



**Date:** October 10, 2003  
**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



Rotary District 5220 "Friday Facts"

## **Lend a Hand**

### **Rotary 5220 Website Down and Up**

Due to technical problems originating on our server in Atlanta, [www.rotary5220.org](http://www.rotary5220.org) has been down most of this week. All of the pages have been preserved, but the navigation buttons that help you move from page to page have been destroyed. In fact, it now seems likely that the system that automatically generated those buttons may have been at fault. As a result, we are converting the site to manually assigned buttons that promise greater stability. A significant portion of the multimedia version is working now, and the rest will return to service over the next few days. We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused.

### **Give me one good reason why I should join Rotary**

Entertainment – Every Rotary club and district has parties and activities which provide diversion in one's business life. Rotary has conferences, conventions, assemblies and institutes which provide entertainment, in addition to, Rotary information and service.

### **New edition of Rotary Basics is out**

A new updated edition of Rotary Basics (595) is now available in six languages-English, French, Japanese, Korean, Portuguese, and Spanish. Reprinted from the August issue of The Rotarian magazine, this colorful, eight-page booklet outlines the fundamentals of Rotary's history, organization, programs, and policies in a concise format ideal for new member education. This edition of Rotary Basics has also appeared in many other official Rotary magazines.

Stock up now to have copies on hand to present to new members or distribute club-wide during Rotary Awareness Month in January. This useful resource may be ordered for US\$0.50 each through RI's Publication Order Services Section by telephone: (847) 866-4600 or fax (847) 866-3276, or from the online catalog.

### **Project HOPE programs for your club**

Dan Schmelzer, the Director of the Agape Boys Home in Kisumu, Kenya is in our District for the next 2 months. Dan would love to do a program for your club about Project HOPE, the Agape Boys Home, and life in Kenya. Dan is a member of the Rotary Club of Kisumu and will be our key contact person in Africa. Dan and his wife Patty are natives of Escalon have lived in Kisumu for the last year. To schedule a program with Dan, please contact Dan at 209-872-4420

### **To enjoy early bird discounts, register soon for Osaka Convention**

It is once again that time of the year when those who wish to attend the RI annual convention start to take action. As in past years, Osaka, Japan, venue of Rotary's 95<sup>th</sup> Convention, has been carefully selected to enhance opportunities for fellowship, the discussion of Rotary business, and participation in activities designed to inspire greater heights of service.

The bustling city of Osaka has a 1,400-year history as a gathering place for diverse commercial and cultural interests. But it also is very much a modern city with an allure that visiting Rotarians will find hard to resist. Osaka offers visitors its world-famous cuisine, as well as museums, the iconic Osaka castle, the traditional theatre of kabuki, and much more.

Come 23-26 May 2004, Japanese Rotarians plan on giving all attendees an unforgettable experience of the hospitality for which their country is famous. The Host Organizing Committee (HOC) has planned host-ticketed events that will introduce participants to the best of regional entertainments and experiences. Participating in the HOC-sponsored pre- and post-convention tours and events will also help visitors to explore the amazingly rich cultural heritage of the Japanese people. See more details on the Web site at <http://www.rotary.org/> To enjoy the benefits and peace of mind that come with planning ahead, Rotarians are encouraged to register by the first deadline of 15 December 2003.

Nick Mascitelli, District Governor