



Friday July 17, 2009

Another wonderful week! Club visits included Lodi Tokay on Monday, Sonora Tuesday, Patterson and Gustine Thursday, Oakdale Sunrise this morning. We are hearing about such impressive projects and activities. What a great job presidents John, Jerry, Rich, Bill, Eric and Jon are doing! Dudley has had some very interesting tours and we are seeing some beautiful countryside.

The new District 5220 **Rotary Database** is available. Mike Villalta, District Communications Officer, will train secretaries individually or in groups. Call Mike at 209-509-5221 or 209-826-6917 to set up a time for training. There will also be a session at the District Foundation & Membership Seminar August 15th.

I received a very nice email this week from Phyllis Fox. I had sent her husband Earl a letter of welcome to Madera Rotary and District 5220. Earl may be new to Madera but not to Rotary. Earl has been a member of 7 different clubs in CA and NV and has 60 years perfect attendance. Welcome Earl!



Please join us for the **Membership & Foundation Seminar** Saturday August 15 in Escalon. One of our featured speakers on membership is PRIP Cliff Dochterman. Flyers and signup forms have been mailed to presidents and secretaries. Information is also available on the District website at

http://www.rotary5220.org/Calendar/memb_found.htm.

Membership matters! Information will be available in the next few days on the **District Membership Grants** that are available to clubs this year. The Membership & Foundation Seminar August 15th will include information on some of last year's successful projects.

The first **Cabinet Meeting** is scheduled for **August 1**, then October 24, February 27 and June 5.

Group Study Exchange (GSE) team leader and member applications are currently being accepted for next year's exchange with District 3010 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 and brochures are due July 31 and can be downloaded from the RI website or contact GSE District Chair Alan Bailey at alanbailey@sbcglobal.net or 209-522-3211 (home), cell 209-765-0931.

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.

Club visits: www.rotary5220.org/Calendar/

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

Just a reminder to submit your **District Simplified Grants (DSG)**. The grants committee encourages clubs to submit DSG for local and international activities before September 1, 2009. Please keep in mind that all approved projects must be completed and final reports must be submitted this 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 DSG in 2009-10 based on their club's average annual contribution to the Rotary Foundation. 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 at http://www.rotary5220.org/Avenues_of_Service/Foundation/district_simplified_grants09.htm. Questions, please contact Anita Hellam at anitajhellam@yahoo.com or call at 209 613-0603.

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