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Cal Poly and local Rotary Clubs Orchestrate a Bandstand at Mitchell Park

SAN LUIS OBISPO—Strike up the band. Cal Poly construction management students and members of two local Rotary clubs have teamed up to build a bandstand at Mitchell Park in San Luis Obispo.

They plan to inaugurate the gazebo – complete with a live band performance – during a public ceremony on Sunday, June 5.

The Rotary Club of San Luis Obispo and the Tuesday Daybreak Rotary Club, also of San Luis Obispo, dreamed up the bandstand idea as part of the Centennial Project celebration marking Rotary International’s 100th anniversary.

About 30 members from both clubs have been working with four Cal Poly students for several months to build the bandstand that’s now taking shape in the middle of the park. The wooden octagon, measuring 28 feet in diameter and 22 feet tall, will be topped with a copper cupola. It was designed by San Luis Obispo architect and Rotarian Tom Brajkovich.

Rotary Club members have been drumming up donations of building materials from local businesses and are selling Centennial Tiles for $100 each. The tiles will decorate the bandstand floor. San Luis Obispo Rotary President Jim Hoffman, a Cal Poly architecture graduate, estimates the total cost of the project at $35,000, adding that, without local donations and volunteer labor, the cost would be more than five times that amount.

For information about purchasing a tile, contact Bob Wacker at P.O. Box 15615, San Luis Obispo, 93406.

Cal Poly construction management students Erik Hoffman, Devin O’Neill and Eben Schriber, along with graduates Nick Ciufo and Eric Scheidlinger, are volunteering their time to work on the project.

“We’ve had some very generous donors,” Hoffman said. “And we’ve really enjoyed working with the students. They are smart, motivated and eager to have an actual project to work on.”

“Cal Poly student projects have contributed to the community in many ways, with this gazebo project the most recent example,” said Allan Hauck, construction management department head. “The students are required to go well beyond the physical construction of the gazebo, as they manage the entire process from design, estimating, scheduling, contracting, and even arranging for volunteer help. This project benefits the community and provides our students with real world experience as they prepare to enter the construction profession.”

Editors: To arrange for a photo opportunity of the students in action, please contact Erik Hoffman at (805)
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