



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



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Important Dates

March 13 - District Award Judging - Turlock
April 16 – 18 District Conference – Sparks, Nevada
May 15, District Assembly – Stockton
May 23-26 Osaka, Japan

District Conference Registration

Just a reminder that we are nearing the end of the regular registration period where a complete meal package costs \$180; as of March 15, the cost of a full package goes up to \$195 per person. For those desiring individual meal costs, contact Dave Mantooth at dmantooth@sjcoe.net, and he will send you a form.

For those who have already registered, be on the lookout for an e-mail or letter from Dave which will have a confirmation of your registration, an opportunity to reserve tables for the Governor's Ball Saturday evening session, a chance to sign-up for a Slot Tournament on Friday afternoon, and a summary of the key events and times at the conference. Only five weeks to go-Win With Rotary at Governor Nick Mascitelli's District Conference April 16-18 at the Nugget!!!!

Far West PETS a major success

Watch out for those Presidents-Elect! They've just returned from Far West PETS where they have been charged up with enthusiasm. District Governor Elect Dave Gallagher and his Assistant Governors led the District 5220 presidents through a wonderful weekend of seminar breakout sessions. RI President Elect Glenn Estess spoke on Saturday and made the rounds of the hospitality suites on Saturday night to visit one-on-one with the most important people in Rotary – *the Centennial Club Presidents*. PRIP Rick King also spoke to the assembled crowd of about 600, and PRIP Cliff Dochterman gave his hilarious "If I could be Club President again" speech.

District Conference Rooms Available

Good news! We now have 20 more rooms available at the Nugget. These rooms are at the Nugget Court Yard which is part of the complex but not in the tower building. In addition, we still have 22 rooms at the Quality Inn, which is about a ¼ mile down the road. Yesterday I visited the Quality Inn and was very impressed with the size of the rooms and their new décor. There is a shuttle bus from the Quality Inn to the Nugget and the room rate, if we take 10 or more, is only \$56.

It's time to make your contributions to the Rotary Foundation

We have received the January Report of our Foundation giving for this year and we have a long way to go to meet our annual giving goal. If there are clubs who have not sent in their Foundation Donations would you please do so before March 31, 2004. The annual giving is much lower than we had expected so we are asking you to think positively about making Rotary your #1 choice for giving. Make a pledge to yourself that \$100.00 will be set aside for your gift to the Rotary Foundation. Your gift will provide Textbooks for one

Rotary District 5220 "Friday Facts"

elementary school in Zambia, 1,000 trees to help reforest desolate regions of Guatemala, a hearing aid for a child in Pakistan, deworming pills for 112 children in the Philippines, Cataract operations for 3 blind individuals in India and 230 blankets for the elderly in winter months for Korea.

Your contribution will mean so much for the people of the world and you will feel good that you gave to help someone less fortunate than yourself.

Contribution totals for District 5220 as of 31-Jan-04

2003-2004 Annual Giving Goal \$ 308,000.00

Current Contributions \$129,876.00

Thanks for all that you do in our Rotary Family.

Dorothy Bizzini, Foundation Chairman

Nick Mascitelli
District Governor