



Atherton Police Activities League 2008 Holiday Letter

The holiday season is a time to appreciate all of the generous support the Atherton P.A.L. receives from our community. Your tax-deductible donation provides our youth with valuable programs that encourage them to grow and achieve their goals. Atherton P.A.L. is endorsed & supported by the Atherton Town Council and is a 501(C)3 organization.

Police Explorer Post

Members of the Atherton Police Department's Explorer Program participated in the Las Lomas Pancake Breakfast, Atherton Dames fundraiser, Easter Egg Hunt at HP Park and the annual M-A Bear Run. High school aged, full-time students with a minimum of a "C" average learn about law enforcement, gain valuable leadership skills and learn to help their fellow citizens. Interested students can call (650) 688-6500 for information.

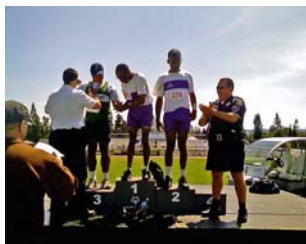
Sports and More!

Sport and activity program support in 2008 included the Menlo-Atherton Bears, Atherton Library children's events, Pacific Skyline Council of the BSA, Menlo-Atherton High School Boosters, Selby Lane School PE program and the Atherton PAL D.A.R.E. car.



Atherton Police Officer Don Dunphy at the Starting Line

Special Olympics in Atherton



In May of this year, Atherton Police Officers again volunteered at the Special Olympics at Menlo College. Officers presented medals to the Olympians at the end of each event. The winners of this regional event moved on to the state-wide finals in the East Bay.

PAL Scholarship

The 3 winners for 2008 were: **Jackie Harris** from Sacred Heart Preparatory; **Matthew Bogott** and **Oscar Coaquira** from Menlo-Atherton High School. Criteria for the award include: personal profile; athletic and/or community involvement; leadership experience; honors and awards; letter of recommendation; and a

250 word essay about their goals, dreams, and career goals. Congratulations to all of you and good luck in college!

D.A.R.E. Program

The Atherton Police D.A.R.E. Program continues to be a hit in our schools. Officer Bruce Potts is in high demand in our classrooms. Every October we celebrate Red Ribbon Week at which time we say "No to drugs". During that week, a D.A.R.E. poster contest is held in Atherton Schools. Winners receive prizes and are recognized at an Atherton Town Council meeting. In a 2006 survey, Town residents clearly stated the D.A.R.E. Program contributed to the PD's 97% satisfaction rating!

Atherton PD's vintage Ford Mustang D.A.R.E. car continues to be a valuable resource for our D.A.R.E. Program where it helps reinforce the "Just Say 'No' to Drugs" message. Thanks to the volunteer efforts of Skip Mills (on the left) and Ken Bowers, the car is maintained in tip-top shape and continues to win awards at police car shows in the S.F. Bay Area.



The entire Police Department joins the P.A.L. in wishing you a joyous holiday season.

Did you know Atherton PAL can now accept donations of stock? Well, we can and you can eliminate the capital gains! Thank you for your tax-deductible donation. A self-addressed return envelope is enclosed for your convenience. Fed Tax ID# 94-2934138. Any questions? Call Chief Glenn Nielsen, PAL President, at (650) 752-0508. Thank you for supporting *your* P.A.L. program!

