

FRIDAY FACTS – ROTARY DISTRICT 5220

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GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE TEAM LEADER: Carol Kennedy, Madera, has been chosen as the leader for the Group Study Exchange team that will go to Tasmania next spring. The GSE Team will spend five weeks in this Australian state. The team members will be chosen on September 29th. The team will be composed of young professionals. They will learn from fellow professionals in Tasmania as well as experience the culture and beauty of that island state. The team members will serve as ambassadors from District 5220. Carol, a retired educator, also serves District 5220 as Literacy Chair. Alan Bailey, Modesto Sunrise, was chosen as alternate team leader.

THEY SAVED THE SHRIMP FEST: The Groveland club spent months planning for their Shrimp Fest Teacher Appreciation Night. They expected the perfect weather that comes in the middle of September. So what happened? It started to pour rain. Did they give up? No, they borrowed a hanger at the airport from some nice folks and moved there. Within hours they set up to accommodate 246 shrimp eaters. The event honored the hard work that teachers do in the community. It also will provide about \$6,500 for scholarships. Can they do it? Yes, they can!

DISTRICT SIMPLIFIED GRANTS: District Simplified Grants of \$1,000 each were awarded to twenty three clubs. The Budget and Finance Committee approved the grants at their meeting on September 24th. Full details about who got the grants and what they will do with them will be posted on the District website. The editor of this circular planned to have all the details in this issue but he is writing this in a hotel room in Angels Camp and the list of clubs and projects is in Madera. DSG guru Dave Gallagher is planning to have grant checks delivered to each of the clubs by a real person.

PREPARE FOR THE ROTARY CHALLENGE: If you or your club wants to be sure you are smarter than a PDG, you must study. Next January at the Rotary Challenge only knowledge will make the difference. And if you need a study guide, consider ordering *Rotary Basics 2007-08* from the Rotary International catalog.

NEW MEMBER: Now that Claire Wiebe has joined the Madera club, three generations of the same family are represented. Her mother, Jane Weibe, is club president. Her grandfather, John Yakligian, is an active member and past president. By the way, her father, Lou Wiebe, is president of the Madera Sunrise club. Claire was sponsored by Tess Erdman.

PERU EARTHQUAKE UPDATE: When the earthquake struck in Peru, the Rotary Club of San Borja in Lima, Peru, contacted PDG Bob Bitter and asked for help to alleviate some immediate needs of victims. Bob put out the word and collected over \$3K from clubs, Rotarians and others. The aid was sent to Peru. This week the San Borja club sent a 26 page report complete with pictures telling what they accomplished in helping victims in Ica, Pisco and Chincha. If possible, we will post the report on the District website. Aid from our District to those that needed it was provided quickly because PDG Bob had already established a good and trusting relationship with Rotarians in Peru. When you know what needs to be done and know who can do it, good things can happen in a hurry.

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