

# **BULLETIN**



**ROTARY**  
CLUB OF SAN JOSE

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2006-2007 President, Gerald A. Silva



## **Dr. Robert Griffin** **"From Learning Disabilities to PhD"**

**Dr. Robert Griffin** has 30 years of experience in higher education. He began his career in higher education as the Director of the Office of Programs and Services at San Jose State University.

In 1976 he was hired as the Associate Dean of Student Services at Monterey Peninsula College in Monterey, California and in 1986 was promoted to the Dean of Student Services at that college.

In 1994 **Dr. Griffin** was hired as the Vice President of Student Services at De Anza College in Cupertino, California, where he is currently employed.

He has served on a number of statewide community college boards and commissions including serving as past President of the Association of California Community College Administrators (ACCCA). His professional experience includes presentations at a number of conferences on the regional, state and national level.

**Dr. Griffin** has also served on the executive committee of the Commission on Athletics (COA) where he chaired the sub committee responsible for rewriting California's Athletic Eligibility Code, in order to address the academic course taking patterns of athletes.

Dr. Griffin has served on a number of community non-profit boards, which include serving as the chairperson of the Planning Commission for the City of Seaside, California and as the President of United Way of the Monterey Peninsula. **Dr. Griffin's** public service also includes holding a publicly elected office, as a member of the Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District (a tax funded environmental protection and land acquisition board) in Monterey, California.

Currently, **Dr. Griffin** works with a number of nonprofit organizations in the area of strategic planning. He has recently been asked to serve on the San Jose Jazz Society Board as a member of the Education Committee.

## **Rotary Adopt-A-Creek Cleanup**

The Downtown Committee is sponsoring an "adopt-a-creek" cleanup this Sunday, July 16 from 9:30-11:30am. Check-in at the bridge over Guadalupe River between Henry's High Life and the HP Pavilion. See map on page 3

### **Rotary Week**

Jul 18	<b>Board of Directors</b>	7:30	Gordon House
	<b>Book Club</b>	12:00	Eulipia
Jul 19	<b>Adult Gift of Life Event</b>	7:30	O'Connor Hosp
	<b>Digital Bridges</b>	7:30	Gordon House
	<b>Rotary Meeting</b>	11:15	Summit Center
		12:00	Summit Center
Jul 20	<b>Member Involv</b>	7:30	Gordon House
	<b>Los Amigos</b>	7:30	Washington School
	<b>Internat'l Service</b>	11:45	Bellarmine
	<b>Rotacare</b>	4:30	Health Trust

### **Find Your Rotary Passion**

**National Immunization Day**  
**Ghana, West Africa**

**October 29 - November 8, 2006**  
**11 Days - \$3,249 Plus \$700 Single Room**  
**Booked Through Howard Tours**  
**(510) 834-2260**

**Information packets available in Rotary Office**

## Rotarian Of The Week ~ Rick Romney

For his year as President of the Best Rotary Club in the World, President Jerry has developed as a theme the idea of "Finding Our Rotary Passion." As part of that program he will announce at the weekly meetings, a member of our Club and honor them as the "Rotarian of the Week."

The intent of the Rotarian of the Week Award is to recognize those members of our Club who are making or have made significant contributions to our Club and the community in which we live. We will recognize those members who do the day-to-day work for our Club that largely goes unnoticed as well as those individuals who might have served as a president of our Club or chaired a major committee that made a difference to our Club.

We will also recognize those senior members of our Club who have given their thoughts, talent, time, and treasure over many years to create the foundation for what we are today and what we can become in the future.

Ultimately, the purpose of the Rotarian of the Week is to put a face on what it means to be a true Rotarian and to inspire all of us to strive to be better Rotarians and to ask that person to share why they are so involved in our Rotary Club.

***This weeks Rotarian of the Week recipient was Rick Romney.***

At the age of 9 Rick's uncle Dave Romney, a Rotarian, took him and his brother to his Club's 1932, Father's & Son's dinner held at the Hotel Ben Lomond in Ogden, Utah. After this first contact with Rotary Rick always wanted to be a Rotarian. This wish was realized in 1978 when his landlord, and a Rotarian, invited him to join the Rotary Club of Solingen, Germany. At the time Rick was the Managing Director of the Johnson Wax Company of Germany. It had taken 46 years, but his wish was fulfilled.

Rick's uncle Dave went on to become president of 2 Rotary clubs (Ogden & Salt Lake) and the District Governor, attending the 1940 International Convention in Havana, Cuba. Barney Watson, then our Executive Secretary, got tired of Rick coming to meetings, as a make up, so often that he "adopted" Rick as a member of the Rotary Club of San Jose in 1978. He was never formally proposed for membership, just taken in as a former member of another Rotary club.



Each Rotarian of the Week will be given a donated bottle of wine from Bert George.

Next week another active member of our San Jose Rotary Club will be honored.

## Information Available in District Newsletter and Website

Any Member who would like to receive the District Governor's newsletter should send an email to [Charlie@wassergraphics.com](mailto:Charlie@wassergraphics.com).

The District website [rotary5170.org](http://rotary5170.org) contains great information about the 60 Rotary Clubs in District 5170 - - Including meeting times and locations - - as well as district activities and programs. Check it out!



## Parking in History Museum Parking Lot

It is that time of year again, the City of San Jose has hired parking attendants to collect \$6.00 for parking in the San Jose History Museum parking lot on Senter Road. This is the same lot that Rotary members use to attend meetings at the Gordon House. If there is a parking attendant present, please notify them upon entering that you will be visiting the Rotary Office for a brief time, and you will not be charged for parking.



# Rotary Adopt-A-Creek Cleanup

Sponsored by the DDC

July 16<sup>th</sup> 2006, 9:30 am to 11:30 am

"Check In"  
on the Bridge  
@ 9:30 am

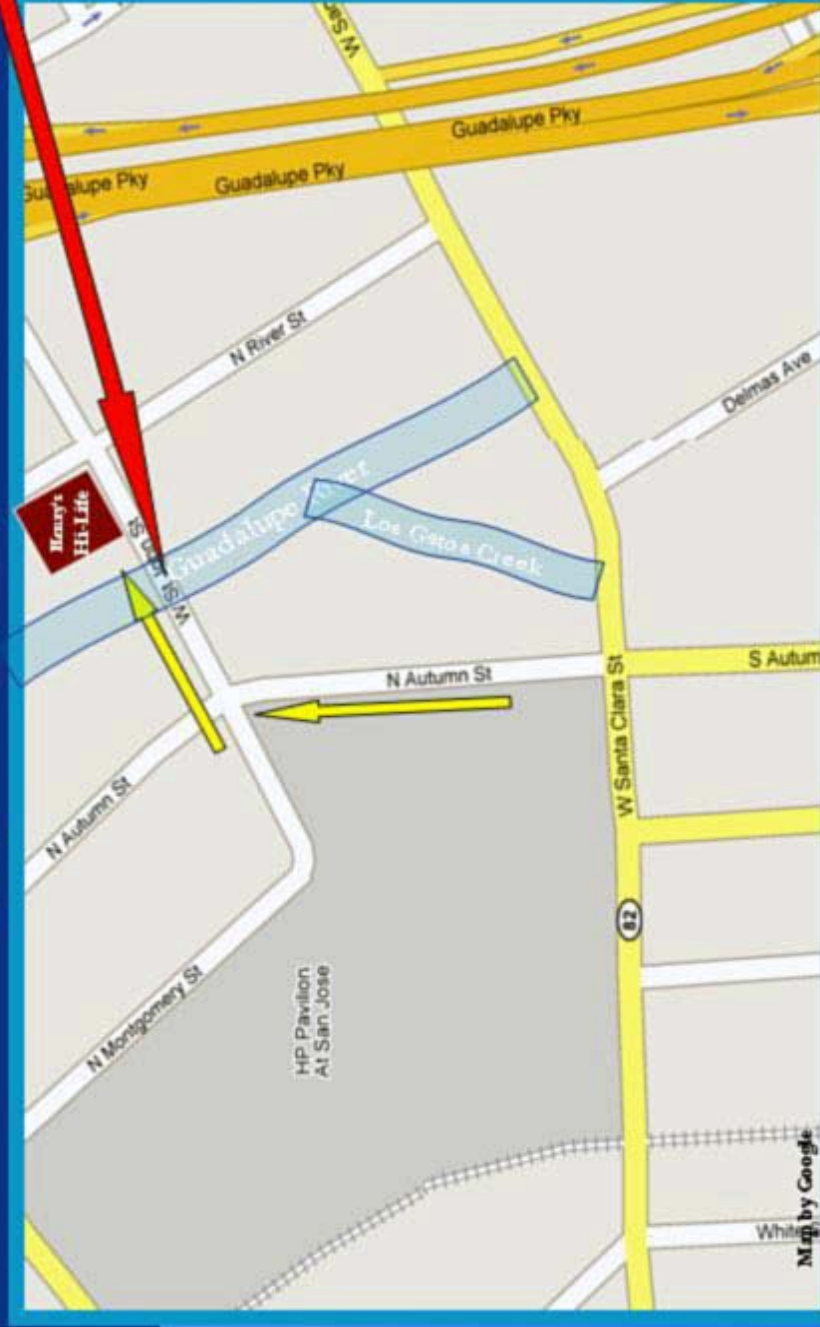
## Recommended:

- Dress Comfortably
- Bring Sunscreen
- Bottles of Water

## Optional:

- Towels

= Parking



We will provide trash bags and gloves!