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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"

Lend a Hand

Important Dates

February 7, District Cabinet Meeting - Salida
February 13, RI President - Jonathan Majiyagbe dinner – San Jose
April 16 – 18 District Conference – Sparks, Nevada
May 15 District Assembly

District Cabinet Meeting Tomorrow

All District Rotarians are invited to attend the Third District Cabinet meeting to be held at the Salida Fire Station beginning at 8:30am.

GSE team going to Brazil – who are they?

I need to thank Terri Amerio-Bell of Modesto Sunrise, for the tremendous work she has done organize the selection of the GSE team. The team is leaving in April for the Amazonia region of Brazil. Everyone on the selection committee is very excited about the team and I want to tell you about the members.

Rona Daneilo, originally from Tehran Iran, moved to the Central Valley when she was only 3. She has Masters Degree in Organizational Development Psychology and currently works for EJ Gallo Winery as a training coordinator. Rona impressed the selection committee with her out-going, energetic and positive personality.

Kent van Wagendonk graduated with a degree in geography from the University of California, Berkeley and completed his master's degree at the University of Edinburgh, Scotland in Geographic Information Systems (GIS) - the art and science of blending spatial data analyses and map making. Kent has used his expertise as a cartographer working in Washington, Colorado, and now here in California. Living in the Sierra lets Kent pursue his favorite outdoor activities; hiking, skiing, swimming, rock-climbing, and nature watching.

Chuck Carter was born in Yosemite National Park. After graduating from the University of California at Santa Barbara with a degree in Zoology and Environmental Studies, he returned to put his education to work in the Park. Chuck is eager to see how Brazilians co-exist with potentially dangerous and unpredictable wildlife and, inversely, how those animals co-exist with humans.

Clare Sandy grew up in Vermont, and graduated from Brown University with a degree in comparative literature and French. She was a Peace Corps Volunteer in Madagascar. Clare moved west to pursue a career in archaeology. Her work entails identifying and documenting prehistoric and historic artifacts.

Leading the Team is John Crane from the Oakhurst Sierra Club. An Information Technology Consultant you may know John from his work with Rotaplast. John speaks Portuguese and has visited Brazil several times before.

The team has a difficult challenge ahead, to prepare themselves, their presentations, and to learn Portuguese by April, but we have confidence that these young professionals will be wonderful and successful representatives of our district.

Rotary International and UNESCO to work together

On behalf of Rotary President Jonathan Majiyagbe, I am pleased to announce that UNESCO Director-General Koïchiro Matsuura and Rotary International President Majiyagbe have signed a joint letter of encouragement. The letter serves to inspire Rotary members to work with the UNESCO National Commissions in their countries. In turn, the UNESCO National Commissions will receive a similar letter encouraging local-level cooperation with Rotary clubs and districts.

The letter will be downloadable on the Rotary Web site at <http://www.rotary.org/aboutrotary/international.html>. Information on UNESCO National Commissions can be found at www.unesco.org/ncp/natcom/.

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