



Meeting: July 18, 2007 Number 4662

2007-2008 President, Julie Matsushima

# John Danner "Why Some Charter Schools Succeed & Others Fail

**John Danner**, CEO of Rocketship Education, will discuss the path to creating a great charter school. Charter schools are public schools, funded by the same local and state funds as district schools, but operating with significantly more autonomy from rules and regulations. Like all public schools, some charters succeed and some fail. **John** will discuss the journey from inception to high performing school for some of the schools he has worked with, as well as the hurdles they have had to overcome to avoid failure.



**John** has spent the last seven years working in K-12 education. He was the co-Founder with Fr. Peter Pabst of Sacred Heart Nativity School in the

Washington Guadalupe neighborhood. During a four-year stint in Tennessee, **John** served as the Chairman of the Tennessee Charter School Association, which successfully advocated for the passage of Tennessee's first charter school law and started twelve schools during its first four years. **John** was a Founding Director of KIPP Academy Nashville, the highest performing inner-city middle school in Nashville. During this time, **John** also taught second grade for three years to English Language Learners. After a year as an Entrepreneur in Residence at the New Schools Venture Fund, **John** launched Rocketship Education, a non-profit corporation opening its first elementary school in downtown San Jose in August. Previously, **John** was the Founder and CEO of NetGravity, an Internet advertising software company sold to DoubleClick in 1999.

#### **Rotary Week**

Jul 17	Board of Directors	7:30	Gordon House
	Book Club	12:00	Eulipia
Jul 18	Adult Gift of Life	7:30	O'Connor Hospital
	Digital Bridges	11:30	Summit Center
	Rotary Meeting	12:00	Summit Center
Jul 19	Los Amigos	7:30	Washington School
	Int'l Service	12:00	Gordon House
	Rotacare	4:00	Health Trust
	(NEW ADDRESS: 2105 S. Bascom Ave., Suite 220,		
	Campbell)		

# July "Rotary World" Spotlights San Jose Rotary Project

The July 2007 edition of *Rotary World* contains a terrific article about the Sewing Training Center that was part of San Jose Rotary's Tsunami Relief Project. To view the article, just click on the link below, and scroll to page 6.



http://www.rotary.org/ news room/downloadcenter/pdfs/ rworld/rw 0707 en.pdf

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## **Money Mic**



We all realize that some of our club's best programs are the "Personals" offered by members. In that spirit, President Julie is introducing a new segment to each meeting, the "Money Mic," during which she hopes to have greater participation from a greater number of club members than ever before. Each meeting will be more fun if more members are given the opportunity to share their thoughts and talents with the rest of the club.

"Money Mic" speakers will be allowed 60 seconds to announce an event, brag about a spouse, child, grandchild, golf game, or ...? You can also say a special "Thank You" to someone, tell a joke (short and clean), tell us about a promotion or new job. You can announce an engagement, your retirement, or that your company is going public. Also welcome will be short movie, play, restaurant or wine reviews. Especially encouraged are things that might ever so slightly embarrass a fellow Rotarian. You get the idea.

Due to the popularity of "American Idol," Julie has also decided that these "Money Mic" segments will offer the many talented members of our club the opportunity to "show us their stuff" as we seek this year's "San Jose Rotary Idol." Sing a song, play your violin, recite an original poem, show us a magic trick. Just make sure you can do it in one minute.

Each minute will cost \$100, and, although the money will not apply to your annual donation, all time purchased will apply to your San Jose Rotary Endowment Fellowship. This year, every member should take at least one turn at the "Money Mic."

There will be a "Money Mic" signup sheet at the sign-in table at each meeting. If your announcement is time sensitive, contact Teresa at the Rotary office before meeting day or John Kennett in the lobby on the day of the meeting. The "Money Mic" will be at the front of the room. There will be a Special Guests table near it at which "Money Mic" participants should sit to help move the program along.

What do you have to share?

#### **Proposed New Member**

The following person has been nominated as a member of the Rotary Club of San Jose

Name Classification Sponsor

Rosemary Heath Nonprofit: Children's Musical Theatre Dave Sandretto

This name is published in accordance with Article XI, Sec. 4 of the Club's by-laws.

### Julie's 2007 - 2008 Champions



John Baird (Survey of Club)



Rod Diridon, Sr. (Build Membership)



Mel Matsushima (Wheelchairs to Vietnam)



Shelly McNamara (Firesides)



Elizabeth Monley (Guadalupe River Clean-up)



Stew Park (Money Mic)



Karyn Sinunu (Special Needs Playground Equipment)



Mark Walker (Outreach to people outside Rotary)

#### **Upcoming Rotary Singles Fellowship Mixer**

Barbara Laskin has volunteered to represent Rotary Club of San Jose for the Rotary Singles Fellowship. Listed below is the next mixer.

#### **RSF Los Gatos Mixer**

Where: Los Gatos Lodge

50 Saratoga Avenue When: Thursday, July 19

Time: 5:30pm to 7:30pm

Cost: None; no-host drinks at the bar More Info: Marlene Cowan, 408-832-7858



### **Rotary Golfers Mark Your Calendars...**

July 27 San Jose Muni

11:00am

Sept 7 Silver Creek Valley Country Club Championship Qualifier

Please contact Hugh Levenson, Golf Committee Chair

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