



Lend a Hand

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To: Assistant Governors, District Leadership Team, Presidents, Secretaries, ICO's  
District Committee Chairs, PDGs, District Rotarians  
From: Nick Mascitelli, District Governor  
Subject: Weekly District Update



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### Important District Dates

January 24, Mid Year Assembly (morning) and PROJECT HOPE informational meeting (after lunch)  
February 7, District Cabinet Meeting  
April 16 – 18 District Conference

### Lincoln Interactor Collects Glasses for Central America -

Evan Cowell, a junior at Lincoln High School and a member of the Lincoln Interact Club has demonstrated superb individual leadership in collecting eyeglasses for the District 5220 vision clinics in Central America. In addition to Interact, Evan is very active in Boy Scouts. As he works toward achieving his Eagle Scout Award, Evan has collected over 600 pairs of glasses for distribution to future District 5220 eye clinics. North Stockton Rotary will forward the glasses to Dave Gallagher, DGE. Congratulations to Evan for a job very well done.

### Another Excellent Club Meeting Program

*THE LOS ALTOS STORY* is a 31-minute program on HIV/AIDS and how it impacted the members of the Los Altos Rotary Club. It is about real people, places and events. This award-winning documentary has touched the lives of millions with its message. The Los Altos Rotary Club as a Rotary AIDS Project produced the video. It is available in VHS and in DVD. The project was written up in a recent issue of THE ROTARIAN. To borrow for personal viewing or for a club meeting, Call Bob McConnell, Speakers Bureau Chair, at 209-862-2195

### 4-Way Test Essay Contest

Bill Bridges is wrapping up the District 4-Way Test Essay Contest. If your Club participated at the high school level send Bill your winning essay by Feb 1<sup>st</sup>. The District winner will be selected in February and asked to read his or her essay at the District Conference in April. Bill's address is 223 E. 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Tracy, CA 95376.

### Project Hope - email Newsletter available

Greetings District 5220 Rotarians,

This is Dan Schmelzer from the Rotary Club of Kisumu, Kenya and Administrator of Agape Children's Ministry. Our home for former street boys will hopefully be the recipient of the International Matching Grant for District 5220. I've met some of you in person and many of you at the Foundation Dinner while my wife, Patty and I were in the US. We have returned to Kenya now and are resuming our roles as administrators of the home.

We would like to keep the clubs in 5220 up to date on the events leading up to the implementation of the grant later this year along with some news about Agape. I am offering to send, those interested, an update on Agape periodically. I already have some Rotarians on an E-mail group list however Patty and I were only able to visit 12 of the clubs in the district while we were in the US and I wanted to give the opportunity to the other 43 clubs and their members to receive a regular update also.

If you are interested in an update with some pertinent photos attached every two weeks or so just send me your email address and I will add you to the list.

Some of you may be interested in traveling to Kenya with the groups being planned. If so, this preview will give you a better idea of the work we do here in Kisumu with street boys as well as our rehabilitation work with our 106 boys at Agape.

Thanks for your interest and commitment to Project Hope. Dan  
Email Dan at [agapeparents@swiftkisumu.com](mailto:agapeparents@swiftkisumu.com)

*Nick Mascitelli*  
District Governor

Rotary District 5220 "Friday Facts"