

BULLETIN



ROTARY
CLUB OF SAN JOSE

Meeting: July 2, 2008 Number 4706

2007-2008 President, Bert George



Eric Norris **"NASA Mars Mission Update"**

Fascinated from childhood at the dawn of the Space Age, Eric Norris, local attorney, made space flight and all that goes with it his hobby and second life. He will be presenting another multi-media show on NASA missions, including the MARS & Phoenix Landers, which are sniffing for organic molecules in the Martian landscape and Arctic area. Eric will also touch on the ion-drive DAWN space craft on its way to visit asteroids Ceres and Vesta.

Be sure to be at this meeting to get a peek of how far NASA's landers and roving vehicles hope to go in their search for evidence of life as we know it.



New Lunch Procedure

Starting July 1, 2008 all Rotarians and Guests entering the Dining Room at the Rotary Summit Center must present either a "Lunch" ticket or a "Coffee Only" ticket.

This will apply to all Rotarians and Guests including those arriving early for a committee meeting or arriving late (up until 1:00).

Please purchase your tickets before you enter the dining room.

Rotary Week

Jul 8	Membership Downtown Development Program	7:30	Gordon House
		8:00	Hopkins Carley
		11:45	Boy Scouts
Jul 9	Club Finance Membership Development Rota-Arts Rotary Meeting	7:30	Gordon House
		7:30	Hispanic Foundation
		11:00	Summit Center
		12:00	Summit Center

A Day Trip To Paradise!

On Saturday morning, June 28th, a contingent of 41 hearty souls consisting of Rotarians and guests boarded a bus in the Gordon House parking lot and set sail for President Bert's beautiful vineyard home in Napa. The trip up was great fun with breakfast snacks, Mimosas, other less lethal libations and a convenient restroom. President Bert greeted the bus upon our arrival and directed us to a charming area next to a pond where we began our gastronomic adventure.

Thanks to Steve Borkenhagen, Jack Hayes, Dave Davis, and Bert's friend Larry Peden the food and liquid refreshments just kept coming. As you might expect there were plenty of excellent wines and tasty snacks such as sausages (that people couldn't stop eating), cheeses, pizzas, barbecued shrimp, and dates wrapped in prosciutto and stuffed with blue cheese. President Bert and his wonderful wife Cyndie were the quintessential host and hostess and could not have been more gracious and generous.

As it turned out, the food and drink by the pond were just the beginning. Our next stop was the patio in the main house backyard for some serious eating and drinking. President Bert and Cyndie had set an absolutely gorgeous table that accommodated our whole group. While we continued to eat and drink two of Bert's very talented friends played guitar and serenaded us with an eclectic assortment of songs that provoked impromptu singing and spontaneous dancing after the wine really kicked in.

We also enjoyed an unscripted floor show as a baby bird unsuccessfully attempted to fly solo for the first time and landed in the middle of our table. Cindy Faulkner's husband Jeff rescued the intrepid little fledgling and safely returned it to its nest while its Mother circled menacingly screeching her disapproval. A short time later the not- too- bright baby bird made another crash landing on our table. This time Ken McDonald assumed the role of rescuer and valiantly ascended a ladder with the premature flier safely ensconced in his rather large hand. Unfortunately for Ken, the Mother bird was in no mood for anymore of this rescuing stuff and took her anger out on the back of Ken's hand which looked like pepperoni pizza by the time Momma got done with it. For his actions above and beyond the call of duty, we dubbed Ken the Birdman of Napa.

Believe it or not, the main course of Wild Salmon and steak was next on the menu which was followed by several delicious Cindy George homemade strawberry pies. About this time we were all waving a white flag of surrender as we gasped for air. Sadly, it was now time for us to re-board our bus and head back to the Gordon House. Surprisingly, very few of us nodded off on the way back probably because of the karaoke jam session that broke out that included a solo by Ken Martz's wife Bunny, that you had to hear to believe and one by Gary Shara that should result in him forfeiting the Hammy Award he won a few weeks ago.

All in all, the entire trip was nothing short of awesome. The good news is that President Bert wants to do more of these trips with new and untested revelers. So stay tuned for information from your Membership Involvement Committee on upcoming trips to President Bert's Napa home. If you don't jump at the chance to do one of these trips you will live to regret it.

Submitted By: Jerry Silva



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2008 GOLF SCHEDULE



<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Format</u>
July 18	Silver Creek Country Club	Shamble
August 7	Boulder Ridge Country Club	2 Person Best Ball
August 29	Cinnabar Golf Course	Championship Qualifying*
September 29	Boulder Ridge Country Club (Glenn George Classic)	Scramble

***Club Championship will be held at either Almaden County Club or Monterey Peninsula Country Club at a date convenient for the four qualifiers.**

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Please mark your calendars for the above dates. Details such as the sign-up sheets, tee times, cost, prizes, etc., will follow. We hope to have a large turnout for all events. Please call Hugh Levenson (800-755-6650) or John Elliott (408-268-2803) if you have any questions.