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Marvelous Marvin 1927-2010

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It seems like it was just yesterday that Marvelous Marvin, aka Marvin Rosenberg, came into my life, and yet as I sit down to write this I realize that it was really many years ago. Marvin and his wife Lilli Ann became "Applegaters" 21 years ago, bringing their expertise in clay and mosaic art to brighten many places in and outside our valley. The Ruch Library, the walkway between the library and Ruch School, three La Clinica's clinics, the Eugene Library, sidewalks, playgrounds, the list goes on of beautiful art work, but the real beauty was Marvin himself.

Making a community was Marvin's genius. He had a way of bringing people together, of making them laugh, making them energized, making them involved, or as one friend told me, to buy her own cookies that she had donated for a fundraiser. When you were around Marvin

anything was possible: free movie nights at Cantrall Buckley Park, movie nights at the Ruch Library. But first the library needed a digital projector, so there was Marvin helping with the fundraising. I think he also bought many of those cookies.

Marvin loved music and what began as a sing-a-long with friends in his home became the Voices of the Applegate Choir. He introduced his singing friends to Dave Marston, a professional choir director, and the Voices grew from a few to 30 blended to perfection. I think Marvin asked everyone in the Applegate Valley if they would like to join the choir, and no matter how many times I told him I couldn't carry a tune in a bucket, he'd give me a big grin and say "Sure you can." Though I don't sing in public I can certainly enjoy what Marvin helped create and I hope the Voices

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Applegater fundraiser was fun for all



The Fundraiser held April 25 at the Applegate Lodge was a great day for all concerned. The weather cooperated and people were able to mingle both inside and outside the Lodge, enjoying the wonderful BBQ meal provided by Joanna Davis and the Applegate Lodge staff. Local wineries, Wooldridge, Rosella's and Schmidt, provided the wine. Sterling Bank donated the glasses that commemorated the event. Duke Davis and friends provided music for our listening pleasure, while we browsed the fabulous items that Sioux Rogers and her team had procured for the silent auction.

There was something for everyone and a festive spirit enhanced the afternoon. The items were all sold and the event raised over \$8,000 for the *Applegater*. We would like to thank all the volunteers listed on page 14 and a special thank you to the Applegate Lodge for supporting the *Applegater* by hosting this event and providing the food.

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