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From: Dave Gallagher, District Governor
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Rotary District 5220 "Friday Facts"

ROTARY DISTRICT 5220 FRIDAY FACTS Celebrate Rotary

"To the world, Rotary will be known by what it achieves"

At the 1914 International Convention, Paul Harris said, "Rotary means many things to us, but to the world it will be known by what it achieves." I believe that he would be proud of District 5220 and all the fantastic things we are achieving in our communities and throughout the world. Please join us as we Celebrate Rotary and all that we have done and all that we are doing at the Centennial Gala/Foundation Dinner on February 12 in Modesto and at the Centennial District Conference on April 29 to May 1 in Monterey.

An Invitation to Rotary's 100th Birthday Party

Time is running out to make your reservations to join us for the Foundation Dinner/ Centennial Gala in Modesto on February 12. This is our chance to celebrate 100 years of Rotary. We have a very special evening planned for this once in a lifetime occasion and we hope that you will join us. The entertainment will be a performance by the YES Company (Youth Entertainment Stage), a very talented group of teenagers from the Modesto area. They have planned a special vocal and dance presentation on "Rotary's First 100 Years." We will also have a presentation about Project HOPE that I know that you will enjoy. Please contact Don or Donna Murphy at gala2005@Rotary5220.org or at 209-545-1178 for details. A registration form is also available on our District website at <http://www.rotary5220.org>.

Project HOPE - Pam Moreno

What is a person's value? In the United States a person's value is too often seen in relationship to his or her job or bank account. If a person is Masai, he or she would be measured in the amount of cows he has or she could bring. Since being part of Project Hope I find my personal value much more measured by smiles and tears and thank yous. How much is the smile of a young girl worth as seen through the stick wall of a classroom while the team pounds nails to make walls. How much is a good morning visitor worth to a person, as a class of young children attempt to learn above our noise. How much is a tearful thank you from a grandmother of 27 after a new business

is created? It is worth more than all the money I could earn in months or years, it is worth all the sweat and the toil and the sacrifices of my children so that their mother could leave during Christmas and not feel guilty. It is worth every penny that can be raised and given. Project Hope did not just change the life of the team members and the people whose lives we touched. It will keep touching as each member of the team tells about the trip to his or her family and friends. This is a gift that passes and grows with each person it touches, because there is no way to measure this change. How would a person measure the ripples in the water? Project Hope is a ripple and there is no telling where the ripples will touch next. To be a part of this team and represent Rotary was an honor and a privilege that will mark each of us in many ways for years to come.

Project HOPE – an update

Work continues at Agape on the projects that we began while in Kisumu. A nicely decorated clinic and a newly painted school have really lifted the spirits of the students and teachers. New student desks, teacher desks, dining tables and benches are to be delivered within three weeks. New fuel-efficient wood burning cookers for the kitchen will be installed within two weeks. A new fence around the entire compound begins next Monday with cement posts put in place, chain link fence and even a bougainvillea border. The fencing project will be completed within three months. And we have only just begun!

Deadlines

January 31 – registration deadline for District Conference – to guarantee a room at the host hotel

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World Peace Scholar to speak at our District Conference

We are thrilled to announce that Angela Bruce-Raeburn will be one of the featured speakers at our District Conference. Angela has received the very prestigious World Peace Scholarship from the Rotary Foundation. She is looking forward to have a chance to meet the Rotarians of District 5220.

Centennial District Conference Deadline Nears

Thank you to the more than 400 Rotarians who have registered for the Centennial District Conference in Monterey. I know that many Rotarians are in the habit of registering at the last minute for the Conference. However, I would recommend that you do not wait any longer to turn in your registration

for this celebration. We have a fantastic package deal that includes 6 meals, 2 days of parking, and 2 nights stay at the beautiful Portola Plaza (formerly called the Monterey Doubletree.) However, that is a very popular destination and the hotel will soon start renting the rooms that we have not reserved, to non-Rotarians. We would love to fill the entire hotel with District 5220 Rotarians for this grand celebration. If you wait too long, we cannot guarantee that you will have a room at the host hotel. Please contact John or Sherri Reusche at Reusche@aol.com or at 209-786-1984 for details. If you have already signed up, please let them know if you would like to pay your balance for the District Conference on your credit card or send them a check.

[Welcome New Rotarians](#)

Please welcome the newest Rotarians in District 5220:

James Frost – West Calaveras (Nick Hodgson)

David Seawell – West Calaveras (Nick Hodgson)

Christy Maynard – Angels Camp (Provisional) (Clayre Quick)

Michael Charbonneau – Angels Camp (Provisional) (Buzz Eggleston)

David Whaley – Angels Camp (Provisional) (Tom Allison)

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