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Happy New Year

[Greetings from Pasadena](#)

We have gathered with other Rotarians from all over to help build the parade float for Rotary's entry in the Rose Parade. It is, at the same time, both a lot of work and a lot of fun. Sherri Reusche has done a fantastic job in coordinating the efforts of Youthact members, sponsors and advisors to get many of us here. The work is amazingly painstaking, putting seeds on a surface one at a time. We are taking digital photographs, and hope to have many good pictures for you on our return. Watch the district website at www.rotary5220.org to see them. Don't forget to watch the Rose Parade on New Years Day to see the televised results of all of our work. As with any Rotary outing, we'll have tales to tell when we return.

[Impending Global Water Crisis](#)

Rotary International's Presidential Celebration on water management in New Delhi opened with a keynote address by India's President A. P. J. Abdul Kalam. Aimed at creating awareness about an impending global water crisis and the civil and international conflicts it could cause, the 9-10 December event drew more than 500 participants who discussed ways to improve water supply and conservation. Pointing out that far too many among the world's six billion people don't have access to safe water and sanitation, President Abdul Kalam said that India's strategy for overcoming water shortage includes rain water harvesting, water redistribution, interlinking of rivers, seawater desalination, and weather management. "NGO's like Rotary International can contribute in this mission [to provide safe and sufficient water for all]," the president said. "In addition, we need to put a stop to large-scale wastage of water and promote water recycling on a compulsory basis in urban and rural areas."

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Rotary District 5220 "Friday Facts"