

## VOLUNTEER NOTES

### Stay Tuned for Teams

Next issue, *MarinfoNow* will feature the county's volunteer and intern teams of the year. The 14-member Volunteer Team of the Year is Marin County Parks' Terra Linda Broom Club, a model of group strength. The top intern team is the Board of Supervisors' Find Your Way Youth Lead Team, which puts teen voices at the center of local youth programs. (For the two individual MarinShares and Marinterns honorees, see this issue. For our top staff supervisors, see the [June newsletter](#).)

### We Remember

MarinShares volunteer **Jan McRoberts**, a senior peer counselor with the Health and Human Services Department's HOPE and Senior Peer Counseling program, died at her San Rafael home on April 1. Warm, comical, and down-to-earth, Jan carried a lightness about her, sitting with her counseling clients as equals. Originally from Iowa, Jan was a teacher and later switched to the medical profession as a respiratory therapist. As a volunteer counselor, she had helped Marin elders since 2019.



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## Air Patrol Pilot Is Volunteer of the Year

By Scott Harrop

A pilot who has shared his aviation skills and talent for organization with the Sheriff's Air Patrol for 19 years is Marin County's Volunteer of the Year.

In 1968, **David Mitchell** moved to Marin from his native England with his wife and infant daughter. He had been recruited by Chevron shortly after earning his chemical engineering degree. He spent 37 years with the company, starting in research in Richmond and later holding management positions in San Francisco and San Ramon.

David earned his pilot's license in 1973, and holds private, commercial, and instructor licenses. For several years he

instructed at the Petaluma Municipal Airport.

He joined the Marin County Sheriff's Air Patrol in 2006, noting, "I have held

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PHOTO BY STEVE ZIMAN

*David Mitchell, center with resolution and award, smiles with Sheriff Jamie Scardina, Air Patrol Capt. John Garcia, and Sheriff's Lt. Scott Jensen, Air Patrol staff coordinator.*

## Intern of the Year Focuses on Justice, Mentoring, and Career

By Livia Danku



PHOTO BY BOB DELL

*Camilo Ibarra*

Marintern **Camilo Ibarra** is the County of Marin's Intern of the Year for his dedication, kindness, and energy in a role with the Probation Department's juvenile division.

He began interning 2024, learning to identify low-risk juvenile cases that could be kept out of court. The goal was to guide youth toward community-based programs focused on rehabilitation and positive development.

With his drive and eagerness to learn, Camilo quickly acquired skills that led him to new opportunities for growth.

His assignment expanded to include sending letters to families of youth in the juvenile system. He followed up to make sure the young people met program requirements, and staff included him in discussions of which cases were suitable for diversion.

Camilo, who is bilingual in English and Spanish, also brought cultural competence and approachability. He assisted many Spanish-speaking parents in person and by telephone, helping

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to strengthen trust between families and probation staff.

Camilo also shadowed deputy probation officers. He studied how officers conducted themselves in court, juvenile hall interviews, family interviews, and at community events, and learned about a probation officer's daily life.

"Camilo is astute, adaptive, and consistently kind," said his internship supervisor Juvenile Probation Supervisor **Janene Conner**. "His positive presence has truly elevated the workplace and supported our mission."

Before his internship, Camilo tutored and taught kids at several Marin schools, such as Tam Valley, Park Elementary, Old Mill, and Manor Elementary. This experience showed him how powerful education and encouragement could be for the youth.



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Camilo Ibarra holds his Intern of the Year award after being congratulated by Board President Mary Sackett, left, and Probation Department staff members Jeana Reynolds, Janene Conner, Eric Olson, Chief Marlon Washington, and Fatima Roldan.

With each young person in the juvenile system, Camilo would try to listen and guide them to reflect on their actions, understand the bigger picture, learn from the experience, and find ways to move forward.

A Marin native, Camilo graduated from Redwood High School and earned his bachelor's degree in criminology and criminal justice studies from Sonoma State University this year.

He plans to continue pursuing his passion for early intervention and programs that support youth before they get too deep into the justice system.

Outside of interning, Camilo teaches Spanish to children, plays soccer, and hikes throughout Marin. Camilo said his mother has been his greatest inspiration, and her strength and dedication have shaped the person he is today. Much of his drive to be helpful comes from watching his mother's example. He said her selflessness and per-

severance motivate him to support and uplift others whenever he can.

His mother was among the family, close friends, and colleagues who attended a Board of Supervisors ceremony on May 27 during which Camilo was praised in remarks by Probation Chief **Marlon Washington** and congratulated by Board President **Mary Sackett**, who presented him with an award and resolution of commendation. ■

## Book Scouts Share Joy of Books with Kids in West Marin

PHOTO BY MADELINE BRYANT



The Marin County Free Library's new Book Scouts program engages county volunteers, interns, and staff who meet weekly at West Marin schools to read with children and share the joy of books. Pictured left to right: MarinShares volunteer **Shree Ram**, Community Library Specialist **Mattie Ivy Leeds**, MarinShares volunteer **Marcy Davenport**, Marintern **Lucy Cooper** of the library's Webstars program, and Point Reyes branch Librarian **Alex Porrata**. The program welcomes applicants. Book Scout volunteers must be available from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. on Wednesdays, starting in September. The ideal Book Scout has some background in education or experience reading aloud. Bilingual ability is preferred but not required. For details about the volunteer role and to express interest, email Librarian [Madeline Bryant](mailto:Madeline.Bryant@marincountylib.org).

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all the Board positions, from secretary, treasurer, lieutenant to captain.” As aircraft coordinator for the last 13 years, he volunteers to oversee the maintenance of the airplane and ensures that it is always “mission ready.” As a flight instructor, he also serves as a check pilot for the Air Patrol.

The Air Patrol has been in operation since 1952. The volunteer pilots used their own planes until 2000, when an old military trainer was acquired and used until 2016. It was replaced with a donated Cessna 182, a much more capable airplane, but it required significant upgrading—new engine, avionics, and painting. David was responsible for managing and overseeing this work, which took several months.

Air Patrol Chief Pilot **Zach Hamill** noted, “David ensures we maintain the highest standards for both aircraft maintenance and pilot qualifications. Though his behind-the-scenes work rarely gets the spotlight, every successful mission we complete bears his fingerprints.”

The Air Patrol carries out a variety of search and rescue missions, such as finding lost hikers in wilderness areas. One significant operation that involved several flights was for a couple lost in West Marin for a week.

Marine-related searches have included a jumper off the Golden Gate Bridge and boaters lost in the Bay. Several flights this past winter involved separate incidents of lost boaters off Bodega.

Another category of mission for these MarinShares volunteers consists of surveillance flights assisting law enforcement investigations. In such cases, a Sheriff’s deputy is also on board. “You have no idea where you might end up; it could be in San Jose,” said David. One such flight began along Highway 101 from Petaluma and ended up in Tracy.

“I am proud to have dedicated volunteers like David,” said Sheriff’s Lt. **Scott Jensen** of the Sheriff’s Field Services Bureau/Patrol Division, who supports the Air Patrol volunteers. “He is an

inspiration to the other members of the team, and his impact is seen and cherished by all who are lucky to encounter and interact with him.”

David also is active in community ventures. He was an elected board member for 25 years with the Marinwood Community Services District, which provides fire, parks, recreation, and open space services.

David has lived in the same house in Marinwood for over 50 years. His four children all attended the Miller Creek School District schools and Terra Linda High. His children and nine grandchildren all live nearby in the Bay Area.

His family was among the attendees when the Marin County Board of Supervisors honored David at a special ceremony on May 27. He received a formal resolution of commendation and an award from Board President **Mary Sackett** and accolades from volunteer Air Patrol Capt. **John Garcia**, Lt. Jensen, and Sheriff **Jamie Scardina**. ■

## Student Ambassadors Shine at the Marin County Fair

PHOTOS BY ELIZABETH IWAMIYA



Student Elections Ambassador *Sophia Lopez* encourages passersby to vote at the Marin County Fair. Inset photo: Fan advertises mock election candidates.

This year’s Marin County Fair was more than fireworks and funnel cake—it was also a celebration of civic engagement, powered in part by teens from the Student Elections Ambassador Program (SEAP). Ambassadors volunteered to staff the Marin County Elections

Department’s “Vote for Your Favorite Insect” mock election booth. The fun vote matched the fair’s “bug-tastic” theme. Nearly 5,000 ballots were cast. The clear winner: Ladybug, now proudly serving as the department spokesperson for voter outreach. Student ambassadors welcomed visitors, explained the importance of voting and pre-registration, and helped younger fairgoers understand how elections work. Their enthusiasm and peer-to-peer outreach impressed attendees of all ages, according to their staff mentor, Elections Technician **Elizabeth Iwamiya**. The ambassador program is now accepting applicants for the 2025–26 school year. Interested students can visit [SEAP](#) to learn more and sign up. “We’re proud to support the next generation of civic leaders in Marin,” Elizabeth said.

## Who's New & Welcome!

**Ninna Acebedo** (San Francisco), West Marin Nursing Student, Health & Human Services (HHS)

**Meagan Adkins** (San Geronimo), FIRE Foundry Intern, Marin County Fire

**Sierra Anseeuw** (Berkeley), Legal Intern, Public Defender's Office

**Ben Baczkowski** (Pacifica), Legal Intern, Public Defender's Office

**Talia Bamberger** (Mill Valley), District 2 High School Intern, Board of Supervisors

**Roderick Berry** (Fairfax), Fire Lookout, Marin County Fire

**Adam Black** (Petaluma), Fire Lookout, Marin County Fire

**Salma Blanco** (Pittsburg), West Marin Nursing Student, HHS

**Lucy Bodle** (Fairfax), Pre-Law Intern, County Counsel's Office

**Robin Bonner** (San Geronimo), FIRE Foundry Intern, Marin County Fire

**Cristian Alejandro Chi Ramirez** (Novato), FIRE Foundry Intern, Marin County Fire

**Johnny Cifuentes** (San Rafael), FIRE Foundry Intern, Marin County Fire

**Jerry Cordova** (San Pablo), Marin Center Volunteer, Cultural Services

**Christopher Cortez** (Davis), Summer Law Clerk, County Counsel

**Marcy Davenport** (Tomales), Book Scouts Volunteer, Point Reyes Library

**Alejandra Dejesus** (Santa Rosa), FIRE Foundry Intern, Marin County Fire

**Evelin Dominguez** (San Pablo), West Marin Nursing Student, HHS

**Gail Galli** (San Anselmo), Marin Center Volunteer, Cultural Services

**Max Gehm** (San Anselmo), Summer Intern, Public Defender's Office

**Pj George** (Novato), Marin Center Volunteer, Cultural Services

**Cara Gereau** (San Geronimo), Mounted Patrol Volunteer, Marin County Parks

**Asher Goldblatt** (Mill Valley), Volunteer Photographer, Marin County Fire

**Amaya Gomez** (Santa Rosa), FIRE Foundry Intern, Marin County Fire

**Henry Gracia** (Richmond), FIRE Foundry Intern, Marin County Fire

**Beau Gulledge** (Sebastopol), FIRE Foundry Intern, Marin County Fire

**Sahand Hajian** (San Francisco), West Marin Nursing Student, HHS

**Michael Ham** (San Rafael), Radio Communications Volunteer, Department of Public Works (Public Works)

**Emilia Hernandez** (Lagunitas), FIRE Foundry Intern, Marin County Fire

**Josue Herrera** (San Rafael), FIRE Foundry Intern, Marin County Fire

**Debra Hurst** (Santa Rosa), Fire Lookout, Marin County Fire

**Inyoung Jang** (San Jose), West Marin Nursing Student, HHS

**Sky Karp** (Berkeley), Legal Intern, Public Defender's Office

**Brooklyn Kelley** (San Rafael), Student Service Volunteer, Civic Center Library

**Christina Kincaid** (San Francisco), West Marin Nursing Student, HHS

**Scott Kreinberg** (Fairfax), Fire Lookout, Marin County Fire

**Shela Le** (Oakland), West Marin Nursing Student, HHS

**Eric Lehto** (San Rafael), Marin Center Volunteer, Cultural Services

**Luci Loegering Stivers** (Novato), Teen Volunteer, Civic Center Library

**Justin Kyle Manalang** (San Francisco), West Marin Nursing Student, HHS

**Alice McConnell** (Woodacre), Newsletter Writer Intern, Human Resources

**Polly McGinness** (Mill Valley), High School Intern, Cultural Services

**Jonathan McMenamy** (San Bruno), West Marin Nursing Student, HHS

**Elizabeth Mejia** (San Rafael), Teen Volunteer, Civic Center Library

**Lizbeth Mendieta Alvarado** (Novato), District 2 Intern, Board of Supervisors

**Riley Merklin** (Kentfield), District 2 Intern, Board of Supervisors

**Jose Morales** (San Rafael), FIRE Foundry Intern, Marin County Fire

**Kursi Muhammad** (Hayward), FIRE Foundry Intern, Marin County Fire

**Minda Murphy** (Oakland), West Marin Nursing Student, HHS

**Call Nichols** (Mill Valley), Fire Lookout, Marin County Fire

**Daniel Nuñez** (Richmond), FIRE Foundry Intern, Marin County Fire

**Maeve O'Brien** (Novato), Pre-Law Intern, Public Defender's Office

**Jose Osorio** (Albany), Legal Intern, Public Defender's Office

**Jorge Pinzon Figueroa** (Livermore), West Marin Nursing Student, HHS

**Alejandro Portillo** (San Francisco), Legal Intern, Public Defender's Office

**Nicholas Prosch** (Novato), FIRE Foundry Intern, Marin County Fire

**Shree Ram** (Point Reyes Station), Volunteer Reader, Point Reyes Library

**Regina Rayz** (Daly City), West Marin Nursing Student, HHS

**Cammie Rolle** (Novato), Friends of the Family Volunteer, HHS

**Ethan Ksen Roma** (Corte Madera), FIRE Foundry Intern, Marin County Fire

**Michelle Rong** (Novato), Marin Center Volunteer, Cultural Services

**Hava Rossiter** (Fairfax), District 2 Intern, Board of Supervisors

**Leslie Sanroman** (Union City), West Marin Nursing Student, HHS

**Grace Sayre** (Millbrae), West Marin Nursing Student, HHS

**Isabella Shahmirza** (San Francisco), West Marin Nursing Student, HHS

**William Stieg** (Sherman Oaks), Law Clerk, County Counsel's Office

**Reede Stockton** (Forest Knolls), Radio Communications Volunteer, Public Works

**Julian Topete-Andreotti** (Sonoma), FIRE Foundry Intern, Marin County Fire

**Sydney Tzur** (San Anselmo), District 2 Intern, Board of Supervisors

**Warren Vigneswaran** (Hacienda Heights), Legal Intern, Public Defender's Office

**Ashley Wang** (Tiburon), District 2 Intern, Board of Supervisors

**Nancy Wein** (Novato), Radio Communications Volunteer, Public Works

**Dyani Williams** (Oakland), West Marin Nursing Student, HHS

**Stephanie Wong** (San Francisco), West Marin Nursing Student, HHS

**Forrest Xie** (Novato), Marin Center Youth Volunteer, Cultural Services

# Happy Anniversary

We congratulate these volunteers who celebrate their anniversaries this month and thank them for their ongoing involvement.

## 40 YEARS

**Jerry Foster** (Novato), Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service/Auxiliary Communications Service (RACES/ACS) Volunteer, Marin County Fire

## 28 YEARS

**Stuart Dake** (Novato), RACES/ACS Volunteer, Marin County Fire

## 27 YEARS

**Linda Comella** (San Rafael), Patrol Volunteer, Marin County Parks

## 23 YEARS

**Doug Kunst** (Danville), Fire Lookout, Marin County Fire

**Linda Novy** (Fairfax), Patrol Volunteer, Marin County Parks

## 17 YEARS

**John Newman** (San Rafael), Fire Lookout, Marin County Fire

## 15 YEARS

**Michael Fischer** (Mill Valley), RACES/ACS Volunteer, Marin County Fire

**Marie Gregoriev** (San Rafael), **Susan O'Brien** (Mill Valley), Financial Abuse Specialist Team (FAST) Volunteers, Health & Human Services (HHS)

## 13 YEARS

**Paula Kamena** (San Rafael), Volunteer Investigator, Marin County Sheriff's Office

**Amory Willis** (Sausalito), Patrol Volunteer, Marin County Parks

## 10 YEARS

**Marie Fitzgerald** (Mill Valley), Event Aide, Human Resources

## 9 YEARS

**Pamela Ross** (Greenbrae), Copy Editor, Human Resources

## 7 YEARS

**Milton Hyams** (San Rafael), RACES/ACS Volunteer, Marin County Fire

## 5 YEARS

**Deborah Gregor** (Novato), Administrative Aide, Human Resources

## 4 YEARS

**Jonathan Bernstein** (Corte Madera), Marin Civic Center Docent, Cultural Services

**Ken Adams** (Woodacre), **Brian Cooley** (Corte Madera), **Jerry Foster** (Novato), Radio Communications Volunteers, Department of Public Works

**David Balderama** (San Rafael), Copy Editor Intern, Human Resources

**Michael Fischer** (Mill Valley), Patrol Volunteer, Marin County Parks

**Frederick Schultz** (Marshall), Volunteer Firefighter, Marin County Fire

## 3 YEARS

**Sandra Bushmaker** (Sausalito), Ombudsman Volunteer, HHS

**Linda Garb** (San Rafael), Client Assessment Volunteer, HHS

## 2 YEARS

**Gabrielle Beyer** (Mill Valley), **Ruby Kosek** (Mill Valley), Student Elections Ambassadors, Elections Department

## 1 YEAR

**Carlisle Tilton** (Novato), Marin Center Volunteer, Cultural Services

**Claire Weber** (Stinson Beach), Shelver, Stinson Beach Library

