

BULLETIN



ROTARY
CLUB OF SAN JOSE

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2007-2008 President, Julie Matsushima

Rotary Personals **Bert George and Gary Shara**



Bert George is not only a third generation San Jose Rotarian, but will also be a third generation Rotary Club President as his grandfather Joseph George, Jr. (1949-50) and his father Glenn George (1980-81) were also presidents of the Rotary Club of San Jose.

The George family has been very generous to Rotary with both their time and treasure. The highest recognition levels of the San Jose Rotary Endowment have been named the "George Family Golden Circle".

In addition to being the third generation to serve Rotary, **Bert** is the third generation of his family to run the family's San Jose based business - Joseph George Distribution. The centerpiece of Bert's business today is a specialty wine shop that not only serves as a gathering place for San Jose Rotarians and local residents, but also provides all of the anniversary and special occasion wines for the National Hockey League.

An avid hockey fan, **Bert** travels all over the U.S. and Canada attending NHL All-Star and Stanley Cup games. When teams come to San Jose to play the Sharks, many of the visiting players can be found placing their wine orders at Bert's shop.

Bert has been married to his wife Cyndie for 25 years and has one daughter on each coast. When time permits, Bert and Cyndie escape to their ranch in the Napa Valley and work among their vineyards.

Gary Shara attended Saint Francis High School, Class of 1963; Santa Clara University, B.S.C., in 1967; and Santa Clara University, J.D., in 1970. He has been practicing business and corporate law in San Jose since 1971.

Gary has three children, Todd, Karen and Craig and five grandchildren.

He is an adjunct professor at California State University Monterey Bay teaching Business Law in the School of Business and is the host and producer of a weekly cable television show, "Minding Your Business" seen throughout San Jose and Campbell on Comcast Cable 15 Tuesday evenings at 7:00pm. **Gary** is part Chair of the Board of Directors of the Better Business Bureau of Silicon Valley.

Gary joined the Rotary Club of San Jose in 2000 and is not sure whether he found Rotary or Rotary found him. He is grateful for his sponsor, Rick Romney, and Glen George, who introduced him to the Club.

Learn how Willie Mays was so instrumental in Gary's decision to become a lawyer.



Record Numbers Attend District Conference

Dear Rotarians,

Thank you for supporting our District Conference in record numbers. A special thanks to President Julie Matsushima and President Elect Bert George. I hope you all had a great time experiencing "The Magic of Rotary". Please put on your calendars our next District Conference is set for April 17 - 19, 2009 at the Santa Clara Marriott. The theme is "Make Dreams Real". The goal of Rotary International is to reduce child mortality worldwide.

See you there,
Gary Shara



Follow Rotaplast In Brazil



Karyn Sinunu-Towery has created a website you can view and follow our progress (<http://web.mac.com/brazil2008>). Be sure to visit often!!

The local San Jose team is composed of Cyndie George, Colleen Wynne, Karyn Sinunu-Towery, Tim Towery, Kathy Wiley and Juan Figueroa from Rotary San Jose North. We will be working with 9 local Rotary Clubs in Natal.

We will return on May 2nd, but until then check out the web site for updates.

Rota-Arts Committee Looking For Members

You are invited to join the Rota-Arts Committee! This Committee's objective is to offer after-school arts programs to public schools where such programs have been cut.

Our members include representatives of San Jose Institute of Contemporary Art, San Jose Repertory Theatre, San Jose Children's Music Theatre and San Jose Jazz.

If you have an interest in arts and arts education, please consider joining the Rota-Arts Committee. For more information please contact co-chairs Nick Nichols (nickn@sjrep.com) or Monica Zent (mzent@zentlaw.com).



Rotary After Hours Sponsorship

The Membership Involvement Committee is looking for sponsors for After Hours Mixers. We are looking for roughly \$500 sponsorship and we are looking for unique locations for what should be a monthly event. The Sponsor's name will be mentioned several times at the club, newsletter and of course at the event. You could sponsor and host the event at your place of business.

If interested, please contact Eric Heckman at 408-297-9800 or email the@wealthcreator.com and mention Rotary After Hours.



**Gordon House
In Bloom!!**



Hwy 280



.... a Joint Effort with 100
volunteers from San Jose State
University's "Day of Service"



Friday, April 25th

- 9:30
- Welcome: Julie Matsushima, President, *Rotary Club of San Jose*
 - Thank You: Leslee Hamilton, *Guadalupe River Park and Gardens*
 - Thank you: Jeff Gordon: *San Jose State University*
 - Orientation: Norval Nelson & Carl Salas, *Rotary Club of San Jose*

➤ **Clean up between 9:30 and 1:30**

- 1:30
- Volunteers return to SJSU

Guadalupe River
adopted by
The Rotary Club
of San Jose

San Joaquin Valley
Water District



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