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## Rotary completes center's Rose Garden

Couples can now say their "I dos" in the privacy of a fenced rose garden at the Morgan Hill Community and Cultural Center, thanks to a gift from Rotary Club of Morgan Hill.

The four-year community project expands the east end of the Hiram Morgan Hill Room with the addition of a grass lawn, circular rose bed and fence that is architecturally compatible with the center.

The garden accommodates 70 people and allows events in the center's main room to be held both inside and outside.

Rotarians volunteered their weekends and days off to hammer, paint and plant, and also provided \$3,000 in materials and nursery stock. The project was capped off with a day of spray painting on May 30 and planting roses and extending the fence June 6-7. The club will purchase folding chairs for Rose Garden events.



Rotarians Roger and Janie Knopf and Rotary President Ken Hulick show off the new 36-foot fence around the Rose Garden at the Morgan Hill Community and Cultural Center.



Anaerobe Systems President Mike Cox, also a Rotarian, puts the finishing touches to the fence. The garden is located to the east of the Hiram Morgan Hill room. Rotary spent \$3,000 on the project and the city spent \$1,500 on metal gates. The city hopes residents will use the garden to celebrate weddings and other special occasions.

"Our improvements shield the view from Dunne Avenue and offer guests beauty and the sense they have the facility to themselves," said Rotary President Ken Hulick.

The project was planned and constructed jointly with the City of Morgan Hill, which

will make it available to the public. The city constructed metal gates for additional privacy.

"We are very grateful to Rotary for this gift to the community," said Julie Spier, community services and planning manager. "This special space for private or public receptions completes the footprint of the facility as envisioned when we built it.

"It's a great example of two organizations working together to provide an enhancement to the community," said Spier. "Anyone is welcome to stop by to take a look or spend some leisure time to appreciate its beauty and tranquility when it is not reserved for private functions."

Rotary Club of Morgan Hill, a part of Rotary International, is a service organization with 94 members in its 53rd year of service to Morgan Hill. The club's previous service projects have included landscaping Hiram Morgan Hill's historic home.

Rotary International is an organization of business and professional leaders that provides humanitarian service, encourages high ethical standards in all vocations, and helps build goodwill and peace in the world.