

FRIDAY FACTS – ROTARY DISTRICT 5220

Richard D. Wyatt, District Governor 2007-2008

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NEW MEMBERS: New members to report this week are:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>CLUB</u>	<u>SPONSOR</u>
Annette Gail-Stone	Stockton	Kris Blower

GUATEMALA CISTERNS: The Guatemala cistern team leaves Tuesday to participate in the installation of more than 200 rainwater cisterns for Mayan families. Work in the field has already started under the supervision of the Coban, Guatemala, club that is our partner in the project. Because of the generous donations from our District and because John Sherrill from Florida donated all the corrugated roofing material for the rainwater collectors, this has become a really large project. Those going are John Anderson, Chris Currie, Don and Carla Kavanaugh (all from Modesto Sunrise), Peggy Gregory (Madera Sunrise), Paul and Judy Spencer (Patterson) and Dick and Marty Wyatt (Madera).

DISTRICT CONFERENCE REGISTRATION: If you have NOT received an emailed confirmation from Registration Chair Scott Siegel, please check with your President to be sure you are registered for the District Conference. If the 'submit' button on the bottom of the webpage registration form is not pushed, the registration will not go through, even though you print the page for your records. If you have not yet registered, do it now. Register online at www.rotary5220.org. Hotel reservations must be made separately and the hotel phone number is listed on the website too. The dates are April 18, 19 & 20, 2008, at the Nugget in Sparks.

THE EDITOR ERRS AGAIN: Your editor received an email pointing out another serious assault on the English language. Rotarian Mike noticed the compound noun "president-elects" in the last issue of *Friday Facts*. He said that "presidents-elect" was the correct way to make the intended sentence subject plural and he is correct. My first idea was to defend my position by stating that "elects" was the proper present tense, singular, indicative verb to go with the singular noun "president" but the argument was doomed by the use of a hyphen. And besides, it was a silly defense that didn't meet the Four Way Test. So, all I can say to Mike and the other readers of this bulletin is that I am sorry and will try harder in the future. When you see me make a mistake, tell me about it because proper word use is important. One of the ways for me to promote literacy in the world is to be a literate person too.

MIGHTY MICE OF ROTARY: The incoming president for Lodi Sunrise, Ralph Cesena Jr., made the most of his trip to PETS. He formed a new Rotary group for smaller clubs called the Mighty Mice of Rotary. The purpose of this new organization is to bring together small clubs to do LARGE local and international service projects, beyond the means of just one of the member clubs. There are already member clubs from Districts 5220, 5150 and 5170 in Zones 23 and 24 as well as in District 4200 (Yucatan, Mexico). The new organization has a fledgling website, www.MightyMiceOfRotary.org, and invites all small district clubs to participate. More information can be found at the website.

POLIO NATIONAL IMMUNIZATION DAY: Contact David Gallagher at dq2020@aol.com if you are interested in going to Benin for a Polio National Immunization Day. It will be an incredible experience. It is planned for early May so now is the time to begin preparations.

CONVENTION IN LA: Collect books and bring them to the Convention from June 15th through 18th. Register at www.rotary.org.

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