

Despite rainy weather and competing toy drives, we ended up with 7 overflowing bins of toys that were donated to the local Toys for Tots center. The toys were then distributed to disadvantaged children in Santa Clara County to ensure a very happy and memorable holiday for all.

Cookies, cider and free child ID kits were available for all children that came by the drive to drop off a donation. Santa and his Magic Ship even stopped by for a visit.

We'd like to thank everyone that helped make this first year event a success and look forward to seeing everyone again next year.









Board Member Profile Craig C. van Keulen, Past President

Why do I support CLEF? Part of living in a community like Morgan Hill is taking the opportunity to give back to the community in a way that makes it better place for everyone to live. Joining CLEF as a volunteer and supporter was the perfect opportunity for me to give back to the Morgan Hill community that has given so much to my family and me!

The CLEF circle of help started for me in 1988 when "CLEF 1" was formed by friends of mine named Avila, Knopf, Williams, Lazzarini and Etchebarne, to help support the Morgan Hill Police Department when it was first hit by budget cuts. It served a big need in the Morgan Hill community, that being to get behind and support our MHPD that works tirelessly to keep safe the businesses and families in our community, making it a better place for all of us to live in.

During the CLEF 1 years we also provided the funding for a couple of police dogs, as well as other support needed by the MHPD. In the 1990's I was one of the CLEF Presidents. Over time as the Morgan Hill Community changed and grew, and people moved on and no longer had the time or energy to do the hard work of operating a completely volunteer, non-profit organization, CLEF went dormant.

Then many years later in 2008 under the guidance of then police chief Bruce Cummings, CLEF was revived by two Leadership Morgan Hill graduates and CLEF 2 was formed with the same goal in mind, to support the MHPD, so the MHPD could do the best job possible to make Morgan Hill the safest and best place to live.

In 2012, I again saw a need to help CLEF and to support its great mission, by using my skills to help it move from where it was to where it wanted to be, which was a selfsustaining, completely volunteer, next generation non-profit that could have a large, supportive impact on the needs of the MHPD during these difficult economic times. We are all busy people, but sometimes you just have to jump in, roll up your sleeves and get involved. It's not hard, but a lot of fun and very rewarding when you are working with great people, with great passion, for a great purpose, community safety.

I was honored to again be elected President of CLEF, and privileged to work with all the wonderful, hardworking citizens of Morgan Hill on the CLEF Board that devote so much of their time, talent and treasure to make Morgan Hill the best and safest place to live. Together we were able to build the Board, develop a sustainable budget strategy, develop a grant program, and host the First Annual Black Tie, Cops & Robbers Ball, which turned into the largest, non-profit, fundraising event in Morgan Hill history, netting over \$73,000 for the MHPD and our community.

If you want a great opportunity to serve your community, be with great people that care about our community, and help make your community a safer place to work and live, you will never find a more rewarding organization to join as a supporter and volunteer than CLEF! Please visit our website at <u>www.morganhillclef.org</u> and come join us at our monthly Board meetings! I'll see you there!

Sponsorship Opportunities

The Community Law Enforcement Foundation's second annual Cops & Robbers Ball offers sponsorship opportunities to promote your business. Sponsorships are available at six different monetary levels ranging from \$250-\$10,000.

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