

# FRIDAY FACTS □ ROTARY DISTRICT 5220

**Richard D. Wyatt, District Governor 2007-2008**

**DATE:** October 26, 2007

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

<u>NAME</u>	<u>CLUB</u>	<u>SPONSOR</u>
Karen Ellner	Galt	Bob Ellner
Brigitte Coleman	Galt	Bob Ellner
Chris Monroe	Madera	Diana Barden
Evelyn Echevarria	Riverbank	

This is a special list for me because I had the honor of inducting these members. And Diana Barden, District Membership Chair, shows us how to lead by example by being a sponsor.

**FOUNDATION DINNER:** Don't miss the Foundation Dinner on November 9 at the SOS Club in Modesto. Sign up now! Celebrate the good things that happen when Rotarians support the Rotary Foundation. Hors d' overves and a no host bar will be available after 5:00 pm. Eating begins at 6:00 with either a top sirloin steak or vegetarian dinner plus all the trimmings. Then a chocolate tuxedo cake dessert will be served. Next comes some first-class entertainment. The keynote speaker is Jerry Hall, Past Rotary International Director and Vice President. Following this, contributors to the Foundation will be honored. And last of all will come the major prize drawing.

**GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE:** Team members for the Group Study Exchange to Tasmania have been selected and Team Leader, Carol Kennedy, PE Madera, will begin their training soon. Those chosen are as follows:

- Jim Bacon, a Planner for the National Park Service, is sponsored by Yosemite
- Brian Ceraban, an Architect, is sponsored by Sonora Sunrise
- Sarah Crowe, a Hospitality Supervisor at the Ahwahnee, is sponsored by Mariposa
- Lisa Millegan, a Reporter for the Modesto Bee, is sponsored by Modesto Sunrise

**ROTARY TRIVIA CHALLENGE QUESTION:** District 5220 has two Ambassadorial Scholars who are studying abroad this year. Can you name the countries in which they are studying? Check the latest *Rotary Times* if you are not sure of the answer.

**WHEELCHAIRS:** District 5220 has a heart for wheelchairs. On November 10<sup>th</sup> Bob Bitter, PDG, will lead a group of about 60 to Lima, Peru, to distribute 280 wheelchairs from the Wheelchair Foundation that have been purchased by District Clubs and Rotarians. If possible, the group will also check the results of donations made for earthquake victims. And, since fun is important, a stop in Cusco is planned.

There is another wheelchair project in our District too. Ceres Rotary invites you to join them the first week in February in Guatemala to distribute wheelchairs from their partner, Hope Haven International. They plan to distribute special wheelchairs in Xela, Retalahu and San Marcos. For more information contact Lonny Davis, [unclonny2003@yahoo.com](mailto:unclonny2003@yahoo.com).

**UC MERCED ROTARACT:** On November 17<sup>th</sup> the UC Merced Rotaract Club will hold its Installation Ceremony and Banquet. Come and support this group of service minded students. Campus tours start at 5:00. Dinner is at 6:30 and the price is \$20. Bob Hobbs, PDG, is presiding over the event. Contact Rich Miller, [rmiller4@ucmerced.edu](mailto:rmiller4@ucmerced.edu), for more information.

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