



Friday July 31, 2009

The first Cabinet meeting was held August 1 at the Modesto Police Department. Attendance was very good. Lots of information was shared. Mark your calendars for the next one October 24th. Everyone is welcome.

Our Club visits continue, this week we were at Modesto Gateway, Madera, Madera Sunrise, Chowchilla, West Calaveras, Galt and Galt Sunrise. Yes, I have it right, seven! So much has happened in just one month. We are enjoying great Rotary fellowship and hearing about so many amazing activities and projects. Frozen bells seem to have caught on (Arnold & Modesto Gateway). We have had wonderful hospitality everywhere we have traveled from our first visit to Sonora 49er to the latest ones. This week's visits included a reception by Area 10 (Madera, Madera Sunrise and Chowchilla) and today's visits with both Galt Sunrise and Galt. It was convenient that both Galt clubs meet in the same place and what wonderful food we had. AG Gary Grieder and I even had a very nice walking tour of Galt. It felt very special to be chauffeured in a touring car decorated with large Rotary wheels by Area 10 and I had never seen a kayak as a table decoration! Well, maybe I should say centerpiece. How creative clubs and presidents have been and what an incredible time Dudley and I are having. We were pleased to welcome 5 new PH's this week and 2 new members.



Final call for your registration for the **Membership & Foundation Seminar** Saturday August 15 in Escalon. One of our featured speakers on membership is PRIP Cliff Dochterman. Information and forms can be found at http://www.rotary5220.org/Calendar/memb_found.htm.

Deadline Reminders:

District Membership Grant applications must be submitted no later than August 28, 2009. Some of last year's successful projects will be presented at the Membership & Foundation Seminar August 15th. Information and application are available at <http://www.rotary5220.org/Training/membership3.htm>.

Group Study Exchange (GSE): the team member application deadline has been extended until Tuesday August 18th. Please help us get the word out to potential non Rotarian team members about next year's exchange with District 3010 in New Delhi, India. Trip dates are January 25 to February 25, 2010. Application: http://www.rotary.org/RIdocuments/en_pdf/161en.pdf. Contact is District Chair Alan Bailey alanbailey@sbcglobal.net or 209-522-3211 (home), cell 209-765-0931.

Submit your **District Simplified Grants** (DSG) before September 1, 2009. Grant applications can be found at http://www.rotary5220.org/Avenues_of_Service/Foundation/district_simplified_grants09.htm. Questions contact Anita Hellam at anitajhellam@yahoo.com or call at 209 613-0603.

Many clubs are on the new District **Database**. Contact Mike Villalta, District Communications officer at 209-509-5221 or 209-826-6917. He offers training via telephone and it only takes about 30 minutes. There will also be a session at the District Foundation & Membership Seminar August 15th.

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

The next **Cabinet Meeting** is scheduled for October 24th. Dates for the remainder of the year are February 27 and June 5.

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

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