



Friday July 10, 2009

Club visits this week included Los Banos, Twain Harte, Angels-Murphys, Arnold and my club Stockton to hear PRIP Cliff Dochterman. What a wonderful beginning to the week we had Tuesday in Los Banos where President Gene Lieb actually obtained Dudley's and my senior high school pictures (Dudley had graduated from Los Banos HS, it was more of a stretch to get mine from Merced HS). What fun! Twain Harte was great and we saw so many Rotary signs everywhere we went. It can't get much better than Angels-Murphys with lunch at Ironstone. Arnold, so have you ever seen a bell encased in ice?

What wonderful projects and fundraisers we are hearing about at our club visits. I have decided to share some of projects and fundraising ideas in future Friday Fact's.

District Simplified Grants: It is time to start thinking about community service projects. The grants committee encourages all clubs in district 5220 to submit district simplified grant (DSG) applications for local and international activities before September 1, 2009. When selecting your projects, please keep in mind that all approved projects must be completed and final reports must be submitted during District Governor Susan Drake's year. DSG award amounts will vary based on your club's annual giving to the Rotary foundation during 2006-07, 2007-08 and the first eight months of 2008-09. Each club president was sent a letter telling them the amount that their Rotary Club will have available for a District Simplified Grant in 2009-10 based on their club's average annual contribution to the Rotary Foundation from their club members. All clubs are strongly encouraged to work together to develop meaningful service projects. Should your club decide not to participate in this round of funding; your allocation will be made available to all clubs on a competitive basis during a second round in late September. Grant applications can be found on our district website www.rotary5220.org under the heading Avenues of Service, then select Foundation or at http://www.rotary5220.org/Avenues_of_Service/Foundation/district_simplified_grants09.htm. Should you have difficulty downloading an application or have questions about the amount you can request, please feel free to contact Anita Hellam anitajhellam@yahoo.com or call at (209) 613-0603.

We will be talking about **membership** in future issues but I did want to report on a decision by RI Board of Directors in June to adopt a membership slogan "**Each Rotarian: Reach One, Keep One**".

Group Study Exchange (GSE) team leader and member applications are currently being accepted for next year's exchange with District 3010 in New Delhi, India. Trip dates are January 25 to February 25, 2010. Please help us get the word out to potential Rotarian team leaders and non Rotarian team members. Applications & brochures are due July 31 and can be downloaded from the RI website http://www.rotary.org/RIdocuments/en_pdf/161en.pdf & http://www.rotary.org/RIdocuments/en_pdf/260en.pdf or contact GSE District Chair Alan Bailey at alanbailey@sbcglobal.net or 209-522-3211 (home), cell 209-765-0931.

The new District 5220 **Rotary Database** is up and running. Mike Villalta, District Communications Officer, is very willing to train secretaries individually or in a group. Club Secretaries may call Mike at 209-509-5221 to set up a time for training. It should take no more than 45 minutes. There will also be a session at the District Foundation and Membership Seminar August 15th right after lunch.



Make a note of these dates! More information on the District website calendar.

- August 15 Foundation & Membership Seminar featuring PRIP Cliff Dochterman
- October 24 Foundation Dinner at St. Bernard's Hall in Tracy featuring PRIP Rick King
- November 15 District 5220 at the Stockton Thunder ice hockey game
- April 30-May 2 District Conference at Harrah's South Lake Tahoe

Information on the **District Conference:** <http://www.rotary5220.org/Calendar/conf10.htm>

\$10 a night discounts are available on hotel rooms at Harrah's/Harvey's until October 31, 2009. For the first 50 to register at the hotel there will be a chance to win a 2 night mid week stay at Harrah's.

Cabinet Meetings will be August 1, October 24, February 27 and June 5.

Club visits: www.rotary5220.org/Calendar/

Select District Calendar from the menu, check District GOV Official Visits.

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