



Friday August 14, 2009

Another great week in 5220! We started out Sunday in Yosemite with the youth exchange students. Dinner that night for students and advisors was hosted by Bob McConnell (Mr. Speech Contest) of Newman and AG Jonathan Bayless of Yosemite. We stayed in the tent cabins at Camp Curry and even saw a bear right outside our cabin at 6 am! Sam Wheeler and Mike Sturtevant of Sonora 49er enthusiastically lead the three fun filled days of activities. I haven't mentioned that I try to walk 4-5 miles a day, my pedometer downloads to my computer! Anyway, I was able to put in lots of miles on this trip. We traveled on to Bass Lake and had a wonderful boat tour and dinner with President Marc Sobel and the board of Oakhurst Sierra. After their lunch meeting the following day, we headed over to Mariposa and enjoyed dinner with their board at President Kris Casto's home and winery. Thursday at 7am found us at their Rotary club, they even sang at 7 am... We went back to Yosemite, a small but very hard working club, for our club visit at the Ahwahnee. Past President and also acting President Jonathan was still seeking some humor. Friday found us back home at Stockton East, a club that was chartered the year my dad was DG (1973-74). How much fun we had seeing so many friends. At the meeting they added one new member and two new PH's.



Final call for the **Membership & Foundation Seminar** Saturday August 15 at Escalon HS. One of our featured speakers is PRIP Cliff Dochterman. Information 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.

Our District **GSE** Team has returned from Brazil and is ready to provide programs to clubs. To schedule one, contact Julia O'Kane, Madera Rotary, okane_j@sbcglobal.net or 559 674 0179.

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.

Join Rotarians from around our District 5220 for a special evening of celebration, Saturday October 24th for the Foundation dinner. This will be one of our premier events - **The Celebration of Giving - Offer Hope**, we promise an evening that you will remember. Our guest Speaker is Rick King, Past International

President. Social hour is from 5 to 6 p.m. followed by dinner, entertainment, and silent auction. The new events center in Tracy is easy to access, a brand new facility we know you will appreciate. \$50 ticket is definitely well spent. Hope to see you there, if you have questions please contact Chairman Marvin Williamson at (209)483-0887 or fax at 209-951-1008 or email Williamson1104@comcast.net. Clubs will be given tickets and information Saturday, August 15 at the Membership/Foundation Seminar.

The 2009-10 Nominating Committee for President of Rotary International in 2011-12 unanimously nominated KALYAN BANERJEE of the Rotary Club of Vapi, Gujarat, India for the office of **President of Rotary International for the year 2011-12.**

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.

I receive some very interesting mail. The latest was from "Da Bell", if you any interest in one bell's adventures <http://rotaryBell.Blogspot.com>

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. If you want to see the promo check out <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Lc9IbeSwWvE>.

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