



Date: October 1, 2004
To: Assistant Governors, District Leadership Team, Presidents, Secretaries, ICO's
District Committee Chairs, PDGs, District Rotarians
From: Dave Gallagher, District Governor
Subject: Weekly District Update



Rotary District 5220 "Friday Facts"

ROTARY DISTRICT 5220 FRIDAY FACTS Celebrate Rotary

Important Dates

October 9 Foundation/Membership Workshop in Manteca
November 19 Paul Harris Society Founders Dinner
February 12, 2005 Centennial Gala/Foundation Dinner
February 23, 2005 Rotary's 100th Birthday
April 29 - May 1, 2005 District Conference in Monterey

Deadline

November 30 - Foundation raffle tickets due

Angels Camp Centennial Rotary Club

Welcome to the newest provisional Rotary Club in the world. The newly formed club meets at Noon on Wednesdays at the Foothill Village Lodge and Inn in Angels Camp. The club has elected Clayre Quick as their Charter President. New clubs that are chartered in the 2004-2005 Centennial year can have the word Centennial in their club name.

Your Foundation at Work - in Chowchilla and Madera

The Rotary Clubs of Chowchilla and Madera Sunrise have received a District Simplified Grant from District 5220 and The Rotary Foundation. This joint project of the two clubs will purchase Transponder Tracking Bracelets. These bracelets will be used for mentally challenged and Alzheimer's afflicted patients. The bracelets when used with satellite technology reduce the average elapsed time to find a lost person from 37 hours to just 20 minutes. This Madera County program is the first of its kind in California.

What Your Gift to The Rotary Foundation Can Do

- Your Gift of \$100 gift to the Annual Programs Fund helps provide:
 - o Four new wells for rural villagers in Zimbabwe
 - o Three cataract operations in India
- Your Gift of \$500 gift to the Annual Programs Fund helps provide:

- A watch repair mini-business for six disabled workers in The Philippines
- Carpentry tools for a vocational workshop that trains 150 deaf children per year in Gambia
- Your Gift of \$1000 gift to the Annual Programs Fund helps provide:
 - Materials to construct a deep borewell in India, supplying clean water to more than 300 children
 - Establishment of a tree nursery in Jamaica that will produce 5,000 tree seedlings annually and increase family income for 700 farmers

Youth Exchange

District Chairman Bob Bitter reports that Youth Exchange activity in our District is picking up. Currently, we have a girl and boy in our district from Brazil and a boy in from Peru. Additionally, we have one boy from our district currently in Peru. Contact has been made with Ireland to send a student to that country. We also have opportunity via invitation to send students to Peru, Brazil and New Zealand. Currently, we have applications from Peru and Brazil for students wishing to begin exchanges in January and ending in December. These months are the traditional school year in the southern hemisphere. We would encourage your club to participate in youth exchange, and host one of these students. This activity is most rewarding, and certainly goes a long way toward building positive international relationships and understanding. Bob would also like to request that you survey the young people in your community to ascertain those who would like the opportunity of studying for one school year abroad. We currently have open opportunities to send students to Peru and Brazil. Many other destinations are possible. Now is the time to identify those students wishing for a youth exchange experience.

RV Parking at International Convention

If you are planning to take your RV to the International Convention in Chicago, we have some information for you. Please contact Jerry Haley at jerryhaley2@comcast.net for details about parking at Soldier Field. Jerry is a member of the Rotary Club of Galt and is the membership chairman of the RV Fellowship of Rotarians.

Attention World War II Veterans

There is an event being planned for World War II veterans who attended school on the GI Bill. This event will be held at the University of The Pacific on November 10, 2004. For details please contact Dr. Norena Norton Badway at nbadway@pacific.edu or at 209-946-2168.

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Centennial publication

A committee is forming amongst all interested Rotary Clubs within the Modesto Bee service area to create a special publication that will celebrate the Rotary Centennial in February of 2005. We are envisioning a special tab, pullout section with some historical information about Rotary internationally along with some bits of trivia (famous Rotarians, etc.). Each participating club could actually have their own page or??? The options are nearly limitless if we have enough time and participation. If you would like to participate in this program please contact Marlene Campbell at CAMPBELLAP@aol.com or Ken McCall at ken@pacificmediaonline.com no later than Thursday, October 14, 2005.

Welcome New Rotarians

Please welcome the newest Rotarians in District 5220: Danielle Sanders – Oakdale Sunrise, John Burgess – Oakdale Sunrise, John Smith – Oakdale Sunrise, Vicki Thayer – Oakdale Sunrise, Richard Vaughan – Oakdale Sunrise, Evan Winn, Galt Sunrise

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