

FRIDAY FACTS – ROTARY DISTRICT 5220

Richard D. Wyatt, District Governor 2007-2008

DATE: February 22, 2008

NEW MEMBERS: New members to report this week are:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>CLUB</u>	<u>SPONSOR</u>
Michael Chimente	Angels Camp Centennial	Clayre Quick
Eddie Lira	North Stockton	Mel Hansen
Fred Roberts	North Stockton	Jim Ellis

NEW PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS: Lodi Sunrise has three new Paul Harris Fellows. They are Dustin Taunton, Rodger (Rocky) Robinson and Cheryl Sinclair. Cheryl is the wife of Past President Mike Sinclair. Congratulations, what a fitting announcement to make as we get ready to celebrate Rotary's birthday on February 23rd.

CAMP RYLA: District 5220's leadership training program for high school students was held from Friday the 15th through Monday the 18th. About 180 selected student leaders were given inspiration and training. The girls were at Camp Oakhurst and the boys at Calvin Crest Camp, both near Oakhurst. Co-chairs John and Sherri Reusche (Stockton and North Stockton) and their whole crew did a terrific job. It is great that our District, with a membership that includes so many business, professional and community leaders, makes the effort to see that effective leaders will be ready to take on the challenges of the future.

ROTARY CABIN AT CALVIN CREST: On Sunday the 18th a groundbreaking ceremony for the Rotary Cabin at Calvin Crest was held. It was attended by the RYLA boys, District Rotarians and Calvin Crest administrators. The cabin is the result of a cooperative agreement where the District helps the camp to construct a new handicap-accessible cabin and the camp repays the District by conceding some future rental income. Dave Gallagher and Nick Mascitelli are to be commended for their role in making this partnership a reality.

PHILIPPINE SCHOLARSHIP PROJECT: In the community of Vigan in the Philippines there are children whose education ends after the 6th grade because they cannot afford the shoes, uniforms, books and transportation costs they would incur during the next four years of secondary education. And how much, you might ask, does it cost for these items for four years? The amount is about \$330 per child and that isn't much considering the cost of ignorance. The Stockton Rotary Club is working on a project to provide scholarships for some of these children. They have put in their share and are working to obtain a matching grant. And, they are inviting you and/or your club to participate with them. Small amounts are welcome but if you can sponsor one scholarship of \$330 from your club, they will be happy to name the scholarship for your club. For more information contact Liz Hull at Liz-Hull@ecentral.com.

AN EMPTY CHAIR: Ralph "Hick" Hickenbotham, a 50-year member of the Stockton club passed away on February 16th. He was club president in 1975-76 and will be missed.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE REGISTRATION: If you have not registered for the District Conference, doing it sooner is better than later. The conference will be lots of fun and very informative. Register online at www.rotary5220.org. See you in Sparks, Nevada. The dates are April 18, 19 & 20, 2008, at the Nugget.

GUATEMALA CISTERN: The Guatemala cistern team will be onsite from March 25 until April 2. For information contact John Anderson at john@jbandersonplanning.com.

DISTRICT 5220 BASEBALL GAME: It's the Nuts vs. Ports on June 7th.

RI CONVENTION IN LA: It's June 15th through 18th. Register at www.rotary.org.

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