

# **BULLETIN**

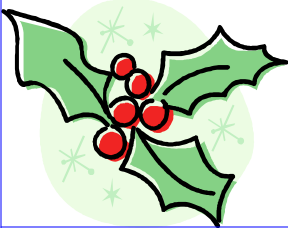


**ROTARY**  
CLUB OF SAN JOSE

Meeting: December 19, 2007 No Meeting

2007-2008 President, Julie Matsushima

**~ No Rotary Meeting December 19 ~  
~ No Rotary Meeting December 26 ~  
~ No Rotary Meeting January 2, 2008 ~  
(Mark Your Calendars!!)**



**Happy Holiday's To Everyone !!**

**Rotary Office Closed  
December 24, 25, 31 and January 1**

## **Proposed New Members**

The following people have been nominated as a member of the Rotary Club of San Jose.

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Classification</u></b>	<b><u>Sponsor</u></b>
Beach Pace	Nonprofit - City Year	Don Gagliardi
Ruth Kifer	Education: State University: Library	Rich Roth
Devin Conway	Contracting: Landscape Design	Mike Blach
Darren Shaw	Real Estate: Association Management	Martin Hoek
David A. LaVelle	Engineering: Civil Consulting	Gary Giannini

*These names are published in accordance with Article XI, Sec. 4 of the Club's by-laws.*

## **Mary Stenseth Teaching in Thailand**

Dear Maureen and IS Committee Members and Rotary Club of San Jose,  
I am in the third week of volunteer teaching in Thailand. Have had a very good series of teacher workshops this year. The subject of going over ESL principles and fun activities for right brain and left brain learning of English has been well received. Of course, there are the Rotary festivities for the King's birthday. Rotarians are taking me up to the ancient capital of Lopburi for the Rotaries diplomatic event of traditional Thai music, dance and party. I have also done two English camps totaling 275 students. The in-country English speaking Youth Exchange students are the camp's team leaders taking the Thai students through the hands-on activities. It is fun to watch these western kids grow in a day's worth of leadership skills as it is to have the Thai kids run up to you trying to speak English. As they gain confidence to approach the Rotarians and others who speak English, we feel so rewarded. The Thai kids earn a red ticket when they speak English with American mementos awarded at the end of camp.

## **Gates Foundation Joins Polio Fight With Rotary**

Aiming to inject \$200 Million into the global campaign to eradicate polio, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation announced November 27 that it is awarding a \$100 million challenge grant to the Evanston-based Rotary Foundation.

The Rotary Foundation said it plans to match the Gates grant dollar-for-dollar through fundraising over the next three years. In the first year alone, Rotary expects to spend \$100 million on immunization projects in the four remaining countries where polio is still endemic.

The grant is one of the largest challenge grants ever awarded by the Gates Foundation and is the largest given by any organization to Rotary. The foundation is the nonprofit charitable arm of Rotary International, which has contributed \$633 million to efforts to stamp out polio.

Eradicating the crippling and potentially fatal disease would represent a landmark public health achievement, and some global health experts believe the world stands at the brink of seeing that goal realized.

## **GSE Team Leader NEEDED IMMEDIATELY**

The Group Study Exchange Team Leader selected to lead a team of young adults to Taiwan in mid-February has had to step down for family considerations. The exchange is usually four weeks but could be shortened to three weeks if necessary.

Language is not a requirement and any Rotarian interested should contact -

Roy Russell  
Rotary District 5170  
GSE Committee Chair  
Tel: 408-224-4600  
Email: [rrussell3@pacific-water.com](mailto:rrussell3@pacific-water.com)



## **Youth Exchange Christmas Parade**

Richard Friberg took our two exchange students to the Los Gatos Christmas parade. He generously donated his time and the use of his vintage T-Bird convertible so they could have this American experience. As you can see from the picture, the students had a wonderful time.

Our students are Aristides Sevilla from Venezuela and Camille Gaillard from France.



## GLASSES FOR GHANA

Many of you know that Steve Ladowitz's daughter Michelle is a Peace Corp Volunteer in a small village in Ghana, West Africa. One of the needs of the people are for EYEGLASSES. If you could bring in your old or used

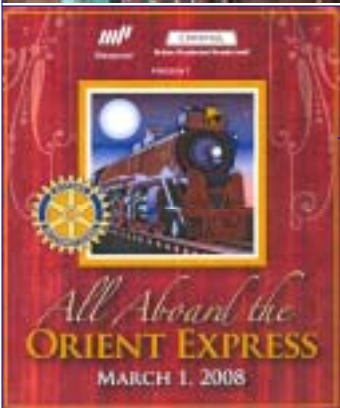


prescription, drugstore or sunglasses to the lunch meeting, and drop them in the collection box .

Annette and Steve will be traveling to see Michelle in April and their goal is to bring 400 pair of glasses to the villagers. Ken Weiner, our esteemed Optometrist will help identify the strength of the glasses.



## 2008 San Jose Rotary Annual Auction Saturday, March 1, 2008



**Tickets On Sale Now!!...**for the 2008 San Jose Rotary Auction event.

This year's theme is **"All Aboard The Orient Express"**.

Ticket prices are \$150/per person

Available at the weekly Rotary Meetings (Summit Center), or  
Contact Carl Honaker at (408) 272-0160

***This event is always sold out be sure to get your tickets now!***

## Rotary Club of San Jose and Howard Tours Present:

### Tour of Viet Nam with Rotary and the Wheelchair Foundation

**March 15 - 31, 2008**



Join President Julie, Mel, and other Club fellows next March on a two week, wheelchair distribution tour of Vietnam. The itinerary has been specially developed for the Club by Howard Tours and member Roy Russell. You'll hit the first-time tourist highlights as well as some special, off-the-road favorites of old Asia hands. It's a bargain: \$3,549 double occupancy, including airfare, hotels, most major meals, and more.

For more information please contact:

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Oakland, CA 94610  
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Web: [www.howardtours.net](http://www.howardtours.net)

[Get your trip applications in by January 21, 2008](#)





# Outlined at Wednesday, December 5 Rotary Meeting



**ROTARY**  
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## *New Proposal from your Board of Directors*

- Step 1** – Provide information & ask Members for input
- Step 2** – Answer Member questions and concerns
- Step 3** – Determine Member support
- Step 4** – No final decision until March, 2008

## **All Inclusive Membership**

**What is it?** The All Inclusive Membership will include your annual dues, all lunches, parking, two barbecues and the Holiday lunch.

Missed meeting charges will be eliminated.

**Who must participate?** Everyone except  
Excused Members (Rule of 85) and  
those on an approved Leave of Absence.

**What will it cost?** \$328 per quarter (\$1,312 per year)

Excused members and those on Leave will have the choice  
of paying \$480 for dues and \$25 for individual lunches (includes  
parking) plus \$50 for barbecues and Holiday lunch.

Guests will pay \$25 for lunches and \$50 for the barbecues.

**The convenience is obvious. What are the potential savings?**

	<u>Current Program</u>		<u>New</u>
	<u>Perfect attendance</u>	<u>10 missed lunches &amp; attend 1 bbq</u>	<u>All Inclusive Membership</u>
Annual Dues	480	480	
Missed meetings	0	200	
46 Lunches @ \$20	920	720	
1 Holiday Lunch @ \$40	40	0	
47 Parking @ \$3	141	108	
2 Barbecues @ \$50	100	50	
Total	\$ 1,681	\$ 1,558	\$1,312

The new plan will cost less if you currently attend 32 lunches and both bbqs.  
The new plan is the equivalent of \$480 plus \$16 per week.