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Dear Colleagues in Golf and Waldorf Education,

Today's Golf benefit was a wonderful success on every level! Hooray for Duffy and his family! Hooray for Orange County and Highland Hall! Hooray for AWSNA and the Board members who helped in golfing us to success!

Today in Orange County at the Oak Creek Golf Club, we experienced a genuinely happy day. The weather was perfect. The golfers were happy. Duffy Waldorf was his usual expert and generous self – full of good teaching, gracious good humor, willingness to help, and just plain champion style. Vicky Waldorf and two of their sons, Justin (grade 7) and Tyler (2008 Highland Hall graduate and current West Coast rock musician phenomenon), joined us with a friend, Lisa, to golf the day away on behalf of Waldorf Education. These all helped the day become what it was....and the real magic in the day was the almost invisible preparation done by the on-the-ground-golf crew at WSOC. Their hard work, twinkly sense of humor, inventiveness, love of life, and love of their Waldorf School made the day and bubbled it over. Details were organized and banners were hung and when the wild rumpus started, it went like a tumbling waterfall: beautiful, free, and flowing in the right direction with variations and daring leaps.

Duffy started off by signing golf balls and shirts for our sponsors. Breakfast was served by Shelley, WSOC parent and acclaimed vegan chef. Duffy moved into a clinic open to all that was like the work of a good Waldorf teacher: warm with appreciation for the people who were there; laced with humor at the many facets of good golfing; and always reminding everyone of the benefit of thinking in wholeness instead of breaking the game and your form (and your life!) into bite sized pieces that must be corrected or developed.

In-and-Out Burgers served lunch from one of its trucks parked in the parking lot of the club. One person commented that it was a remarkable thing to have a business such as that at an event such as ours....we were reaching out well beyond the Waldorf community, thanks to the WSOC team. Then came pictures and golf and a delicious dinner, including golfers and others with a live band and a silent and live auction, followed by awards and thanks.

Our own AWSNA representatives, Val Bertelsen III and Lynn Kern were there, golfing well as usual. Careening Golf cart tours were managed again by yours truly and Chaddie Hughes. Barri Borsky, Development Director at Highland Hall and good partner on all these benefit (WWW I, II, III, and IV) as she helps to lend us Duffy, went with Sarah Dinan on their own careening tour and Sarah took pictures all along the way. We'll post these soon.

The glorious ease with which it all went was marvelous! Colin Severn, Kent Kerbs, Chérie and Barry Kahn, Catherine Sharbaugh, and their extended on-the-ground-committee are to be

commended for their excellence and camaraderie. They thought of all details and the day played into that preparation like a charm. Nothing goes this well without tremendous preparation.

We were a very cohesive community, we who came from two schools, the larger business community (excellent work done here), a golf club (the kind you have meals in and get ready to golf in, not the kind you swing with!) staff, big dreams, good plans, and openness made an unprecedented picture of strength through collaboration.

There will be more later (like the perfect putt by Val recorded digitally) but this is the first round for this golf. Thanks to all who supported from afar and from near – it worked!

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