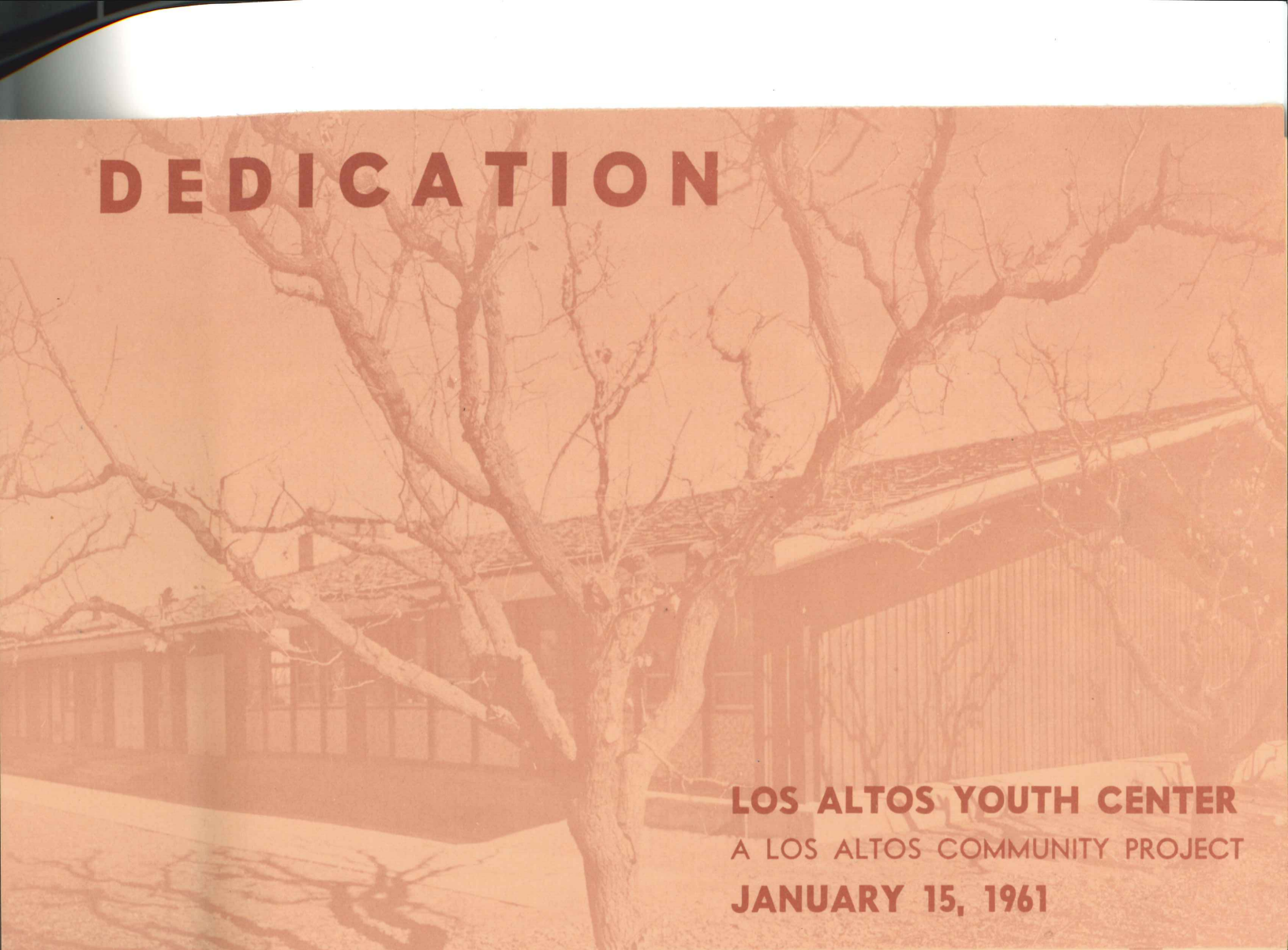


# DEDICATION

A sepia-toned photograph of a building with a corrugated metal roof and bare trees in the foreground. The building has a series of windows and a dark roofline. The trees are leafless and their branches are silhouetted against the building and sky. The entire image has a warm, brownish-orange tint.

**LOS ALTOS YOUTH CENTER**  
A LOS ALTOS COMMUNITY PROJECT  
**JANUARY 15, 1961**

# DEDICATION CEREMONY

SUNDAY — JANUARY 15, 1961 — 2:30 P.M.

LOS ALTOS CIVIC CENTER

Pre-Program Music

Milton Stocking, Director

Foothill College Dance Band

*Wonderful - just noise*  
*Good*

Master of Ceremonies — William T. Powell

Presentation of the Colors —

The color bearers are representatives of Scout Troop 38,  
Cub Pack 34, Explorer Ship 36, Explorer Post 37

The color guards are boys representing the various Explorer,  
Boy Scout, and Cub Pack units of the community

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag —

Led by representatives of Girl Scout Troop 16

The Invocation

St. Simon's Catholic Church

Father James L. Spooner

Welcome, Recognition of Guests, and Special Greetings Received

Choral Selections (To be announced)

Mary Alexander, Director

*Just before reading Foundation*  
*Long before Crosby*  
*Red Berkshire*  
Georgina P. Blach School Choir

Presentation of the Youth Center to the City of Los Altos

The Los Altos Foundation, Inc.

Christian A. Wilder, President

Acceptance by the City of Los Altos

Roy L. Dunnett, Mayor

Greetings from the City of Los Altos Hills

John M. Fowle, Mayor

Choral Selections

Crusader Choir of the First Presbyterian Church, Mountain View

Lauda Anima

Lida Rose from "The Music Man"

Raymond Packard, Director

Mark Andrews

Meredith Wilson

Response for the Youth of the Community

Los Altos Youth Club

Tom Hutchison, President

Master of Ceremonies — Tom Hutchison

Announcement of Youth Center Name Contest Winner

Los Altos Youth Club

Paul Epley, First President

The Dedication Address

Los Altos Chamber of Commerce and former mayor

Irving L. Atkinson, President

Introduction of the Trustees of the Bing Crosby National Pro-Amateur Golf

Championship Fund and Mr. Crosby

*nobody came*

Mayor Dunnett

Song — "Bless This House"

The Audience

## BLESS THIS HOUSE

Words by Helen Taylor

Music by May Brahe

Bless this house, O Lord we pray,  
Make it safe by night and day;  
Bless these walls, so firm and stout,  
Keeping want and trouble out;  
Bless the roof and chimneys tall,  
Let Thy peace lie over all;  
Bless this door, that it may prove  
Ever open to joy and love.

Bless these windows shining bright,  
Letting in God's heav'nly light;  
Bless the hearth ablazing there,  
With smoke ascending like a prayer;  
Bless the folk who dwell within,  
Keep them pure and free from sin;  
Bless us all that we may be  
Fit, O Lord, to dwell with Thee  
Bless us all that one day we  
May dwell O Lord, with Thee.

A Prayer of Blessing and Benediction

Los Altos Community Methodist Church, President of the Los Altos Ministerial Association

The Reverend Charles W. Cox

Dedication Co-Chairman — Mrs. E. O. Crocker and Lisle Berkshire

# CHRONOLOGICAL HISTORY

## LOS ALTOS YOUTH CENTER

1950

April 27 Los Altos Foundation incorporated as a non-profit tax exempt agency to foster the social, cultural and recreational development of the Los Altos community.

1956

February Los Altos Foundation Inc. adopts Youth Center as project.

September 21 Scout Hall, built in 1924, condemned. Los Altos Youth Club of 550 members left homeless.

1957

September 27 Federated Woman's Club formed. Officials of Los Altos Foundation meet with Woman's Club to discuss joint project of building Youth Center.

1958

February 17 Youth Center committee appointed by Los Altos Mayor to study feasibility of plan submitted by Los Altos Foundation and Woman's Club to build Youth Center.

March 1 Plan to place Youth Center on civic center site proposed to council.

March 8 Architectural plans for Youth Center approved by Youth Center committee.

June 19 Los Altos City Council approves building Youth Center on civic center land.

July 3 Los Altos Council approves plan to lease Youth Center site to Los Altos Foundation for \$1 a year until completion of building, at which time the city would own and maintain building.

1959

August 19 Recreation director hired with Youth Center one of his responsibilities.

February 18 \$5,000 donation pledged by Bing Crosby National Pro-Amateur Golf Championship Fund. Additional \$10,000 pledged at future date.

April 5 Fund raising campaign opens with kickoff dinner at Union Church with over 100 persons attending.

April 18 Three-stage fund raising campaign for Youth Center launched by Los Altos Foundation and Federated Woman's Club.

1960

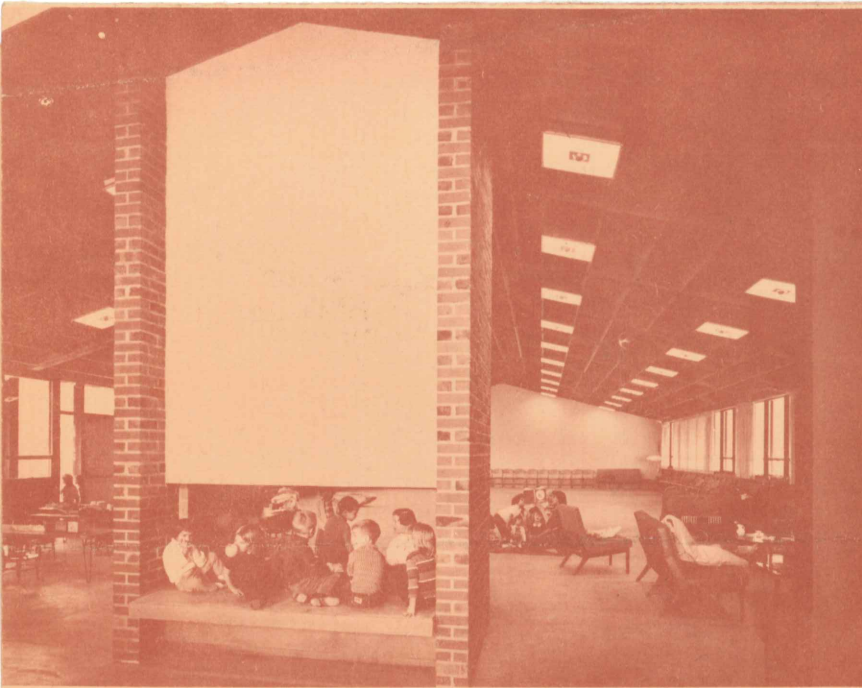
February Funds totaling \$61,404 raised. Youth Center plans go to bid.

April 30 Groundbreaking ceremony.

September Los Altos Youth Center completed and turned over to the City of Los Altos.

1961

January 15 Dedication ceremony.



### THE FACILITIES

The Los Altos Youth Center, worth \$97,000 including gifts of materials, services and furnishings, is a part of the Los Altos Civic Center. The building includes 4,224 square feet and features a large social (dance) hall and smaller game room divided by a massive free-standing fireplace. Other facilities include a kitchen and snack bar, rest rooms, equipment storage, and an office for the center director.

The center is available to all youth of the Los Altos community with first priority given to teen-age groups. The building will also be used by other youth and children's groups and for additional recreational activities.

### IN APPRECIATION

The Los Altos Foundation, Incorporated wishes to express appreciation to the Bing Crosby National Pro-Amateur Golf Championship Fund and the citizens of the Los Altos community, through whose generosity the dream of a youth center became a reality. In addition to numerous cash gifts the following donations of materials and services were made by: Pacific Gas and Electric Co.—cost of relocating pole line; Ernest J. Kump, architect, partial donation of architectural services; City of Los Altos—tile work on building, also furniture and equipment; Los Altos Kiwanis Club—free-standing fireplace (paid for from club's Bert Schweitzer Memorial Fund); Permanente Cement Co.—bags of cement; Federated Woman's Club—chairs, flag and standard, and draperies and fireplace screens; Fergus Joy's—draperies, including installation and services of interior decorator; Peninsula Frolics Association—furniture; Benson Enterprises, Inc.—oven and range top for kitchen; Neary Quarry—rock for parking lot; Sondag Bros.—hauling rock for parking lot and placing same.

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