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No noon luncheon at the Summit Center on July 3

The Summit Center will be dark on Wednesday, July 3. Please plan to enjoy one of the Club-sponsored 4th of July activities highlighted below. President Karyn Sinunu-Towery's first meeting will be on July 10.

Rotary Fireworks VIP Party

**Rotary
Fireworks
VIP PARTY
2019**

**CELEBRATE JULY 4TH IN STYLE ON
THE ROOFTOP OF TECH MUSEUM.**

**SPACE IS LIMITED, GET YOUR TICKETS AT:
rotaryfireworks.org**

This event includes:

- Rooftop fireworks viewing
- Full access to the 2nd Floor of The Tech Museum and its exhibits
- A culinary celebration of red, white and blue fare
- Unlimited ice cream sundae bar
- Libations

7:00 -10:30pm Adults, \$95 Kids, \$25

[Click here to register](#)

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Join Rotary Float at the Rose, White and Blue Parade



**JOIN US
JULY 4TH MORNING
FOR THE
ROTARY CLUB OF SAN
JOSE'S FLOAT AT THE
ROSE, WHITE AND BLUE
PARADE**

**Walk, ride, skate, skip, roll
with the float
All are welcome, children
and adults**

- ✦ Wear blue pants or skirt & white shirt/blouse
- ✦ Participants get a free Rotary Club of San Jose baseball hat
- ✦ Meet at Lincoln High School between 9 a.m. and 9:30 a.m.
- ✦ Parade runs 10 a.m. to approx. noon
- ✦ Starts at Lincoln High School & ends on the Alameda
- ✦ Register online

For questions contact Helen Lambert: hlambertca@gmail.com

[Click here to register.](#)

The Speaker for July 10th: Mike Farrell

Mike Farrell

Human Rights Advocate talks about why the death penalty harms victims' families, puts innocent lives at risk, and wastes public resources that could be put to better use.

Mike Farrell, an actor/producer/director, a human rights activist and life-long opponent of the death penalty, has spoken to and debated human rights issues and the death penalty for years.

Since the late 1960's, when he was visiting California prisons with the Manhattan Project, a rehabilitation program, he has been an advocate of penal reform and prisoner's rights.



[Click here to read more.](#)

Next Big Project Committee Selected

The Next Big Project Committee, chosen by Gary Shara, Fred Begun, Karyn Sinunu-Towery and Howard Loomis, has been announced. They are:

- Vince Sunzeri – Committee Chair and past Community Grant Chair
- Jay Ross – past Club President
- Matt Bell – past Foundation President
- Barbara Bremner – Executive Director
- Mary Curtis, James Eller and David Ginsborg – Club members for more than 15 years
- Patrick Frawley, Jim Gardner and Janikke Klem – Club members for 5 – 15 years

- Terri Chapman, Robin Doran, Ginger Sotelo, James Towery and James Williams – Club Members for less than 5 years.

This committee of 15 members will conduct a community needs assessment and identify a large project that solves a critical need, has long-term impact, high visibility, provides inspiration and excitement, creates a sense of pride, and serves to motivate and attract new Club members. This effort will result in a project to be completed within 5 years.

Thank you for your service.

Rotary District 5170 Roast 'n' Toast

Rotary District 5170 

Roast 'n' Toast

Celebrate soon-to-be PDG Tim Lundell and welcome soon-to-be DG Ramesh Hariharan



Enjoy a Rotary tradition with a delicious BBQ dinner catered by the BBQ Boys

Where: Blackberry Farm, Cupertino
21979 San Fernando Ave, Cupertino, CA

When: Sunday, July 7, 2019 - 4:00 PM-7:00 PM

Dress: Casual- be prepared for late afternoon/evening cool weather

Price:
\$40 adults
\$20- age 12 and under

[Please click here for more information.](#)

A Message from outgoing Rotary International President Barry Rassin

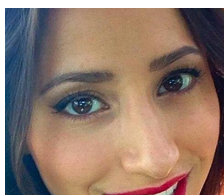
[Please click here to read a message from outgoing Rotary International President Barry Rassin](#)

Rotary Travels the World

Rotarian Randy Zechman traveled to eleven countries around the world, representing Rotary along the way.

[Click here to see a slideshow about his travels.](#)

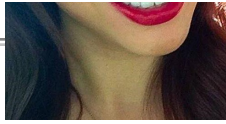
New Member Gina Rodriguez



Gina Rodriguez is the Membership Director of the Silicon Valley Capital Club, San Jose's premier private business & social Club. She has been with the Capital Club for 12 years and is honored to be in a role where she creates magic moments and extends warm welcomes to new members of Club.

She is a graduate of San Jose State University (Go Spartans!) where she earned a Bachelor's of Science in Public Relations and a minor in Theater Arts.

[Click here to read more.](#)



New Member Michael Oliver

Michael is a 4th generation Santa Clara County resident. He is a graduate of Santa Clara University Law School and has practiced law for the last 30 years in the area of Workers Compensation.

He and his family have invested in residential and commercial real estate in San Jose and Saratoga for over 100 years. Michael bought his first property when he was in high school and his last property last year. He is very much a bull when it comes to the future of the Santa Clara Valley community.

Michael and his wife are active members of Saint Mary's Catholic Church and have been residents of Saratoga for the last 26 years. They have one Daughter, Caroline, who is presently a rising Senior at Barnard College in New York City.

Michael is a big fan of 40's and 50's Film Noir and would love to trade stories about that area of cinema.



Youth Protection Bit-O-Info



Identify situations that might pose a special risk.

The Meeting Summary for June 26th, 2019



Well, the big day for the transfer of power and honor was signaled by perfect summer weather, and the immensity of the occasion was confirmed by our greeting line made up of our past-presidents, led by Past-President GARY GIANNINI. President GARY SHARA, soon to be dispensed, rang the bell, welcomed





all Rotarians and guests, and our meeting was brought to order by NICHOLAS ADAMS providing a superb rendition of "One for the Road," accompanied at the piano by JEREMY HARRIS.

The Red Badgers handling the traveling mics were GINA RODRIGUEZ and ROBIN ROYLE. On his final day in power, President Gary had the pleasure of announcing the formation of two new committees, which were (1) the Committee for the Next Big Project, which would identify a major project (in the range of

our immensely successful Rotary Play Garden) to be developed and funded over the next five years, and the Rotary Climate Action Committee. The Next Big Project Committee is to be chaired by VINCE SUNZERI, and ROD DIRIDON will chair the Rotary Climate Action Committee.

FRED BEGUN and DAVID DOWN introduced our newest member, who is MICHAEL OLIVER. David originally identified Michael, who had a career in which he notably worked for business and for charities, as a great candidate. Despite his reputation for verbosity, David was allowed to speak along with co-presenter Fred. David spoke of Michael's accomplishments.



Next, President Gary called on former President CARL SALAS to introduce our outbound Youth Exchange student JULIA CASANOVA MOORE. She was selected from a large group of candidates, and is headed for study in northern Spain. We can look forward to Julia's report when she returns as part of this exciting program.



Next our incoming President-Elect KARYN SINUNU-TOWERY informed us about our big events on the 4th of July, featuring the morning parade and the fireworks viewing party from atop the San Jose Tech Museum. Some space is still available for the Rotary VIP party which has always been a successful and patriotic event.

President Gary then was allowed the next 15 minutes, and in that time, with the use of outstanding

photography exhibited on the big screen, he reviewed the accomplishments and achievements of his presidency, which were many and significant. Gary was gracious and appreciative of the support he had received and the many accomplishments of the club during his term.

But such appreciative comments did not save him from a forceful debunking conceived and led by SAL PIZARRO and his team. In the first place, since President Gary is married to successful Past-President KAY, he is only just drawing on his wife's major Rotary accomplishments. Also, the fact that Willis Mays hit two home runs off Gary's pitching in



one exhibition game is not really the total honor that Gary implies, since the usual result is losses for his team and not the long-term recognition and friendship with Willy that Gary now enjoys. Moreover, our leader Sal is masterful at debunking, and with the help of his committee members and all the past-presidents still available, managed to convey possible ineptitude by Gary. But goodwill prevailed in the form of the former presidents engaged in the process of debunking Gary, and then finally honoring him for the significant accomplishments the Club has achieved under his leadership, thereby bringing the enjoyable debunking to a conclusion with the gracious ascension of incoming President Karyn.



After the exchange of pins designating their new status, Gary's

leadership came to a happy end and we are off towards another outstanding year under the leadership of President Karyn.



Submitted by Jim Little
Photos taken by Bill Alston Photography Committee. [Please click here to see the full set.](#)

Membership Application

[Click Here](#) for the Rotary Club of San Jose's Fillable Membership Application.