



Date: February 4, 2005  
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

### [YES Company to perform at Centennial Gala](#)

We are excited to have the Youth Entertainment Stage (YES) Company perform at our Centennial Gala/Foundation Dinner on February 12. They are a very talented group of students age twelve through eighteen from Stanislaus County. Their very popular summer performances have included The Music Man, West Side Story, and Damn Yankees. They will be entertaining us with a musical review of the past 100 years. You can still register to be a part of this special Centennial celebration, but you must sign up by this Monday. Please contact Don or Donna Murphy at [gala2005@Rotary5220.org](mailto: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 - an update on Eric's Surgery](#)

Last week in Friday Facts, we talked about Eric and his need to have his leg amputated. Here is an update that we just received: Eric is doing so well. He came home last Monday, less than a week after the surgery. Tom and Marg from Agape were in Nairobi a few days after the surgery and they were amazed at how mobile Eric was, hopping around on one leg. They said his character has changed, he seems so much happier as if the bitterness has been removed from his life.

### [District 5220 - On To Chicago](#)

There are still a few openings available on the train/plane trip for the International Convention in Chicago. The package deal includes flying from San Francisco to Chicago on Friday June 17. The return trip would be via the train leaving on Thursday June 23 and arriving at the Emeryville Amtrak station on Saturday June 25, approximately 48 hours later. Hope you will consider joining us for this fun and relaxing adventure. Details are available on the District website or by contacting [JBortz@HowardTours.net](mailto:JBortz@HowardTours.net)

### **[Deadline for District Conference Registration](#)**

The deadline to be guaranteed a room at the host hotel for the Centennial District Conference was January 31. We will continue to accept reservations until February 16, providing space is still available at the host hotel. 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 has started renting the rooms that we have not reserved to non-Rotarians. If you wait any longer, we cannot guarantee that you will have a room at the host hotel. Please contact John or Sherri Reusche at [Reusche@aol.com](mailto:Reusche@aol.com) or at 209-786-1984 for details. If you already registered and have left your deposit, the balance on your account is now due. We have a great Centennial Conference planned for you. See you in Monterey.

### **[Los Banos Rotary Seeks Partners For Tsunami Relief](#)**

Dear Governor Dave: Thanks for your efforts to consolidate some disaster assistance to South Asia from our District. I thought it would be a good idea to let you know what Los Banos Rotary is doing to help our good friends in Rotary District 3230, India. As you will recall, several years ago, Los Banos Rotarian Dr. Pete Peraiah served as GSE Team Leader in an exchange with District 3230, and their team visited us in 5220. Several days prior to the tsunami, Pete took his family back to the Madras area to visit Pete's father on the occasion of his 90th birthday. Needless to say, hearing of the disaster, we were all concerned about their safety. We were unable to contact Pete directly, but a close contact heard from him and assures us that they are all safe and well, and plan a late return to Los Banos in just a few days. Rotary clubs in the area are working hard to respond. Los Banos Rotarian Manuel Jimenez is a concrete contractor who has the desire and ability to travel to India and provide assistance in rebuilding communities and livelihoods for the victims. He has been coordinating with President N. Narayana Moorthy of the Rotary Club of Madras West, District 3230. Madras West Rotary has identified and committed to three priorities in their relief efforts: (1) Restore permanent shelter for the survivors, (2) Provide fishing nets and small boats for fishermen to go back to work providing needed food, and (3) Provide immediate support, shelter and education for those children who have lost their parents and families. Any help District 5220 could provide is needed, and will be greatly appreciated by our friends in District 3230. Manuel Jimenez can be contacted by FAX at 209.829.1137. Our president Gene Lieb can be reached at 209.826.3831. I can be reached at 209.587.0202 (cell). Donations can be sent to Los Banos Rotary Disaster Fund, P.O. Box 19, Los Banos, CA 93635. We'll do our best

to coordinate non-monetary contributions, too. With thanks and appreciation for our many blessings, Tony Whitehurst

### **Welcome New Rotarians**

Please welcome the newest Rotarians in District 5220:

Venus Colombini – Groveland (Elizabeth Te Selle)  
James Wallingford – Mariposa (Susie Stonum)  
Bali Ranchhod – Stockton East (Chris Weed)  
Karen Looper – Modesto (Ken Elving)  
Kelly Rosenfield – Angels Camp (Provisional) (Ann Allison)  
Steven Sievers – Stockton (Ron Allison)  
Joseph Powell – Groveland (Ron Sharp)  
Debbie Ponte – Angels Camp (Provisional) (Clayre Quick)  
Wayne Turnbow – Turlock (James Shade)

### **A Thank You Note to District 5220**

Dear Dr. Gallagher and all our Rotarian friends in District 5220, I'm not sure there are enough words in the English language to adequately thank you for all you have done for Agape, so..ASANTE SANA! As much as we needed the tables, chairs and kitchen equipment, your greatest gift was sharing your lives with the boys and staff. They will not forget you! In fact, I'm sure I'll hear, "Mama, when are those people who checked our eyes and painted with us coming back?" Thank you for pouring your love, energy and financial support into Project Hope. It is clearly making a difference in lives of Kisumu's children! May God bless and reward you a hundred times over!! With much appreciation, Darla Calhoun, Director, Apage Children's Ministry

### **District 5220- Modesto Bee Centennial "Special Pull-Out" Section**

The deadline for being a part of this special publication is February 7, with the publication date scheduled for March 8. This is scheduled to be a 12-page full color tab (full circulation + 5,000 extras to distribute to participating clubs) and the costs range from \$625 for a quarter page to \$2500 for a full page. There will be 3 non-revenue pages dedicated to the Centennial, Rotary history, and various local/national projects. For more information or to reserve space contact: Marlene Campbell, 209-576-6776/ mcampbell@campbelladvertising.com or Ken McCall 209-523-2971 / ken@pacificmediaonline.com

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