

Rotary Club of Los Gatos

Cat Tale

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OPERA SAN JOSE

Our introducer for today was **Tony James** (surprise) and the speaker was **Aaron Nicholson**, Director of Development at *Opera San Jose*.

Aaron introduced himself as an opera singer-turned businessman from Canada. For thirteen years he was active in upstate New York. He has sung at the Metropolitan Opera in New York under **James Levine**, and sang in *La Boheme* with **Plácido Domingo**. Although he loved singing, he found the constant round of two weeks rehearsal, performance, then travel to another city to be too taxing on his family life. Now he manages marketing for San Jose's resident opera group.

Some of the points Aaron made were:

- Opera San Jose is unique in North America in that it has a resident company
- The company was founded in 1984 by **Irene Dalis**
- It is the largest non-profit performance

group in the country

- **Larry Hancock** is the General Director
- "Opera is a beautiful expression of a healthy society"
- **AITO (Arias In The Office)** is a program heavily supported by **Google** to perform operatic sketches in business environments like the lobby of **Adobe Systems**
- Opera San Jose is 40% supported by ticket sales
- The rest is private and corporate donations



Today's speaker
Aaron Nicholson

The 2017-2018 season features:

Cinderella, beautifully composed by a ten-year-old young lady

Wagner's Flying Dutchman,
his shortest opera

Casino Royale, a fundraiser April 21

Verde's *La Traviata*

At the end of his presentation and questions, Nicholson blessed us with an aria. He chose "Piccola Zingara" from Leoncavallo's seldom-heard opera *Zazà*. He had a beautiful and powerful voice, which prompted many to say "Why did you stop?" Well, he still sings, but just not for money now.



Here is President Suzanne presenting Aaron with a certificate honoring the gift of a wheelchair in his name.

The Nominating Committee is chaired by **Tina Orsi-Hartigan** and includes **Patti van der Burg, Greg Butterfield, Tom Boyce, and Art Rabitz**. They announced the officer slate for next year:

Ed Bowen, Treasurer
Dan Snyder, Ass't. Treasurer
Andrew Stearns, Secretary
Rami Wazni, Ass't Secretary
Greg Butterfield, Sgt. at Arms
David Karwowski, member of the Board
Hal Rosen, member of the Board
Judy Rodriguez, Vice President
Marty Fishman, President-Elect

Election will be held next week

Congratulations to the Committee for a job well done!



President Suzanne and sponsor Tom Boyce welcomed the next-newest member of Los Gatos Rotary.

Ron Hershberger
 is a lawyer and a former Rotarian.



It was a special treat to welcome a second new member into the Club.

Ensy Afgari
 is flanked by her sponsor Rob Chaykin
 and President Suzanne
 Ensy is a Real Estate Specialist

Tuesday, January 23, 2018

Meeting

Presiding

President Suzanne Boxer-Gassman

Pledge — Don d'Arms

Inspiration — Suzanne Boxer-Gassman

Editor Don d'Arms

Photos Don d'Arms



VISITORS

**Todd (Don's son) & Jennifer McCleve
(Don McCleve)**

Ron Hershberger (Tom Boyce)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

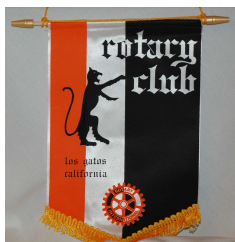
Mike Norcia, our Great Race guru, introduced some fellow Rotary Club race enthusiasts. **Amalia** and **Jeff** are from Hollister Rotary, and they wanted us to know about their joining with their fellow Rotary Club Santa Cruz Sunrise for their 33rd year of sponsoring the Firecracker 10K, 5K, 1K.

July 4

Harvey West Park, Santa Cruz

Register on-line at

WWW.SCFIRECRACKER10K.ORG



UPCOMING PROGRAMS

January 30

Amity Wood from the
Monterey Bay Maritime Sanctuary

February 6

Annual High School Speech Contest
Hosted by Supervisor Bob Mistele

February 13

Barbara Marshman
Editor of Mercury News Editorial Pages
since 2008

COMING EVENTS

January 26 CRABFEST

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Saratoga

Ticket sales for next Saturday's CRABFEST are on-track, with 406 sold toward a goal of 435.

Remember the venue is St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Saratoga.

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1700 Embarcadero Road

MILPITAS

Embassy Suites Hotel
901 E. Calaveras
SCOTT'S VALLEY
Hilton Hotel

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Los Gatos Lodge

50 Los Gatos-Saratoga Rd

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MOUNTAIN VIEW

Historic Adobe Bldg.
Moffett Field

SANTA CRUZ Sunrise

7:15 am De La Viera Golf
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SAN JOSE Summit Ctr

4th & San Fernando

CUPERTINO

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WATSONVILLE

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MORGAN HILL

Morgan Hill Comm. Center

FELTON / San Lorenzo

Mt. Hermon Ctr. / 7 am

THURSDAY

SANTA CLARA

Hilton Santa Clara
4949 Great America Pwy

SAN JOSE EAST

Ranch Golf Club
4601 Hill Top View

FRIDAY

SAN JOSE North

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SARATOGA

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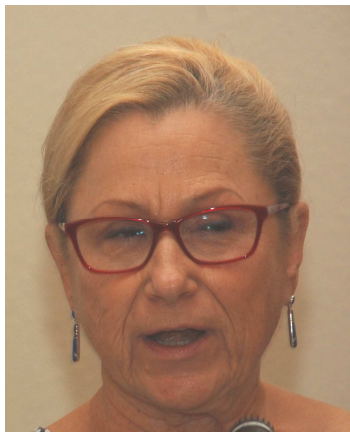


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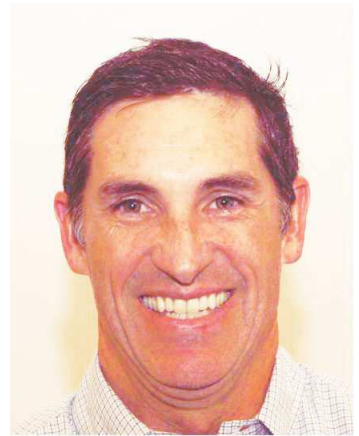
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