

# **BULLETIN**



**ROTARY**  
CLUB OF SAN JOSE

Meeting: August 6, 2008 Number 4711

2008-2009 President, Bert George

## **Irene Dalis** **"History of Opera San Jose"**

In September, Opera San José will celebrate its **25<sup>th</sup>** anniversary. This remarkable professional company, which has enjoyed exceptional artistic and financial success since its beginning, continues to grow and flourish.

Opera San Jose was founded by San Jose native and San Jose State University alumna **Irene Dalis**, who continues to lead the company as its General Director. Opera San Jose has earned national and international recognition and respect for the quality of its productions and for the opportunities it provides to young professional artists.



On August 6<sup>th</sup>, Rotarians have an opportunity to hear **Ms. Dalis** describe, as no one else can, the beginnings, the history, and the future outlook for this very special San Jose arts organization.

***Don't miss it!***

## **Big Surprise Marks Successful Chat 'N Chew**

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### **Rotary Week**

Aug 5	ELC	7:30	Gordon House
Aug 6	Membership Development Rotary Meeting	7:30	Hispanic Foundation
		12:00	Summit Center
Aug 7	Orientation Youth Exchange	7:30	Gordon House
		7:30	SJUSD
	Golf Tournament @ Boulder Ridge Country Club (Details Page 3)		

### **August Speakers**

Aug 6	Irene Dalis	History of Opera San Jose
Aug 13	Rich Roth	CA New Gold - Water
Aug 20	Jim Pelly	Embrace Risk, Manage Change & Laugh Often
Aug 27	Personals	John Baird/Mary Hiland

## **If you missed Wednesday's meeting – you missed something special**

Yes, you missed over 200 Rotarians sipping margaritas, tasting special wines and chatting with their fellow Rotarians for an hour at the first official Chat 'N Chew. There was no speaker, but no one seemed to care. They were all enjoying themselves.

But the real surprise came during the business meeting that started at 1:00. Bert had his Wheel of Fortune ready to go and proceeded to have some lively chatter with long time member Phil Boyce. Phil asked if there was any flexibility in the standard \$1,000 fine – and to the delight of the crowd, Bert said no. Phil then surprised everybody by offering to give up to \$10,000 if Bert could match it in one minute.

Bert was stalling for time trying to figure out what to do and then he suggested that anyone willing to give \$250 or more to match Phil's gift should stand up. The crowd started hollering about the \$1,000 limit and Bert quickly changed course. Bert asked for those willing to give \$1,000 to stand up. Spontaneously, 17 Rotarians sprang to their feet and pointed to Bert. Bert was just about speechless. Not one of these 17 people knew what was coming. Not one of them had been asked in advance to donate. Every one of them made an instant decision to contribute \$1,000 to Bert's four causes – PolioPlus, Rotaplast, Ryland Pool and the Permanent Fund of the San Jose Endowment. Much of what we do in Rotary is planned in advance, but yesterday was not.

It was absolutely amazing!

A big gigantic thank you to the following Rotarians for their generosity:

**Phil Boyce**

**Christine Backhouse**

**Brad Baron**

**David Cohen**

**Rob Davis**

**Rod Diridon, Sr.**

**Rick Giorgetti**

**Martin Hoek**

**John Hopkins**

**Bob Kieve**

**Art Lund**

**Victor Reid**

**Scott Seaman**

**Karyn Sinunu-Towery**

**Bernie Vogel**

**Art Williams**

**Sam Wool**

**Joe Wynne**

President Bert would like to remind everyone that the Wheel of Fortune will be making regular appearances during the rest of the year and he would be happy to add your name to the list.



## August 7, 2008 Boulder Ridge Golf Tournament Registration

Our second tournament will take place at Boulder Ridge Country Club on August 7<sup>th</sup> with a shotgun start at 12:30. This will be a two person Best Ball whereby golfers play their own ball on each hole, and the lowest net score of the two players is then recorded as their team score. You may pick your partner and sign up as a team or simply sign up and we will pair you with another Rotarian.

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### Entry Form

Place: Boulder Ridge Country Club

Date: August 7, 2008

Time: 12:30 Shotgun Start

Cost: \$125 (includes green fees, cart, box lunch, hors d'oeuvres & prizes)

Format: Two Person Best Ball

<u>Player</u>	<u>NCGA No.</u>	<u>Index (July)</u>	<u>Handicap (if no index)</u>
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Please fax the Rotary office (fax 297-6291) Attention: John Kennett. If you have any questions call John Elliott (268-2803) or Hugh Levenson (800-755-6650)

# 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Rotary Ski Week 2009

January 31 – February 7

## Park City Marriott • Park City, Utah

Your one-week Package will include the following:



- ❖ Round trip coach class airfare from San Francisco to Salt Lake City, Utah
- ❖ Round trip motor coach transfers between San Jose & SFO
- ❖ Round trip motor coach transfers between Salt Lake City Airport and Park City
- ❖ 7 Nights accommodation at Park City Marriott
- ❖ Hosted Welcome Reception the evening of arrival
- ❖ Daily Buffet Breakfast at Park City Marriott
- ❖ Baggage Handling and gratuities
- ❖ Full Insurance Coverage

Our Gala Farewell Group Dinner will **not** be included in the package this year. The Rotary Committee will organize the dinner and let you know the place and price.

**Full Package, per person, double occupancy @ \$1,789.00 for local Rotarians & friends**

Package without air tickets but with transfers: \$1,550.00

(For other variations or single or triple rooms — please call for a quote)

**Please note:** out of town Rotarians and friends will need to make their own flight arrangements. San Jose Rotarians and friends will arrive at SLC on January 31<sup>st</sup> via United Airlines at 3:50pm and will depart Park City on February 7<sup>th</sup> at 8:30am. To participate in the round trip motor coach offer please schedule your flights accordingly.

***A \$500 per person deposit guarantees your spot.***

***Space is limited....spots will fill fast. Deposits must be paid by July 25<sup>th</sup> to secure rooms at the Park City Marriott. Please contact Orrel Aza at O'Brien Travel @ 408.275.6611 or 800.622.0211 or [orrel@obrientravel.com](mailto:orrel@obrientravel.com) or John Brezzo, SJ Rotary Ski Committee Chairman @ 408.491.7737 or [johnbrezzo@dkbhomes.com](mailto:johnbrezzo@dkbhomes.com)***