

BULLETIN



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2005-2006 President, Richard S. Campisi



Zoe Lofgren **"An Update From Washington"**

A graduate of Stanford University and Santa Clara University's School of Law, **Zoe Lofgren** served on the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors for 13 years before she was first elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1994, following in the footsteps of her mentor, former U.S. Rep. Don Edwards. Since then, **Lofgren** has represented Silicon Valley on a number of key issues, including a successful fight to initiate the E-Rate program, which provides affordable Internet access for schools, libraries and rural health centers. She also introduced legislation to accelerate the development of fusion as a long-term energy source, and in the 1990s initiated the SAFE Act to ease export control on encryption. On her spring break from the House, **Lofgren** will give the Rotary Club of San Jose an update on a number of topics including immigration, intellectual property rights, and the budget outlook in D.C.

What is My "Member Fine"

Each year every San Jose Rotarian is asked to pay at least \$100 to the Endowment as a "Member Fine". Some elect to do it publicly and some elect to pay more.

The Endowment uses this \$45,000 to fund Committee and Community Grants in the following year. The "Member Fines" for 2006-2007 were billed on April 1 along with all the Endowment Event (Auction) charges.

Please contact Carol at 408-297-6100 or carols@sjrotary.org if you have any other questions about your statement.

See Pages 5 and 6 for update on Hurricane Relief Efforts

Rotary Week

Apr 18	Board of Directors	7:30	Gordon House
	Book Club	12:00	Eulipia
Apr 19	Adult Gift of Life	7:30	O'Connor Hosp.
	Event	7:30	Gordon House
	Digital Bridges	11:15	Summit Center
	Rotary Meeting	12:00	Summit Center
Apr 20	Member Involvmnt	7:30	Gordon House
	Los Amigos	7:30	Washington School
	International Svcs	11:45	Bellarmino
	Rotacare	4:00	Health Trust

Rotary After Hours
At Blake's downtown
Thursday, April 20

"Save The Date"
Next Rotary Fireside
Friday, May 19, 2006

District Conference April 28 - 30

Register now to be a part of this exciting weekend at the Santa Clara Marriott. From our opening lunch on Friday with **Major Tammy Duckworth**, to our closing brunch on Sunday featuring the **Speech Contest Finals** and the **Interact Showcase of Talent**, you will be inspired, motivated, and entertained. The **GSE team from Japan** will be our featured forum on Friday, and Saturday's forums will range from **Business Networking** and **Fundraising** to a special session for Rotarians of less than 5 years, **Embrace the Rotary Experience**.

There is something for everyone especially you! Sign up today on line at **www.rotary5170.org** and consider spending the night at the Santa Clara Marriott at a much-reduced rate. Reservations for the Marriott can also be made through the website.

??? MYSTERY COMMITTEE ???

Do you love to get lost in a good read? Then join this Committee.

Name this Committee and this Chair!

A Special Invitation to New Rotary Members “Energy - Excitement - Embrace the Rotary Experience”

If you have been in Rotary less than 5 years, we invite you to participate with other newer members in a District Conference Forum designed especially for you. Community involvement and service are totally dependent on Rotarians willing and able to serve. This interactive session is designed to energize and inspire new members as well as to gain useful insights for all Clubs on how to promote and sustain new member involvement. After brief panel presentations from members who have been in Rotary 1 to 3 years, the session participants will engage in small group, interactive exercises to share what has worked in terms of their own involvement and to generate new and innovative ideas for engaging new members. All of the information gathered will be compiled and shared with all Clubs via the District Newsletter.

We want to hear from you! Accept our invitation and sign up today!

***District Conference Forum #3 “Energy - Excitement - Embrace the Rotary Experience”
Saturday, April 29, 2006 at 9:40 a.m.***

Go to Website: www.rotary5170.org to register. There is no charge for the Forums.

Facilitators: Mary Hiland, Ph.D., Hiland & Associates, and member of Rotary Club of San Jose and Kay R. Walker, Ed. D., Immediate Past President, Rotary Club of San Jose and Area 51 Assistant Governor. Panel members and other participants include: Cindy Faulkner, Hon Lien, Ramesh Hariharan. Teresa Alvarado & Greg Yoder, Rotary Club of San Jose, and Aaron Wilson, Rotary Club of Los Gatos.

How to Notify the Office Regarding Meeting Make-ups

No matter what kind of meeting credit you need—other Club, committee meeting, community service, Fireside, etc. you can receive credit for attending a Rotary meeting just by sending an email to: attendance@sjrotary.org. No paperwork is required. Unless you specify a date, Teresa will “UNA” (use as needed). Thanks for helping us be more efficient.

Take off your tie ! Leave the high heels at home!



Your Digital Bridges Committee

Proudly Presents:

**Second Annual Spring Celebrity
Bocce Ball Tournament!**

**April 26, 2006, Wednesday
6 p.m. to 9 p.m.**

**Campo di Bocce,
565 University Avenue, Los Gatos**

Please RSVP

**to Pete Verbica (peterv@stvc1.com)
or Ernie Yamane (eyamane@tsgarch.com)**

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**Only \$50/person.
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Volunteers Needed!

**HELP KIDS ENJOY
THEIR FIRST FISHING
EXPERIENCE**



Rotary's Annual Fishing Event for Third Graders is Saturday, April 29th 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 Washington, Lowell, Horace Mann and Grant Academy schools.

Fishing expertise NOT required!



Date:	April 29, 2006
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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Bay Area Rotary Clubs Rebuilding Community Assets in Slidell, Louisiana

"To the Citizens of Slidell – The Weather Service reports that Slidell had sustained winds of 176 mph and gusts of 190+ during Hurricane Katrina. In addition, Slidell was hit by a 23'-26' storm surge that devastated much of the city."

Posted September 10, 2005 on the internet by the Mayor of Slidell

2,000 miles away in the Bay Area, Rotarians were horrified by the televised images of the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. With aching hearts and open wallets, the search began for ways to help. Drawn to Slidell, LA because of a photo taken by his son during a visit to Slidell the year before. San Jose Rotarian John

Kennett contacted Neil Alford, the displaced District Governor of District 6840. He in turn made contact with Mike Rich, the President of the Rotary Club of Slidell Northshore. By September 12 Mike had identified two projects in Slidell – helping an elementary school reopen and completely rebuilding a child care center that had served 90 children from low income families.

"Thanks very much for your generous offer of support. There will be many needs in our community for a long time to come, and members of our club will be intimately involved in the relief and re-building effort. If you leave a voice mail message, I might not be able to return it any time soon as long distance calling is virtually impossible right now."

September 12, 2005 email sent by Rotary Club President Mike Rich

With two specific projects identified, San Jose Rotary set a goal of \$100,000 and began fund raising. President Dick Campisi sent a letter to every San Jose Rotarian asking them to consider making a contribution. Rotarians John Baird and Gary Shara agreed to chair this effort and within three weeks San Jose Rotary had collected over \$50,000. After hearing about the Slidell projects it wasn't long before other Rotary Clubs began to join this hurricane relief effort. District 5170 Governor Arlene Greenberg distributed the project information to all the other 5170 Rotary Clubs and District 5150 Governor Holly Axtell did the same in her District.

A total of 20 Rotary Clubs contributed to this effort. Hollister (\$10,000), Santa Cruz (\$8,314), Watsonville (\$6,700), Freedom (\$2,993), Los Gatos (\$2,000) and Fremont (\$500) led the way in District 5170. Led by Rotarian Peter Fulchiron, District 5150 collected over \$50,000. San Francisco (\$16,100 donated by Ristorante Umbria including employee tips), Novato (\$11,775), Ignacio (\$6,550), SF-Fisherman's Wharf (\$4,000), Tiburon Belvedere (\$3,000), Terra Linda (\$2,126), SF-Greater Mission (\$2,000), Marin Evening (\$2,000), Tiburon Sunset (\$2,000), Woodside Portola (\$1,870), Half Moon Bay (\$1,420) and SF-International Airport (\$1,061) willingly joined the effort. The Rotary Club of Foster City donated cabinets worth over \$12,000. The Lockheed Martin Employees Foundation in Sunnyvale made a \$7,500 grant for this project because Lockheed has a significant number of employees that live in Slidell. In all, more than \$150,000 has been raised to help Slidell.

The first project involved the W.L. Abney Elementary School and required immediate action since St. Tammany Parish schools were trying to reopen October 3. \$5,278 was sent to replace computer equipment that was destroyed by the storm.

“Our school also received about three feet of water throughout the school. We lost many of our school supplies, and the families lost almost all of their possessions. The kindness that has been shown to us has been a boost to the spirit of our faculty and students.”

October 15, 2005 letter from Principal Jane Freeman

The second project involved rebuilding the Rainbow Child Care Center. This was going to be a major undertaking since there had been six feet of water in the Preschool and they lost everything. This center was a United Way agency serving low income families who needed this center open to be able to return to work. The center also employed 22 people who were unemployed until the center was rebuilt. Despite the magnitude of this project, the Rotarians knew how important this community asset was to the people of Slidell. Rainbow's Director Charlotte Champagne was a Rotarian in Slidell as were several of their board members. The Rainbow Center was a perfect project for the Bay Area Rotary Clubs.

A champion was needed in Slidell to coordinate the rebuilding effort and Rotarian Jay Rose stepped forward. Jay put together a construction budget and agreed to manage this project as a volunteer. Jay was absolutely critical to the success of this project. It would never have been completed without his tireless dedication and involvement.

“On behalf of the children and teachers of the Rainbow Child Care Center we can't begin to thank you and your local Rotarians for all their generous contributions. The support from your club and the Rotary Clubs in the surrounding area is admirable. It truly brings out the meaning of Rotary.”

January 12 email from volunteer project coordinator Jay Rose

Knowing the importance of reopening this center, Jay Rose and the other Slidell Rotarians were not discouraged by a critical shortage of both construction materials and contractors. Although there were a few minor delays, Jay Rose and his team found creative ways to keep this project on track. In the meantime, Charlotte Champagne and her employees found temporary space at a church and were able to reopen the center in early December to serve a few families.

Testifying to the need for the services provided by the Rainbow Center, there was a waiting list of over 100 children long before the reconstructed Rainbow Center was ready to reopen. Even with all that has been done, the recovery in Slidell will continue for many years. The people in Slidell who survived Hurricane Katrina are a hearty bunch. Buoyed by the support of their Bay Area Rotary family, the Slidell Rotarians have proven that “Service Above Self” is more than just a motto.

“The giving has been unbelievable; however our path to recovery remains long with many road-bumps. Your contributions have helped pave the way to our recovery. For that, we are eternally grateful. The smiles on the children prove it.”

March email from Jay Rose – the Rotarian who made it happen

April 3 Update – Past District Governor (5150) Dr. Jon Grant who visited Slidell in February, put together two matching grant requests using Districts 7080 and 7010 from Canada as the international sponsors. Rotary Clubs from Districts 5150 and 5170 agreed to provide the matching funds (about \$23,000) needed by the Slidell Rotary Clubs to qualify for The Rotary Foundation matching funds.

When approved, these matching grants will help refurnish the Slidell Boys & Girls Club (furniture and computers) and the East Tammany Mental Health Sunshine Village (refrigerators, stoves and water heaters).

The generosity of Bay Area Rotarians continues to multiply and will have a positive impact on the lives of those in need in Slidell for many years to come.