

# Fisher, Gamble honored for quake relief work

John Fisher, who helped distribute more than \$500,000 for earthquake relief, and Suzanne Gamble, who created the "Shattered Serenity" poster of the 1989 earthquake, were named man and woman of the year last night by the Aptos Chamber of Commerce.

The two were honored at the chamber's annual dinner at Aptos Seascap.

Fisher, a member of the Aptos-Capitola Rotary Club, worked with club member Jerry Pettibone to distribute more than \$500,000 in earthquake relief money that had come into Rotary regional headquarters.

Fisher and Pettibone drove some 4,000 miles in Santa Cruz County to distribute the Rotary's money to quake victims.

Fisher, who retired several years ago from PG&E, served as chamber president in 1988. He has been active in a variety of community activities, including Boy Scouts and a county committee on disaster relief. He serves as chairman of RotoCare, a medical clinic for the homeless.

Fisher "has never said no to someone in need," said Karen Hibble, the chamber's executive director, in an interview earlier this month.

Gamble drew the "Shattered Serenity" poster, which depicts the epicenter of the Oct. 17, 1989, quake in Nisene Marks State Park.

More than \$16,000 has been

raised for earthquake relief from poster sales, including \$5,000 for the Aptos Chamber of Commerce earthquake relief fund.

Gamble "didn't make one cent" on the poster sales, Hibble said.

When sales slowed, Hibble said, Gamble drove over the hill to market the poster in San Jose.

"Suzanne literally put her own life on hold for eight months while she worked on this project," Hibble said. "(She) is an inspiration."

Erik's Deli was named Business of the Year. Erik's, owned by Erik Johnson, has restaurants throughout Santa Cruz County, including one in Rancho Del Mar shopping center in Aptos.

The chamber cited not only the number of young people the restaurant chain employs, but also the many community causes and organizations to which it contributes, ranging from homeless shelters, to annual Fourth of July free barbecues for the elderly, to music, cultural and historical groups, to high school soccer scholarships.

Johnson himself takes an active role, including serving on the Dominican Santa Cruz Hospital board of directors.

The chamber named the Aptos High Sports Foundation as its Organization of the Year, citing the money the group raises



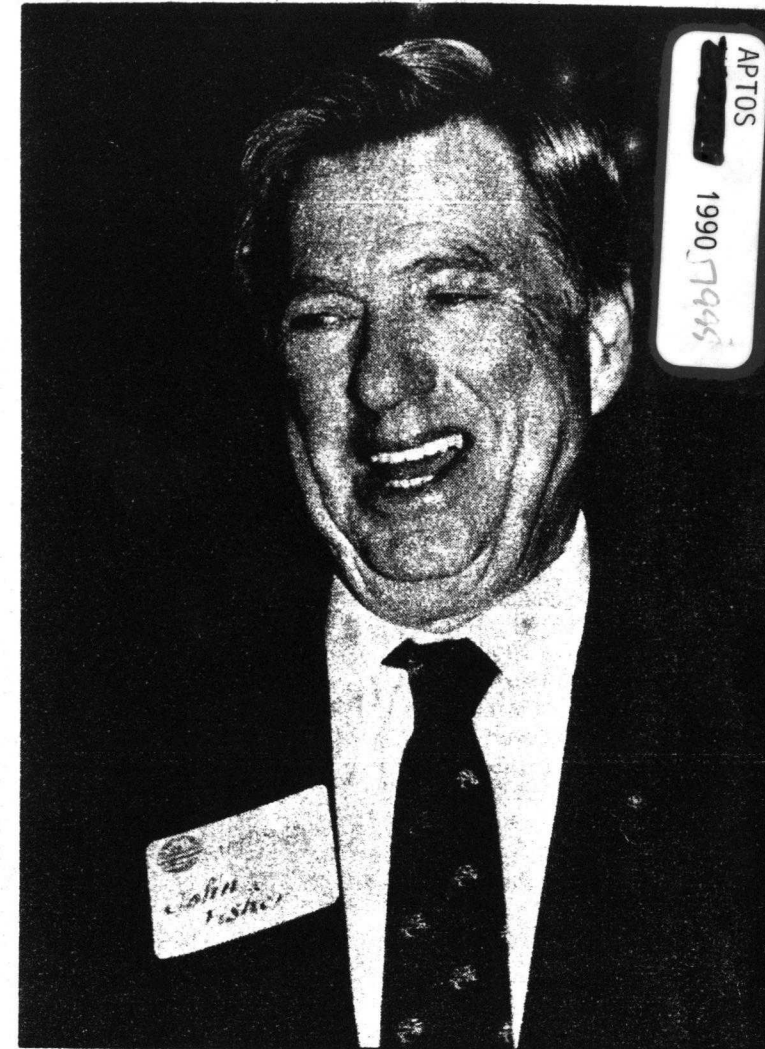
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for student athletes' equipment and uniforms, the major improvements it has funded for the school's sports buildings and equipment, and the way the

money is divided evenly between girls' and boys' sports.

The chamber honored Lomak Property Group for remodeling



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Aptos Center after the earthquake; and Holcomb Construction for developing Seascap Village, a shopping center that opened this year.

The Aptos Lions Club, the Capitola-Aptos Rotary Club and Rotary International were also honored as well for their earthquake relief efforts.

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