



Friday July 24, 2009

Dudley and I continue our club visits, what a great time we are having! We have visited 16 outstanding but very different clubs. Last Wednesday actually found us in Patterson and Gustine, Thursday was Lodi. This week included Dudley's club Stockton Delta, Manteca Morning, Lodi Sunrise, Oakdale and Riverbank. We are hearing about such impressive projects and activities. Congratulations to Los Banos and Gustine clubs who presented checks for \$3800 and \$3000 for the Rotary Foundation. I have been honored to present many Paul Harris fellows including five in Oakdale where every club member is a Paul Harris! Last night we had a large group of Stockton Rotarians at our house for dinner, kayaking and good fellowship.



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 sign-up 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.

District Membership Grants: membership matters! District 5220 is making up to \$10,000 available in grants of \$200 to \$500 to each club to offset costs and help clubs or groups of clubs develop innovative approaches to successful membership recruitment and retention strategies. Applications must be submitted no later than August 28, 2009. Additional information and the application are available on the District website at <http://www.rotary5220.org/Training/membership3.htm>. Some of last year's successful projects will be presented at the Membership & Foundation Seminar August 15th.

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.

The first **Cabinet Meeting** is scheduled for August 1 at the Modesto Police Department. If you are a District Officer, Committee Chair, Assistant Governor or interested Rotarian, be sure to attend. Dates for the remainder of the year are 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.

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

Club visits can be found at www.rotary5220.org/Calendar/
Select District Calendar from the menu, check District GOV Official Visits.

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 fifty to register at the hotel there will be a chance to win a 2 night mid week stay at Harrah's.

Just a reminder to submit your **District Simplified Grants** (DSG) 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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