

BULLETIN



ROTARY
CLUB OF SAN JOSE

Meeting: September 6, 2006 Number 4622

2006-2007 President, Gerald A. Silva

John Baird & Don O'Bryan **"Rotary Rebuilds Slidell"** **Hurricane Relief Project**



Before

A total of 24 Rotary Clubs from Districts 5150 and 5170 have now contributed to the rebuilding efforts in Slidell. Including a \$23,750 matching grant from District 7080 in Canada and \$23,750 from Rotary International, more than \$225,000 has been contributed to help six specific projects.

The heart of this effort, was rebuilding the Rainbow Child Care Center. This was a major undertaking since there had been six feet of water in the Preschool and they lost everything. This center was a United Way agency serving low income families who needed this center open to be able to return to work. Under the direct supervision of Rotarians in Slidell, the Rainbow Center was completely rebuilt, refurnished and reopened less than six months after Katrina hit Slidell.

The matching grant from Rotary International helped with the Rainbow Center but also helped refurnish the Slidell Boys & Girls Club (furniture and computers) and the East Tammany Mental Health Sunshine Village (refrigerators, stoves and water heaters). The Safe Harbor (a battered women's shelter) received new kitchen appliances. The generosity of Bay Area Rotarians continues to multiply and will have a positive impact on the lives of those in need in Slidell for many years to come.



After



Contributors

| <u>Rotary Week</u> | | | Notify Office Regarding Meeting Make-ups |
|--------------------|--|--|---|
| Sept 4 | HOLIDAY Rotary Office Closed | | To receive credit for attending another Rotary Club, committee meeting, community service, or Fireside you can send an email to: attendance@sjrotary.org . Unless you specify a date, Teresa will "UAN" (use as needed). Be sure to include your badge number. Thank you for helping us be more efficient. |
| Sept 5 | ELC | 7:30 Gordon House | |
| Sept 6 | Membership Devel Rotary Meeting | 7:30 Coakley-Heagerty 12:00 Summit Center | |
| Sept 7 | Youth Exchange | 7:30 SJUSD | |

GSE Committee Looking For Team Leader

The Group Study Exchange Committee is looking for a Team Leader to go to Buenos Aires on March 4, 2007 for 30 days. If you are interested please fill out the Team Leader Application form from the link below and fax to 847-866-0934 before September 11. **(Ctrl + click to follow link)**

<http://www.rotary.org/newsroom/downloadcenter/pdfs/260en.pdf>

An interview of all candidates will be held on September 16 from 9am to noon in the Community Room of The Saratoga Fire District at 14380 Saratoga Avenue, Saratoga, CA 95070

"Why I Am A Rotarian"

When I grew up as a little boy in Sweden, my father was a member of a small town Rotary Club. When I was eight, we moved to a suburb outside Stockholm. As soon as our new house was ready, it was filled with new friends, who I had never met before. They were all Rotarians and my father had transferred to the local Rotary Club of Huddinge, near Stockholm.

Since I became a Rotarian, I have experienced that Rotarians can visit any Rotary Club in the world and immediately be accepted as friends, even if we have never been there before.

There is a special bond between Rotarians everywhere in the world. We are united in Fellowship, Camaraderie and Service. Rotary's Founder Paul Harris once said: "If you have love for your fellow man in your heart, you are potential Rotarian."

Rotarians have compassion and we care for those who are less fortunate. That's why we help them in our Rotary Service.

I have found that the essence of Rotary can be summarized in the word "Service". We contribute to what is good for society. That's why I am a Rotarian.

Matts Ingemanson



2007 RI Convention in Salt Lake City, June 17-20, 2007

***Join Julie and Mel Matsushima and Rotarians from around the world
at Rotary's largest annual get-together!***

The Wild West is the setting for the 98th annual RI Convention, slated for June 17-20, 2007. But you won't find anything rough or unsophisticated about Salt Lake City. Utah's state capital boasts all the amenities of a big city - world-class accommodations, entertainment, dining, and culture - as well as the family atmosphere and safety of a small town. And like Rotary itself, Salt Lake city offers a welcoming environment with more than 80 languages spoken by its citizens.

For more information visit: (Ctrl + click to follow link)

Registration: http://www.rotary.org/newsroom/downloadcenter/pdfs/c07_registration_en.pdf

Hotel Reservations: http://www.rotary.org/newsroom/downloadcenter/pdfs/c07_housing_en.pdf

Please notify the Rotary Office if you plan to attend.