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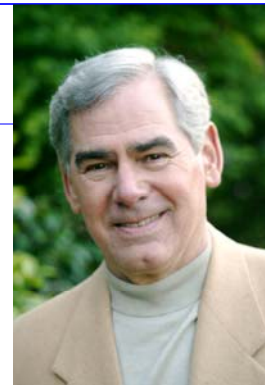


ROTARY
CLUB OF SAN JOSE

Meeting: April 29, 2009 Number 4745

2008-2009 President, Bert

Rod Diridon, Sr. **"California High Speed Rail - ON A ROLL"**



Rod Diridon, Sr. joined San Jose Rotary in 1971 and has sponsored over 100 new Rotarians. As the San Jose Membership Chair he developed an annual strategic planning process that won the RI Innovative Program Award.

Rod directs the Mineta Transportation Institute, a congressional research center, and represents the Governor on the California High Speed Rail Authority Board.

Rod served 20 years as an elected member of the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors and has keynoted a dozen international conferences on sustainable transportation. The train depot was rededicated the "San Jose Diridon Station" upon his retirement from elected office.

In 1960 the Japanese Shinkansen captured the world's imagination as the first "bullet train" followed in the early 1980 by the French TGV and later by similar high speed trains, now traveling over 200 miles per hour, in Germany, Spain, Italy, Sweden, China, Korea, Taiwan, and many others of the more advanced countries of the world.



California, the world's technological leader, is now trying to catch up with the rest of the world's more advanced transportation programs.

Rod will explain to us how California is moving forward.

District 5170 Celebration

A very special thank you from Gary Shara to the Club for your support and participation in our District 5170 Celebration this past weekend at the Santa Clara Marriott Hotel. Hope you enjoyed all the activities, speakers, entertainment and fellowship. Dave Dravecky was fabulous! A very special THANKS to Carl Cilker for capturing the event on camera and President Bert and Cyndie for their wonderful Forum: Rotary Fellowship Uncorked, and Jerry Silva for his fun announcements.

Please **SAVE THE DATE** for our District Celebration on **April 23-25, 2010** at the wonderful Hyatt Regency Monterey Resort and Spa. Golf and Tennis on April 22nd right next door at the Old Del Monte Golf Course, the oldest golf course west of the Mississippi. Yours truly will have the privilege of chairing our DC and Kay Walker will be the manager so we will especially hope for your continued support and participation next April. I can assure you we will be working hard to present a terrific DC where you park your car on Thursday or Friday and enjoy Monterey/Carmel, Rotary and fellowship through the weekend.

Yours in Rotary, Gary

Rotary Week

Rotary Firesides 4/26 to 5/3/09 (Don't forget to sign-up!!)

Apr 29	Red Badge	7:30	Gordon House
	Choir Practice	11:30	Summit Center
	Rotary Meeting	12:00	Summit Center
Apr 30	100 Yr. Celebration	2:00	Gordon House
	Retreat		

May Speaker Schedule

May 6	Chat & Chew
May 13	Mayor Chuck Reed
May 20	Jim Griffith
May 27	Personal/Scramble



SIGN UP!

The Membership Involvement Committee and your fellow Rotarians invite you to attend one or more of the following **Firesides!**

PLEASE SIGN UP DIRECTLY WITH ONE OF OUR WONDERFUL HOSTS, OR CONTACT TONI WISE
(wiset@gtlaw.com), **ALIDA BRAY** (abray@historysanjose.com) **OR ERIC HECKMAN** (the@wealthcreator.com).

There are lots of great events planned, so don't wait too long and miss out!

Date	Host(s)	Event Description	Location
Sunday 4/26 (5:30 PM)	Julie Scopazzi & Janet Dashiell	<i>Sunset wine tasting</i> overlooking Monterey Bay	Chez Scopazzi (Los Gatos)
Tuesday 4/28 (5:30 PM)	Leslee Hamilton & Phil Simms	Garden party BBQ/potluck	Guadalupe River Park and Gardens (San Jose)
Wednesday 4/29 (6:30 PM)	Peter & Dennise Carter, Leigh & Geri Weimers, Colleen Wilcox	The World's Greatest Taco's & Tequila tasting- beer & margaritas too. Don't forget the guaca- mole too!	Casa De Carter (Los Gatos)
Thursday 4/30 (5:30 PM)	Alida Bray & Pieter Smith	Margarita and tamale party!	Peralta Adobe and Fallon House (San Jose)
Friday 5/1 (5:30 PM)	Laura Beth DeHority	<i>Casual and fun!</i> Chicken and ribs (catering by Blue Rock BBQ), beer, wine, margaritas pool- side, or watch the games on big screen TV - Children welcome	Chez Laura Beth (San Jose)
Saturday 5/2 (3:00 PM)	Eric and Anna Heckman	Family-friendly poolside BBQ and potluck – swim, playstation and Wine & margaritas	Chez Heckman (Downtown San Jose)

May Birthdays

May 1	Stewart Fahmy	May 23	Dave Henderson
	Dave Fleckles	May 24	Jim Cunneen
	Pam Foley		Paul Kanter
May 2	Art Lund		Henry Lew
May 4	Jane Light		Jae Park
May 6	Jack Wimberly		Pop Popovich
May 7	Jon Ball	May 26	Bob Humphreys
	Susan Fitts		Larry Kuechler
	Bobbye Gorenberg		Monica Zent Cervantes
May 8	Howard Loomis	May 27	Tony Pallace
May 10	Marian Stahl	May 28	Randy Hall
May 12	Elaine Digre		Scott Seaman
May 17	John Kennett	May 29	David Grandey
	Emile Mooser	May 30	Fernando Zazueta
May 18	Alida Bray	May 31	George Bettisworth
	Joe Gitin		Bill Del Biaggio
	Dave Peterson		Dave Ferrari
May 19	Frank Belluomini		Don Gagliardi
May 20	Dave Davis		Valerie Nicoletti
May 22	Jack Wiens		

