, it was discovered that a hard filler had been used on holes and cracks in the wood. Utilizing Norman’s stock of quality aged redwood, repairs included fabricating round plugs and veneer sections to fill holes and cracks. Surrounding wood stiles were painted in the historic Brown Bear color. Our front doors and quatrefoils now display the original dark redwood color and grained texture which enhance the visual impact of the front entry.

**FRONT DOOR HANDLE** The project team postponed the restoration and retrofitting of the old, brass period door handle. The current hardware is of quality commercial grade, works reliably and operates the important emergency push bar. The time and expense required for the restoration and retrofitting of the old handle would have greatly delayed the re-installation of the front doors.

**LEFT CORNER WINDOW MULLIONS** The window, around the far-left corner, lacks the vertical mullions that are present in the other windows. After consulting with Sheets

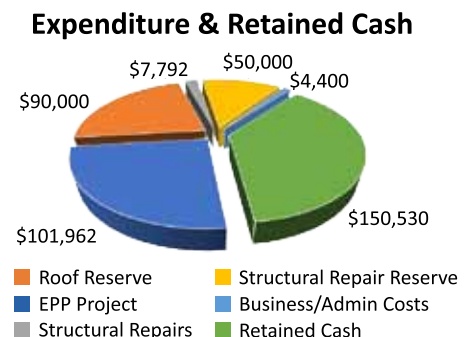
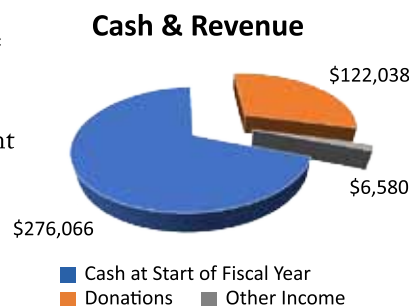
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### Financial Summary for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2024

The Foundation started the year with a solid amount of retained cash thanks to last year’s generous donors.

Your kind donations this year totaled almost \$123,000. We spent over \$100,000 on additional EPP work and a smaller amount on necessary structural work inside the building.

We are still in a strong financial position, and the board has decided to set aside \$90,000 for the new roof that we foresee in the not-too-distant future. Our plan is to increase this reserve each year by \$10,000 with the intention of having a good part of what we will need for the roof. We are also setting aside a smaller reserve of \$50,000 to be used for those small structural jobs that are essential maintenance of the clubhouse but are not considered a major project. Even with these reserves, we have enough funds for our current project (the front benches) and can start looking ahead to the future.



Patricia Russell

Treasurer July 2022 – June 2024

## Message from the Chair

I am so happy to report that this year your kind donations totaled almost \$123,000 which was one of the largest amounts donated so far to improve and preserve our lovely and unique Julia Morgan designed building. A huge thank you to our project manager, Alexandra Nugent, preservation contractor, Norman Koepernik, historic architect, John Frolli and team members, Paula Capello, and Cathy Schroeder. We have enjoyed hearing your compliments given on the work that has been done with all of your many generous contributions.

I especially want to thank our Board of Directors this past year for their support and dedication. A special thank you to retiring board members, Julie Innamorato, and Sharon Barrett, for your 6 years of service and experience. You will be missed.

It has been an honor to have been a part of this Historic Landmark Foundation benefiting the Saratoga Foothill Club. Just look at what we have accomplished.

With gratitude,

**Saundra Hill**

*SFCHLF Chair 2023-2024*

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Enterprises, our trusted wood window specialist, it was determined this project could possibly create issues rather than solve them, so the team decided to “leave well enough alone”.

**INGLENOOK BENCHES** After approval by the club board in August, the complete restoration of our two redwood benches is slated to begin sometime early next year and constitutes the final segment of the EPP. The main goals for the benches include restoring the functionality, strength, stability, unique craftsmen elements and the naturally oiled finish that best complements the front entry doors and exterior wall shingles.

John and Norman, with feedback from Cathy, Paula and me, developed the strategies and detailed repair plans. Both benches require a complete rebuild including stabilization, treatment for dry rot and replacement of missing wood sections. The two+ month process will include: disassembling the benches; stripping many layers of paint to evaluate conditions and treatments; repair to joints and splits; replication of missing redwood components; fabrication of discreet, water proof, raised base mounts. The complete restoration will also result in the desired increase to the seat height of each bench.

**IN SUMMATION - THANK YOU!** The highest standards of preservation practices and innovative repair solutions, adhered to throughout the 5+ year project, will ensure the integrity, longevity, and beauty of the clubhouse. Thank you donors for your continued and incredibly generous support to achieve these goals!

*Alexandra Nugent, EPP Project Manager, 2019 - 2025*

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We are excited to announce that Sue Johnson and Kathy and Tom Ormseth joined the Legacy Circle in 2024. Be sure to thank them for their commitment to the Saratoga Foothill Club Historic Landmark Foundation.

We appreciate the generosity of the twenty-nine members and families listed below who have made the decision to support the preservation of our historic Julia Morgan designed clubhouse and garden. Legacy Circle members make a gift to the foundation in their wills or estate plans for the sole purpose of maintaining the historic integrity of our treasured building and grounds. Their bequests will be used for future restoration projects.

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