

# Scouts and leaders from Moraga Boy Scout Troop 212 participate in an Alaska High Adventure Trek



Photo provided

Troop 212 Scouts with Davidson Glacier in background. From left: Steve Bartis, Griffin Bartis, Lucas Cronk, Michael Coane, Justin Nagayama, Kye Wesselman, Declan Dolorico-McPeake, Nolan Cuddihy, Jared Avenell, Leo Kim, Brandon Mayo, Ryan Sintchak, Mason Fara, and Jeff Fara.

Submitted by Steve Bartis

Twelve Boy Scouts and two adult leaders from Moraga Troop 212 on July 23 set out from SFO to Juneau, Alaska for a 10-day trek into the Alaskan wilderness. After landing in Juneau, the Scouts boarded a ferry for the five-hour sail to Haines, where they set up a base camp at the Chilkoot High Adventure Base (CHAB). The following day they loaded Sea Kayaks with 50 pounds of gear each and paddled into rough seas with three to five foot swells and 20 knot head winds. On their way to set up camp on the remote island of Delaguga, the group passed two beautiful glaciers, Rainbow and Davidson.

After paddling back to base camp, the Scouts each repacked 60 pounds of gear for a four-day backpacking trek to climb Alpine-style, using crampons and ice axes, up to a Tundra campground 3,500 feet above sea level. The Scouts trained with professional guides from Alaska Mountain Guides for safety on the glacier which contained deep

crevasses by learning how to self-arrest with an ice axe in the event of a fall.

Separated into three mountaineering teams to hike even higher onto the glacier, the Scouts put their mountaineering skills to the test when they rappelled into a crevasse using a safety harness and rope and individually ice-climbed back to the top using their crampons and ice axe.

Once the group arrived back at base camp after a 4,000-foot descent, they boarded a ferry to return to Juneau for a day of fishing where they netted wild Coho Salmon and viewed pods of Orcas as well as a feeding Humpback whale.

The Scouts included Campolindo High School graduates Jared Avenell, Michael Coane, and Mason Fara; current seniors Griffin Bartis, Leo Kim, and Ryan Sintchak; Juniors Nolan Cuddihy, Kye Wesselman, and Brandon Mayo; Sophomores Justin Nagayama, Declan Dolorico-McPeake, and Lucas Cronk. Adult Leaders included Jeff Fara and Steve Bartis, both assistant Scoutmasters in Moraga Troop 212.

# Shelby's and AAUW unite to support local scholarships

Submitted by Bonnie Fend

Shelby's Restaurant in Orinda's Theatre Square will partner with the American Association of University Women-Orinda, Moraga, Lafayette branch to raise money for local scholarships on Sept. 20. These scholarships are based on community engagement. High school seniors at each of the local high schools and Saint Mary's College undergraduates in the High Potential Program will receive scholarships in the spring. The High Potential Program provides a range of comprehensive services and individualized support for first-generation and low-income students.

The Sept. 20 AAUW Branch Meeting will feature a representative from the Public Defender's Office of Contra Costa County speaking on social issues and their impact on the lives of many from our underserved communities. The meeting will also showcase the branch's many programs and activities that support women and girls. The 9:30 a.m. meeting will be held at the Orinda Community Church and the public is invited to attend. Check [oml-ca.aauw.net](http://oml-ca.aauw.net) for more information.

After the meeting, members and guests are encouraged to have lunch together at Shelby's. Food may also be purchased for lunch, dinner, takeout - or all

three! Curbside delivery is available on request. Shelby's will donate 10% of their sales on Sept. 20 to the AAUW scholarship fund. Check their website at [www.shelbysseatbetter.com](http://www.shelbysseatbetter.com) for menus, ordering, reservations, and takeout information or call 925-254-9687. There is ample free parking with validation in the garage.

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## In Memory

### Robert Roche

Oct. 31, 1932 – Aug. 23, 2022



Robert "Bob" Bruce Roche was raised in St. Francis Wood, San Francisco, where he attended St. Ignatius High School. He studied Electrical Engineering at UC Berkeley and joined the Sigma Nu fraternity, where he was elected President his senior year. At Cal he competed on both the swim and water polo teams. He graduated in 1954 and married his college sweetheart Sally Floyd directly after graduation. Employed at Cal Trans as a Junior Engineer, he was drafted into the Army six months later. After the Service he moved back to the Bay Area where he was hired by Pacific Telephone Company in 1957. Starting out in the Management Training Program, he retired after 28 years as Assistant Vice President at age 52. That same year, he formed his own business, Roche Construction.

Passionate about giving back to his community, Bob volunteered in many areas including Habitat for Humanity, serving as Treasurer for the San Francisco Olympic Club (where he was a member for 81 years) and was also elected to the Lafayette City Council in 1976 and served as Mayor in 1979.

Bob died peacefully at home in Walnut Creek on Aug. 23, surrounded by love at the age of 89. He is predeceased by his wife Sally, son Robert "Corky" Jr. and grandson Robert "Bobby" III. He leaves behind his daughter Teri Roche Drobnick and husband Mike, his son David Roche and wife Nancy, daughter-in-law Aeh Roche, grandchildren Eileen, Tom, Jamie, Kai, Alzada, Casey, Sam, Anda and Millie. A Celebration of Life will be held on Sept. 11, at the Lafayette Park Hotel, 3287 Mt Diablo Blvd, Lafayette. In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be sent to the Alzheimer's Association or Habitat for Humanity.

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