

SUMMARY OF ROTARY GRANT

- I. A butterfly garden with an information display board was installed in the El Modena High School Nature Center. There were several phases and groups involved. On Oct. 20, 2019 a group from CSUF placed concrete cores to act as a water retention barrier and decorative design. On Oct. 26 four Rotarians with 4 Rotaract students from Chapman University planted plants that attract butterflies. Large rocks were put in place to add hardscape to the design and mulch was placed. On January 18, 2020 an Eagle Scout as part of his project placed more concrete cores and planted plants in an adjacent area in the butterfly garden. He added a bench for people to sit and enjoy all the butterflies and other wildlife. On April 13, 2020 a graphic designed display board was installed. It features 8 butterflies with their caterpillars and chrysalis. These butterflies are seen in the garden.

The beneficiaries are elementary students who come on tours. Third graders learn about butterfly cycles. Homeowners can see the plants that attract butterflies and what their caterpillars and chrysalis look like. People like to attract butterflies to their yards.

2. There were four rotarians and 4 rotaract students who participated.
3. They planted the plants, placed the large rocks and mulched the area. The graphic designed board paid by Rotary funds was installed professionally under the direction of a Rotarian.
4. At least 1500 elementary students per year will benefit from the butterfly garden when they come for tours. Third graders will fill out a lesson on the butterfly cycle. High school students in science classes can see the variety of caterpillars and chrysalis. The nature center hours for the public will be announced.
5. See number 4. Those benefits to students and community members will last for many years.
6. CSUF students participated in the placing of the concrete cores in the largest area. The Eagle Scout, Hunter Kennemer, did his project in the adjacent area by placing concrete cores for water retention on the slope, planting butterfly plants, mulching the planted area and building a bench for all ages to sit and enjoy the butterflies.