

BULLETIN



ROTARY
CLUB OF SAN JOSE

Meeting: October 15, 2008 Number 4719

2008-2009 President, Bert George

Robert Sillen **California Prison System**



Robert Sillen served as federal Receiver for the California prison medical care system from April, 2006 to January, 2008. As executive manager of the state's prison medical care system, his assignment was to direct and support change, clear impediments to needed improvements and provide leadership to bring the system up to constitutional standards.

Robert is the former Executive Director of the Santa Clara Valley Health and Hospital System, a \$1.4 billion operation that provides a full continuum of preventive intervention and treatment services throughout the County. The 6,200-employee system includes hospital and clinic services, mental health, public health, jail health, alcohol and drug treatment and county-wide insurance initiatives, including coverage for all children regardless of immigration status.

Robert, 65, has more than 40 years of experience in health care. Prior to his 27 years of leadership in Santa Clara County, Sillen served in director positions at the University of California, San Diego Medical Center from 1972 to 1979. He began his health care career at the U.S Public Health Service in New York.

Robert consistently has demonstrated his effectiveness as a champion for the underserved, and successfully navigated the politics of operating – and expanding – health services for uninsured and immigrant populations in California. He is well known for his strong commitment to equity and justice, health care expertise, political savvy and pragmatic approach that gets things done.

Rotary Week

Oct 14	Membership	7:30	Gordon House
	Downtown Develop	8:00	Hopkins & Carley
	Program	11:45	Boy Scouts
Oct 15	Club Finance	7:30	Gordon House
	Event	7:30	Gordon House
	Adult Gift of Life	7:30	O'Connor Hosp.
	Digital Bridges	11:30	Summit Center
	Rotary Meeting	12:00	Summit Center
Oct 16	Endowment Board	7:30	Gordon House
	Los Amigos	7:30	Washington School
	Rotacare	8:45	1922 The Alameda
	Int'l Service	12:00	Gordon House
	Red Badge Recep	5:30pm	Gordon House

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!

OKTOBERFEST **Oct. 22 Meeting Moved to Oct. 23**

The Wednesday October 22 Rotary meeting is being moved to **Thursday October 23**.

Like usual, this Rotary meeting will be located at the Rotary Summit Center. Unlike usual, it will be held on Thursday rather than on Wednesday.

Please change your calendars to Thursday so you won't miss the Oktoberfest surprises.

Mark Your Calendars

**October 29, 2008
FLU SHOTS!!
(at the Summit Center)**



**\$25 Cash Only
No Reservations
First Come First Served
Starting at 11:00am**

Cub Scouts Selling Popcorn Oct. 29!!



Come support Cub Scouts Pack 116
and purchase some great popcorn
for your home or office.
To pre-order contact Eric Heckman at
thewealthcreator@gmail.com

Rotaract Conference Request for Keynote Speakers

Rotaract Silicon Valley will be hosting 200 Rotaractors from all over the U.S., Canada and the Caribbean July 16-19, 2009.

This International Conference will be held at San Jose State University and their theme is "Get Connected".

They are looking for Keynote Speakers for this conference. Please contact John Kennett at the Rotary Office if you, or someone you know, would be a good speaker for this Conference.

Board Selects ShelterBox for Disaster Relief Hope in a Box!

The Board of Directors has selected ShelterBox to supplement San Jose Rotary's International disaster relief efforts. San Jose Rotary has purchased two ShelterBoxes to be sent to future disaster areas. The contents of a ShelterBox and recent efforts of the organization are described below. You can learn more about this wonderful organization that was started by Rotarians in England at www.shelterboxusa.org

What's in a ShelterBox

ShelterBoxes are usually packed with one (sometimes two) ten-person tent(s) (200 sq ft). Other items can include insulated sleeping mats and bags, thermal blankets, water purification tablets, water containers/carriers, a trenching shovel, rope, a hatchet, a jack-knife, a screwdriver, a hammer, a multi-fueled cook stove, eating utensils and plates, and a children's activity kit.

Recent ShelterBox activities

Monday, September 15, 2008; Lakewood Ranch, FL: Americans deliver aid to hurricane hit Caribbean

Three Americans are assisting Disaster relief charity ShelterBox in sending a further 200 boxes to the Caribbean after a series of hurricanes killed hundreds of people and made thousands homeless. After an initial consignment of 224 boxes to Haiti, ShelterBox is now also sending an additional 200 boxes to the islands of Turks and Caicos.

Thursday, September 4th, 2008 Three Americans Respond to Nepal Flood

Lakewood Ranch, FL: ShelterBox has deployed a second response team to Nepal after severe flooding displaced an estimated 70,000 people. The disaster zone has received 224 boxes of aid that are being distributed by ShelterBox Response Team (SRT) members. Another 400 ShelterBoxes are due to arrive.

August 8, 2008-SRT Report from Myanmar

ShelterBox is understood to be the first international aid agency to enter Myanmar after Cyclone Nargis struck in May this year. In all, ShelterBox has delivered over 2,000 boxes of aid to Myanmar following the disaster and provided shelter for more than 25,000 people who had been displaced. Other essential items included were mosquito nets and tools for rebuilding.