

BULLETIN



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2007-2008 President, Julie Matsushima

David Cay Johnston **"Tax Policy"**



David Cay Johnston is the Pulitzer Prize-winning reporter for The New York Times who revealed that Enron did not pay taxes, that some companies use a Bermuda mail box to escape American taxes and that Congress raises your income taxes if you get seriously ill, using the money to finance tax cuts for the richest Americans.

His reporting prompted the only major tax policy change made by the Bush Administration, which dropped a stealth plan to cut taxes on the super rich by a quarter of a trillion dollars over ten years.

He is the author of *Perfectly Legal*, a national best seller on our tax system that won the 2004 Investigative Book of the Year award. His first book was *Temples of Chance*, an expose of the casino industry.

Johnston wrote his first investigative report in 1967.

After writing for two weeklies in Santa Cruz County, California, Johnston talked his way into a job as a staff writer for the San Jose Mercury in 1968, when he was 19 years old. He also reported for the Detroit Free Press (1973-76), the Los Angeles Times (1976-88), and the Philadelphia Inquirer (1988-95) before joining The New York Times in February 1995.

Johnston studied economics on fellowship in the graduate school at the University of Chicago and as an undergraduate at six other colleges and universities. He skipped most of the freshman and sophomore courses in favor of upper division studies, earning six years of college credits. He taught for eight years at the University of Southern California, where at one point students ranked his writing course the best value for the tuition in the undergraduate college.

Johnston is the father of eight children and has five grandsons. He is married to Jennifer Leonard, president of the Rochester Area Community Foundation, and lives outside that city in Brighton, with his wife and a daughter.

Rotary Week

Mar 26	Red Badge	7:30	Gordon House
	Digital Bridges	11:15	Summit Center
	Rotary Meeting	12:00	Summit Center
Mar 27	Membership	7:30	Gordon House
	Involvement		

President Julie Emails From Vietnam

Hi,

Just a QUICK note....all is going very well; fantastic group....wonderful country! We delivered 100 chairs already...emotional but rewarding! I'll try and touch bases again and update you!

Give my regards to all...I think of you daily!

Julie

Rotaplast



Rotaplast Mission Travels to Natal, Brazil

San Jose Rotary and North San Jose Rotary are sponsoring a Rotaplast mission to Natal, Brazil. The mission begins on April 20th and ends on May 2nd. This is the first Rotaplast mission to Brazil.

Natal is a city south of Recife on the Atlantic coast. We will be operating at The Hospital Infantil "Varela Santiago." The local Brazilian Rotarians are very excited about our mission and have named our effort "Let's Smile Together."

Our team members are Cyndie George, Colleen Wynne, Ramsina Babaghli, Karyn Sinnu-Towery, Juan Figeroa and Kathy Wiley.

Rotary District 5170 Conference ~ April 11 - 13, 2008

Reminder: Don't Wait Register Now!

Preferred registration for the District Conference is online at:
www.rotary5170.org/events/conf08_main.asp

All reservations must be received by **April 8, 2008**

Complete schedule of events also available on the above web site



APRIL BIRTHDAYS!!

Apr 1	Steve Caplan	Apr 12	Barry Del Buono
	Bud Roberts	Apr 13	Bonnie Bamburg
	Yosh Uchida	Apr 17	Frank Biehl
Apr 2	Ken Birdsall		Phil Dirickson
Apr 3	Stan Williams		Liesa Fenton
Apr 4	Richard DiNapoli		Henry Kaplan
	David Martz	Apr 20	Phil Strong
Apr 5	Norm Kline	Apr 21	Shelly McNamara
Apr 7	Dick Conniff	Apr 22	Brad Krouskup
	Mike Conniff	Apr 23	Frank Scheufele
Apr 8	John Elliott	Apr 25	Steve Ellenberg
	Larry Pegram		G. Jeff Moore
Apr 9	Beach Pace	Apr 26	Wayne Dippel
	Dick Reilly	Apr 28	Jorj Tilson
	Mark Walker	Apr 29	Jim Eller
Apr 10	Maggie Bludau		Rich Teel
	Richard Larson		Ray Triplett
Apr 11	Tony Estremera	Apr 30	Jim Nielsen
	Sam Liccardo		



SPRING FIRESIDES APRIL 13TH – APRIL 20TH

Firesides are Rotary Fellowship Events hosted by members willing to open their homes. This is an opportunity for new and more seasoned Rotarians to get together in small groups, share refreshments, food and stories, and make new friends. Spouses and significant others are encouraged to participate.

In order to ensure that new members are involved, each event will have a minimum of two Red Badgers and/or New Blue Badgers.

All events are first-come, first-served. To sign up, contact Shelly McNamara at shelmcnamara@earthlink.net or phone her at the number in the directory.

Events scheduled so far:

Tuesday, April 15th – Join the Hospitality Committee in an after- work social at the Gordon House. Substantial hors d'oeuvres and drinks will be provided.

Wednesday, April 16th – President Elect Bert George invites you to a Fireside at his home with the promise of good food and wine and plenty of laughs.

Thursday, April 17th – Alida Bray and Sal Pizarro are hosting a dinner buffet at the Pacific Hotel in History Park followed by a visit to O'Brien's Ice Cream Store for dessert.

Thursday, April 17th – Cathy Kimball asks you to join her at her home for hearty hors d'oeuvres and drinks, and an opportunity to see her extensive artworks.

Thursday, April 17th – Christine Burroughs invites you to share some wine, light party fare and quality conversations in a congenial setting.

Friday, April 18th – Lois Wilco-Owens and Barb Larson have planned a wonderful BBQ at Lois's home.

Other events still to be scheduled:

Cindy Faulkner – Wednesday, April 16th or Friday, April 18th

Barbara Laskin – Members Only

If the event that your choice is no longer available, you will have the option of being placed on a waiting list or your choice of another event.

Oh, did we mention you get a make-up?

Fireside Committee Members:

Marilyn Morgan
Cindy Faulkner
Toni Wise
Alida Bray
Barbara Larson
Mark Novak



Volunteers Needed!

**HELP KIDS ENJOY
THEIR FIRST FISHING
EXPERIENCE**



Rotary's Annual Fishing Event for Third Graders is Saturday, April 26th at Hellyer Park. We need volunteers to help the kids set up tackle, bait hooks (no worms!) and net fish. Volunteers need not be Rotarians. There will be approximately 300 kids and their teachers from three local inner-city schools.

Fishing expertise NOT required!



Date:

April 26, 2008

Time:

7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Location:

Hellyer Park Lake

Equipment needed:

**Nail clippers to cut line &
Towels to wipe hands**

Bonus:



Famous Rotary Tri-tip BBQ

If you can help, please contact:

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