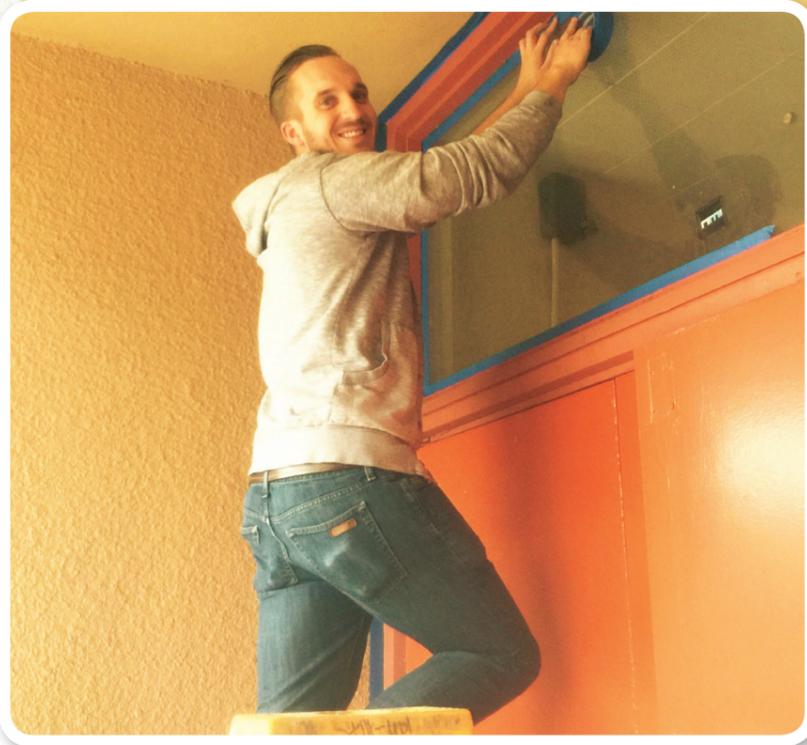


Orange Rotary spruces up schools



Rotarian Matthew Drenner prepares trim for new paint.

Orange Rotary has completed two beautification projects at Orange High School, providing volunteers and investing over \$15,000 along the way.

It plans to install a new kindergarten playground at Palmyra Elementary School later this year.

In addition to school projects, Orange Rotary recently helped fund, and provided volunteers for, a multifaceted effort to offer dental services to the community through Orangewood Home. Ankit Shah, a vice president at Farmers and Merchants Bank, is in charge of the club's community projects.

Orange Rotary meets at noon every Thursday at the Orange Conference Center, 300 South Flower Street. For information, see orange-rotary.org.



Steve Ambuehl and sons Anton (left) and Davis dig in the dirt that will soon be home to new plantings.



OHS students and Rotarians brighten up a wall and introduce new vegetation in a rehabilitated planter.

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Rotary to honor police and fire

By Joanne Coontz

Area Rotary Clubs will honor the Orange Fire and Police Departments at a luncheon slated for Thursday, April 14 at Grand Catered Events, 300 South Flower St.

The 42nd annual event is sponsored by Orange Rotary, Orange North Rotary, and Orange Plaza Rotary. This year's chairmen are Jay Carr and Matt Drenner.

Club members will assist Orange Police Chief Bob Gustafson and Orange Fire Chief Jack Thomas in presenting awards to officers, employees and volunteers from both departments. Five designated awards are presented by the fire department; six categorized awards are presented by the police department. The Presentation of Colors is conducted yearly by Orange Police Explorers Post 266.

A collectible program that includes profiles of the distinguished activities of the awardees is given to each attendee. Friends and family members of the awardees will attend, as well as members of the Orange City Council. A large crowd is expected; those interested in attending may contact Matt Drenner at (714) 744-5711.

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