



Visiting NCYL students amused the Country Woman's Club audience with "cheers" that they learned while attending a leadership seminar last May. Left to right are Shannon Colin (Branham); Whitney Dean (Del Mar), Abigail Mesagama (Leigh), Kemia Edemadi (Westmont), Chris Dean (Del Mar), Courtney Gipson, Sarah Laufman (Westmont), and Amiee Myers, (Del Mar) who led the group cheers.

Youth leadership program affects local students

Because they often have their peers surrounding them, most high school students are expected to be loud and boisterous but appear to know little about the volunteer world or how to motivate their fellow students.

Country Woman's Club of Campbell (CWCC) has been active in the past eight years in supporting the Northern California Youth Leadership. Prior to the formation of NCYL, the club worked with "HOBY", the Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership with similar goals.

This program seeks out students at the sophomore high school level who have leadership potential, but just might need help finding the right path.

A three-day seminar is conducted locally every spring and local students are selected to attend. No tuition is required, allowing the program to be open to everyone. A project of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, as well as many service organizations throughout northern California, the seminar, a nonprofit event, focuses on cultivating critical thinking, communications, responsibility and leadership skills.

Volunteers run the organization and for the past 21 years, Bobbi Sheets has represented both the local woman's club as well as the larger district of women's club.

The organization is unique in that "graduates" of the program are often invited "back" the following year to serve as a "j-crew" or "sr-

crew" to help generate enthusiasm with new students. The long-lasting effects of the program are reflected when college students who are program graduates, ask to continue to return to participate.

The CWCC recently invited some of the students the club sponsored to a dinner. The students reported primarily on how the seminar (held last May at Menlo College in Atherton) affected them. Several others attending were members of the "j-crew", 2007 graduates who had taken time to participate last year.

Attendees from last year spoke about how attending the seminar had affected them. Shannon Colin, a Branham High School student, told her audience that as a result of her experiences she had "dared" to try participating in an activity she had previously avoided and how thrilled she was with her success. She spoke of reading to students at the library.

Whitney Dean, Del Mar student, told how she had become a "cheerleader" of sorts for her swim team and how rewarding the change had been.

Leigh student Abigail Mesagama, who was born in Ethiopia, expressed a desire to return to Africa to help disadvantaged children. She said she "found her voice" and now is active in her school's key club and is volunteering at Good Sam Hospital.

Sarah Laufman from Westmont High School writes for the Westmont school newspaper, the yearbook and is volunteering at the Campbell Museum.

All of the students mentioned participating in volunteer activities.

Two Del Mar students, Chris Dean and Amiee Myers, one Westmont student, Kemia Edemadi, and Courtney Gipson from Prospect also attended. These four were invited last year to return as "j-crew".

This year's event will also be at Menlo College, May 29-31. The Country Woman's Club of Campbell will continue to support students in the Campbell Union High School district and welcomes additional support from the community.

Humorist portrayed in musical

Saratoga Drama Group is bringing *Will Rogers Follies* to the stage on January 31 at the theater located on Fruitvale Avenue in Saratoga.

Will Rogers was most remembered for his folksy humor—especially "I never met a man I didn't like."

Rogers is labeled as a humorist, a trick roper, a Ziegfeld Follies star, a radio commentator and a movie star. He wrote a syndicated column, was a philanthropist and an author. He died in 1935 while on an around-the-world trip with aviator Wiley Post.

The musical stars Greg Goebel as Will Rogers with Carly Honfi as Betty Blake. Directing is Kevin Cornelius. Co-producers are Jay Steel and Howard L. Miller.

Ticket information for the show, which runs through February 21, is on their website or 408/266-4734.