



Rotary Club of San Jose

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Chuck Poochigian "Identity Theft"

Chuck Poochigian began his involvement in government as a member of the senior staffs of Governors Deukmejian and Wilson. He was Appointments Secretary to Governor Wilson with a special focus on vetting candidates appointed by the governor to our trial and appellate courts.

Senator **Poochigian**, who is from Fresno, was first elected to the State Assembly in 1994 and has served in a variety of key leadership positions ever since. In his first term, he was named "Republican Rookie of the Year" (in a class of 22) by the *California Journal* magazine. He is currently Assistant Republican Leader in the Senate. **Chuck** serves as a member of the Committees on Appropriations; Public Safety; Elections, Reapportionment and Constitutional Amendments; Revenue and Taxation; and Agriculture. He is also a member of the state's watchdog Little Hoover Commission.

Chuck Poochigian has been a leader in Sacramento who has advocated policies that are conducive to job growth and spending restraint. He has also worked hard to improve California's educational system. Following two years of effort, **Poochigian** authored SB 899, the historic workers' compensation system reform legislation sponsored by Governor Schwarzenegger and signed into law in 2004.

As Vice-Chair of the Public Safety Committee, **Chuck** has been a voice for tough public safety laws – with particular emphasis currently on strengthening our laws dealing with identity theft and sex crimes.

He is running for California State Attorney General in 2006.

Rotary Week

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| Jan 17 | BOD Mtg | 7:30 | Gordon House |
| | Book Club | 12:00 | Eulipia |
| Jan 18 | Event | 7:30 | Gordon House |
| | Adult Gift of Life | 7:30 | O'Connor Hospital |
| | Digital Bridges | 11:30 | Summit Center |
| | Rotary Meeting | 12:00 | Summit Center |
| Jan 19 | Los Amigos | 7:30 | Washington School |
| | Member Invol | 7:30 | Gordon House |
| | Int'l Services | 11:45 | Bellarmine |
| | Rotacare | 4:30 | Health Trust |

??? MYSTERY COMMITTEE ???

This committee always has fun doing its work, once a year. They give lots of time before their annual outing, and they provide loads of fun to children, while teaching the children a new and important skill . . .

Name this Committee and Name this Chair!

Volunteers Needed For Rotoplast Trip

If your New Year's resolution included participating in something rewarding this year, think about volunteering for the upcoming Rotoplast mission that our club is sponsoring to El Salvador, March 28 through April 9.

For those of you who are not familiar with our Rotoplast committee, Rotoplast sends plastic surgeons and volunteers to third world countries to perform cleft lip and cleft palate surgery on needy children and adults.

Two years ago, I had the opportunity to attend the Antigua, Guatemala trip as the photo journalist. In 12 days, our team performed 100 surgeries. I have to say it is one of the most rewarding and gratifying experiences I have experienced in my life.

Because of the generosity of all of you, our club is able to sponsor the upcoming El Salvador Mission and we are looking for six non-medical volunteers. The photo journalist position is already filled but we are looking for medical records clerks, patient ward coordinator and sterilizer. If you can speak Spanish that is a plus but don't let that deter you.

Volunteers are responsible to pay for their flight and incidentals, some meals and housing is paid for by the countries host Rotary Club.

If you are interested phone or email Chris DiSalvo at (408) 265-0302 or profeff@aol.com To download an application visit www.rotaplast.org

Sacred Heart Toy Distribution

On Saturday, December 17th, the Red Badge committee had over 50 volunteers (Rotarians and family members) who made the holiday spirit come alive at Sacred Heart Community Service. Our job was to transform the building into a "toy box" with over 15,000 donated toys and gifts for needy children in San Jose. Over 400 of those toys were donated by our Rotary Club at the December holiday lunch! The following Monday, parents were able to select two gifts per child. "The expressions of joy seen on their beautiful faces, as they received their holiday gifts, captured the pure meaning of the holiday spirit", according to Brian Aird at Sacred Heart Community Service. And, it was an opportunity for Rotarians to work together. "It was a wonderful experience to come together as a group and do something meaningful for the community. We all worked hard, passing bags and boxes of toys, and then sorting them. More than a few brows were a little wet, and I'm sure everyone felt like they got a good workout. The camaraderie was just great, and I feel like I know a few of my fellow Rotarians just a little better. I was amazed by the number of toys that had been collected, and even more amazed to know that this was way down from the numbers usually received. It's a real reminder of how great the need is." - Christine Harris, Red Badge Committee Member

Rotary Has Christmas Tree To Donate

San Jose Rotary has just purchased a new Christmas Tree to use at the Gordon House next year. The Hospitality Committee would like to donate our old tree to another nonprofit. It is 7 feet tall, very full and quite big around. It has no attached lights or ornaments. If you know of an organization that would like this tree, please have them call the Rotary Office at 408-297-6100.

Rotary Needs Movers For 30 Minutes

San Jose Rotary needs to move a very heavy lateral file and large box up the stairs at the Gordon House as well as moving a photocopier down. We would need at least three (and preferably four) strong people for less than 30 minutes to move these items. We are trying to find a Rotarian who might be able to donate this service. If you can provide these movers, please call the Rotary Office at 408-297-6100



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THE ROTARY CLUB OF SAN JOSE'S
23RD ANNUAL FUNDRAISING GALA | MARCH 4, 2006

The Rotary Club of San Jose's Social Event of the Year!

Our club's night of great food, wine and mingling with our friends – and best of all, the proceeds support the work of our committees and the Endowment.

Don't forget to order your tickets soon – we are filling up.

Contact Mike Falarski: mike.falarski@gmail.com or Carl Honaker: carl.honaker@rda.sccgov.org
or Carol at the Rotary office.

Check out this live auction item!

Generously donated by Bob and Joyce Rhodes

Enjoy a wonderful week with up to 14 people at this beautiful, executive home. A relaxing getaway in the mountains includes a sauna, hot tub on the deck, exercise bike, dual showers and multiple decks from which to enjoy the great forest view.

Very convenient too for skiing and other winter sports. Three spacious levels can accommodate up to fourteen people for eating and sleeping. The great room off a huge open kitchen features a huge rock fireplace and game table.

If you go in the summer you can also enjoy a BBQ on the furnished back deck. Includes all linens and cleaning service.