

Boys & Girls Club kids treated to lunch and a visit with Santa

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REDLANDS - Members of the Redlands Boys & Girls Club were treated to a Christmas luncheon at the Redlands Country Club Saturday afternoon in recognition for their good behavior.

Eighteen children, dressed in their Sunday best, enjoyed lunch compliments of Redlands Sunrise Rotary, which meets at the Country Club every Wednesday morning.

"It's fun over there," said Lugonia Elementary School second-grader Cheyenne Pacheco. "It's cool and fun. It's like a Christmas thing. I feel like they recognized me."

Students received gift bags with coloring books and markers, and later received a board game from Santa Claus.

Santa Claus, played by Jon Hoghaug, and his 6-foot-tall elf Michael Taylor, received hand-drawn artwork in exchange for the board games.

According to Sunrise Rotary president Carolyn Kelsey, the club treats young people from a different organization each year as part of its annual Sunrise Rotary Kids' Christmas Party.

"They have delicious food," said Anthony Draper, a fourth-grader at Lugonia Elementary School, who received a Cranium board game from Santa. "I thought it was really cool the Boys and Girls Club took us here. It feels really good inside."



A member of the Boys & Girls Club talks to Santa Claus (Jon Hoghaug of Redlands Sunrise Rotary), while Santa's 6-foot elf, Michael Taylor, looks on. (DAVID JAMES HEISS/Redlands Daily Facts)