



Meeting: August 13, 2008 Number 4712 2008-2009 President, Bert George

# W. Richard Roth "California's New Gold—Water"

W. Richard Roth, President, CEO, and member of the Board of Directors of SJW Corp. (SJW), San Jose Water Company (SJWC), SJW Land Company, and SJWTX, Inc. Previously the Chief Financial Officer and Chief Operating Officer of SJW, Mr. Roth is a Certified Public Accountant. Prior to joining SJWC in 1990, he was a manager at KPMG Peat Marwick LLP (international accounting firm). He is a member of the Board of Trustees of the American Water Works Association Research Foundation (AWWARF) and is a past Director and past President of the National Association of Water Companies (NAWC). Mr. Roth is



also a Director of the Children's Discovery Museum, a member and past Chairman of the San Jose State University Library Leadership Advisory Council, and a member of the San Jose Rotary Club. He is also a past Director and past Chairman of the San Jose/Silicon Valley Chamber of Commerce.

## The History of Rotary Banners

The Rotary Club of Galveston, Texas, USA, is thought to have developed the first club banner in 1913. At 5 x 7 feet, it was quite a bit larger than what clubs use today. By 1959, exchanging banners had become so popular that the RI Board was concerned the practice would be a financial burden on clubs. It urged Rotarians to "exercise discretion, moderation and measured judgment in making provision for such exchanges." Rotary International has close to 20,000 banners in its collection, including one from the Rotary Club of Nanking, China, dating back to 1935, as well as a hand painted banner from the Rotary Club of Venezia, Italy, and an embroidered one from the Rotary Club of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, England.

## **Rotary Week**

Aug 12 Membership	7:30	Gordon House
Downtown	8:00	<b>Hopkins &amp; Carley</b>
Development		
Program	11:45	<b>Boy Scouts</b>
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Aug 13 Rota-Arts	11:00	Summit Center

**Rotary Meeting** 

Aug. 29 Golf Tournament @ Cinnabar Golf Course

12:00

**Summit Center** 

## Green Products at the Gordon House

Many thanks to Mike Chiappe who donated several cases of "Green" 100% recycled paper products for Rotarians to use at the Gordon House.

Anyone interested in "going green" can contact Mike at California Janitorial Supply.

## 21st 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. We need your reservation now 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 or John Brezzo, SJ Rotary Ski Committee Chairman @ 408.491.7737 or johnbrezzo@dkbhomes.com