

BULLETIN



ROTARY
CLUB OF SAN JOSE

Meeting: February 4, 2009 Number 4733

2008-2009 President, Bert George

Firoozeh Dumas **"Uses Humor to Tell Her Message of Peace!"**

She's a nominee for the Thurber Prize for American Humor, Best Seller author of *Funny In Farsi*, and sees Rotary as the embodiment of her peace message told by using personal anecdotes to convey her message about our shared humanity. Shared as we seek peace, equality and justice!

Firoozeh was born in Iran/Persia, immigrated to America with her parents at age 7 and settled first in Whittier, CA, where Dad had a teaching job. The only thing her American classmates could connect with her native land was Persian cats. This was fine until our Embassy in Tehran was taken over by the bad guys; then the cat became a pariah with consequences for this lone Iranian kid in a hostile community environment!

Firoozeh wrote her original book as a series of anecdotal stories for her children as part of an adult writing class in Palo Alto. Her stories tickled her classmates' funny bones so much that they urged her to find a publisher. Success ultimately came when Random House accepted her book.

Today she is a sought after speaker and travels the country using humor to convey her message of shared humanity.

Firoozeh has written a sequel, *Laughing without an Accent*, which she will sign along with *Funny in Farsi* in the foyer after the meeting. Don't miss this program, she's a hoot in person as well as on the page.



Rotary Week

Feb 2 **Mid Year** 7:30 Gordon House
Membership Summit



Feb. 2
Club Auto
Sport of
Silicon Valley
5-7pm

Feb 3 **ELC** 7:30 Gordon House

Feb 4 **Membership Devel** 7:30 Hispanic Foundation
Rotary Meeting 12:00 Gordon House

Feb 5 **Youth Exchange** 7:30 SJUSD

Gates Challenges Rotary Again

The Gates Foundation has given Rotary another \$255 million to help end polio with the understanding that rotary will raise another \$100 million. This brings the total to \$555 million (Gates \$355 million and Rotary \$200 million).

Rotary has until June 2012 to meet this challenge. There is some hard work ahead to eradicate this disease.

Go to the link below to view Bill Gates video.

www.youtube.com/watch?v=tH1vPTVGHOk

Rotarians Everywhere During Community Breakfast - Who Do You Know That Would Make A Good Rotarian

In addition to the many San Jose Rotarians in the audience at the recent Annual Community Breakfast, San Jose Rotary's **Teresa Alvarado** helped preside over the event as the co-M.C. and our long time member **Mayor Chuck Reed** delivered an upbeat and hopeful State of the City address.

We are fortunate to have many such dedicated and prominent members of our community as members of San Jose Rotary. Who do you know that would make a great Rotarian? Invite them to a meeting soon and share Rotary with a friend.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS!!

Feb. 1	Paul Huber	Feb. 17	Bill Highlander
Feb. 2	Sue Ferdig	Feb. 20	Peter Carter
Feb. 3	Gary Silver		Clarence Stone
Feb. 4	Ken McDonald	Feb. 22	Mary Curtis
	Mary McLane		Tom Hastings
	Hilbert Morales		Kathleen Muller
Feb. 5	Mark Rebboah	Feb. 25	Alden Danner
Feb. 6	Devin Conway		Tom Lopes
	John Leathers		Fred Najjar
Feb. 8	Ray Castaneda	Feb. 26	Ivonne Montes de Oca
	Rod Diridon, Sr.		Art Williams
	Rolston Johnson	Feb. 27	Ken Keegan
Feb. 13	Stan Gould	Feb. 28	Phil Boyce
Feb. 14	Scott Morgan		Vincent Sunzeri
Feb. 15	Rebecca Hall	Feb. 29	Jim Trembath
Feb. 16	Chris Citti		





**ANNUAL ROTARY AUCTION
PRESENTS
AN AUCTION ITEM TO CONSIDER**

San Jose Sharks Penthouse Suite For 20

Enjoy a future San Jose Sharks 2008-2009 regular season game
(limited food and beverage included - \$400)

Specific game date may be requested but exact game date
will be based on availability



This penthouse suite is located on the penthouse level and includes a private elevator, bathrooms, food service, and a private suite staff to take care of any questions or special requests that you may have.

Each suite is fully furnished and includes two TV's, ice machine, refrigerator, telephone, liquor cabinet, personal cabinet, closet, and granite counter/wet bar.

**Gourmet Dining Experience in the Napa Vineyard
of Bert George for Eight**

"Beyond belief," not only in terms of being, literally, in the midst of a vineyard setting, framed by pastel-hued mountains and a sky that is streaked with color as the sun slowly sets, but the imaginative culinary repast and impeccably matched wines—that describes the dinner for eight that is offered at a mutually agreeable date in Bert George's Napa Shangri-La. And, beyond this are the colors and textures of the wine country that are artfully captured in the table setting under the outdoor arbor by Julie Matsushima. Mel Matsushima provides attentive service to the diners' every need while Tom Cain makes the food that is presented do justice to the truly incredible wines that Bert serves. Ask anyone who has been fortunate enough to have experienced past dinners—and know that, unless you bid high, you might miss a truly memorable experience.



February 2009 Calendar

2 7:30am Mid Year Membership Summit Gordon House 5:00 – 7:00pm Sampling w/Sharks Club Auto Sport SV	3 7:30am ELC Gordon House	4 7:30am Membership Devel. Hispanic Foundation 12:00noon Rotary Meeting Summit Center	5 7:30am Youth Exchange SJUSD
9	10 7:30am Membership Gordon House 8:00am Downtown Development Hopkins & Carley 11:45 am Program Boy Scouts	11 11:0am Rota-Arts Summit Center 12:00noon Rotary Meeting Summit Center	12 9:00am ELC Curriculum Gordon House HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY 
16 HOLIDAY!! President's Day Rotary Office Closed	17 7:30 Board of Directors Gordon House	18 7:30am Adult Gift of Life O'Connor Hospital 8:00am Event Gordon House 11:30am Digital Bridges Summit Center 12:00noon Rotary Meeting Summit Center 5:00pm 100 Year Celebration Awareness Gordon House	19 7:30am Endowment Board Gordon House 7:30am Los Amigos Washington School 12:00noon International Services Gordon House 4:30pm Rotacare Health Trust
23 5:30pm Membership Involvement Social Gordon House	24 	25 7:30am Red Badge Gordon House 12:00noon Rotary Meeting Summit Center	26 7:30am Membership Involvement Gordon House