



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



Rotary District 5220 "Friday Facts"

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[We will miss a true Rotarian](#)

Jack Crooks passed away on October 22, 2003. He served as a dedicated leadership mentor to every Galt Rotary Club President as well as the one and only Club Secretary for nineteen years, four months, and five days.

He was a Paul Harris Fellow with additional Rotary recognition through several Silent Rotarian awards. He leaves behind Shirley, his loving wife of 56 years, three sons, one daughter, three grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. Jack was a true Rotarian who lent a lasting, compassionate, and loyal hand to all.

[Project Hope Update](#)

Fellow Rotarians,

Since I will be on the ground in Kenya during the development of Project Hope, the District Centennial Project, I would be happy to keep you informed regarding the progress of this grant. If you would like to receive a regular update on the work of Agape Children's Ministry by E-mail and/or a monthly newsletter, just drop me a note at Agapeparents@yahoo.com and I'll add you to the list. Just say in your note: Add me to your mailing list and E-mail list. Don't forget to include your mailing address if you would like to receive Agape's monthly newsletter.

Thanks and God bless

Rtn. Dan Schmelzer - Rotary Club of Kisumu, Kenya
and Project Administrator for Agape Children's Ministry

[Book Reservations to Osaka early](#)

Japan Airlines has been selected as the preferred airline for travel to the 95th Rotary International Convention, Osaka, Japan, 23-26 May 2004.

Rotarians traveling from North America will receive discounts ranging from 20-40 percent and 15-20 percent off applicable first-class and business-class airfares respectively. North American travelers flying economy class qualify for discounts of 16-25 percent off applicable airfares.

The discount offers are applicable only if booked through Rosenbluth International, the official ticketing agency. Rotarians who wish to take advantage of the discount rates should contact the nearest Rosenbluth International office and quote the reference "Rotary Osaka Convention." Rotarians also can make bookings online through a special Osaka Convention Web site at <https://www.bthere.com/breg/rotaryosaka/index.cfm?x=1>. The site features contact information for Rosenbluth offices in 50 countries.

For more information, contact Rotary International Travel Service Manager Robert Mintz by telephone: 847-866-3445; or e-mail: mintzr@rotaryintl.org.

[Friendship](#)

Smiles are badges of friendliness. There are plenty of them within you. Do not hold them captive. Set them free at right times and places and their beneficent effects will carry to the very gates of eternity.

THE ROTARIAN, February 1934

[Modesto Gateway Fund Raiser](#)

Modesto Gateway's Merlot-Munchies-Music is a wine tasting evening with an abundant supply of snack food items. There will be over 30 California Wineries represented. Music will be by Hogan's Heroes Band. An addition this year will be the silent auction of 55 donated items, with a total value of over \$10,000.00. The McHenry Museum is the setting for this upscale event on November 7th, from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM. Tickets are \$35.00 and are available from Mike Kline at 551-8408. Proceeds will benefit the Gateway Rotary Scholarship Program at Modesto High School.

Nick Mascitelli, District Governor