

## FRIDAY FACTS – ROTARY DISTRICT 5220

Richard D. Wyatt, District Governor 2007-2008

**DATE:** March 14, 2008

**NEW MEMBERS:** New members to report this week are:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>CLUB</u>	<u>SPONSOR</u>
Karen Mitchell	Madera	Diana Barden
Brooke Bergman	Madera	Diana Barden
John Stafford	Madera	Julie O'Kane
Anna McGregor	Madera	Julie O'Kane
Brian Rando	Modesto North	Tri Pham/Rick DeLeon

**GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE TEAM ARRIVED IN TASMANIA:** Our District's GSE Team arrived this week in Tasmania! The team will keep us informed of their adventures on a travel blog: <http://www.travelpod.com/> and the log-in ID and password are gse20085220. The Tasmanian team will arrive in our District on March 29<sup>th</sup>. GSE Chair Terri Bell thanks all of the District 5220 Rotarians for supporting the GSE program.

**CORRECTING THE EDITOR:** A paragraph in the last issue of *Friday Facts* prompted an apt comment from an old English teacher. He stated he was jarred at the report that individuals received Paul Harris Fellowships. Instead, someone is named a Paul Harris Fellow or they receive recognition as a Paul Harris Fellow. They do not "get" a Fellowship.

Thank you for the correction Tom. There are too many problems in this world caused by imprecise language. And besides, literacy is one of the causes that Rotary promotes and it is important that we practice what we preach.

**PRESIDENT- ELECT TRAINING:** Your president-elects returned from three days of intensive training at PETS in San Jose. They are excited and already planning to make next year a success. Let's do everything we can to help them.

**KUDOS FOR YOUTH EXCHANGE:** Our District Youth Exchange Committee received two awards at the USA-Canada Youth Exchange conference. Both awards were "Second Highest" and were in the areas of Short-Term and New Generations. In addition, Sam Wheeler was appointed to be Director for USA-Canada Youth Exchange. The next time you see Sam, let him know how proud we are of all the things he has accomplished.

**CLUB EVENTS:** This time of year, clubs are staging great events such as the annual Savour the Flavour wine tasting event by West Calaveras on Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup> at the Bear Flag Vineyard. So that everyone will know of your event, send full information including a brochure to the District Webmaster at [www.rotary5220.org](http://www.rotary5220.org) and he will post it in the Calendar Section.

**CLUB ELECTORS:** Even though any Rotarian present at the Business Meeting at the District Conference may vote on resolutions, only *ELECTORS* are allowed to select the Representative and Alternate Representative to the Council on Legislation. Clubs must select their elector(s) and certify them in writing to the District prior to the District Conference. Nominees for Representative to the Council on Legislation are Mark Oliver, Dave Gallagher and Gordon Kennedy.

**POLIO NATIONAL IMMUNIZATION DAY:** District 5220 will be participating in a National Immunization Day for polio eradication in the African country of Benin. The approximate dates of the trip will be May 4 – 13. More details will be available soon. Please contact David Gallagher at [dg2020@aol.com](mailto:dg2020@aol.com) if you are interested in joining us for this incredible experience.

**DISTRICT CONFERENCE REGISTRATION:** If you have not registered for the District Conference, doing it sooner is better than later. The price goes up on March 18<sup>th</sup>. The conference will be lots of fun and very informative. Register online at [www.rotary5220.org](http://www.rotary5220.org). Hotel reservations must be made separately and the hotel phone number is listed on the website too. See you in Sparks, Nevada. The dates are April 18, 19 & 20, 2008, at the Nugget.

**GUATEMALA CISTERNS:** The Guatemala cistern team will be onsite from March 25 until April 2. For information contact John Anderson at [john@jbandersonplanning.com](mailto:john@jbandersonplanning.com).

**RI CONVENTION IN LA:** Susan Drake has tickets for Far West Live at the LA Convention. The cost is \$30 per ticket and the District has only been allotted 100 tickets. Send your checks to Susan Drake, 3710 Portsmouth Circle South, Stockton, 95219. The event is Monday morning, June 16<sup>th</sup>. For more information, contact [susanjdrake@sbcglobal.net](mailto:susanjdrake@sbcglobal.net).

Rotarians are encouraged to collect books and bring them to the Convention. All the books donated will be used to improve the literacy of schoolchildren in Southern California. A global initiative called Rotary's Wide World of Books plans to gather more than 250,000 volumes in different languages. The resulting "book mountain" in the atrium of the Los Angeles Convention Center will be reviewed by a judge from Guinness World Records. The Convention will be from June 15<sup>th</sup> through 18<sup>th</sup>. Register at [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org).

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