



Friday August 28, 2009

The **Membership Grant application deadline** is today. Applications must be emailed, faxed or postmarked by August 28. If you fax the application, please call first. If the answering machine picks up on your first call, hang up and send the fax. Information: <http://www.rotary5220.org/Training/membership3.htm>.

District Simplified Grants (DSG) need to be submitted before September 1, 2009. Grant applications can be found at 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.

The week started off really well Saturday with the **GSE team member** interviews for our exchange with New Delhi India. I am pleased to announce that the following team members were selected: David Thompson (Turlock), Michelle Forster (Lodi Tokay), Michael Morris (Sonora 49er) and Carin Cozzi (Modesto Sunrise). Now the preparations begin for team leader Mary Scott and the team members!

We look forward to hearing from both teams at the **District Conference** at Harrah's on beautiful Lake Tahoe April 30-May 2, www.rotary5220.org/Calendar/conf10.htm, \$10 a night discounts are available on hotel rooms at Harrah's/Harvey's until October 31. For the first 50 to register at the hotel there will be a chance to win a two night mid week stay at Harrah's. Check out the promo at www.youtube.com/user/Rotary5220.

Our two and half year old grandson Darren visited for a long weekend and for the second year he joined me for the Stockton Rotary Golf Tournament. We didn't play though he did get to hit a few balls and retrieve some from the sand traps! We took photographs and were chauffeured around in a golf cart by Dave Tygett.

Monday night was the monthly budget and finance meeting in Merced. Tuesday found us back in Merced (North). How nice it was to see some people from my high school days. Wednesday we were in Ripon, we inducted two new members. We laughed as points were awarded to membership groups by President Laurie, extra points were awarded for having a picture of DG Susan, though they might have gotten more if it had been autographed! Thursday we traveled to Dos Palos and 5220's youngest president Emily, granddaughter of PDG Van and Caroline at whose home we had our lunch meeting. What a meal it was garden gazpacho, salami slaw crunch, curried beef, Yukon gold potatoes with shrimp, roasted pineapple and avocado, croissants, creamy rice pudding and plumade! Yes I'm still trying to walk 5 miles a day.



Register now for the **"Foundation Dinner"** October 24, 2009, one of the best social events of the year. Hear the projects and success stories of Rotarians near and far. Enjoy the company of people like you that strive to make their communities and world a better place. RAFFLE! RAFFLE! RAFFLE! Part of the excitement is winning prizes. Your president has the supply of the winning raffle tickets. Buy them and you not only have a great chance of winning prizes but your donation counts toward your Paul Harris Fellowship. So don't be shy-Step up-Sign up! www.rotary5220.org/Calendar/dinner.htm. Questions please call or email Marvin Williamson at 209-483-0887 or williamson1104@comcast.net.

This week's **Rotary Foundation thought** is about how a Matching Grant can make a difference. Fishermen at Atimonan in the Philippines realized that fish populations were decreasing. Working with the Atimonan Rotary Club, it was decided that a Matching Grant could provide some of the funding needed to build an

artificial reef that would serve as fish habitat. Dick Wyatt and the Madera Rotary Club completed a matching grant application with help from several clubs in District 5220. The application was approved by the Rotary Foundation. The fishermen constructed an artificial reef onshore utilizing materials purchased with funds from the grant. Final assembly of the reef was done in the tidal zone adjacent to the beach. You can see an incredible video of this unique project by going to www.rotary5220.org where you can click on the picture of the reef to see the videos, note: you will want to watch both parts 1 and 2. Thank you for your support of the Rotary Foundation which makes projects like this possible.

If you missed our Membership Seminar or you attended and want to learn more, take advantage of a great opportunity in our “back yard.” **Rotary Zone 26** will host a *membership seminar* for northern California Rotarians at the Embassy Suites near San Francisco Airport, Saturday, September 26 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The cost is only \$25.00 and includes continental breakfast, a working lunch and lots of materials. Anyone interested in membership will benefit. To register: www.rotaryzones2526.org, click on “events,” scroll down to “Membership,” and find “seminar north.” Contact: Zone 26 Membership Chair Barbara Risher Welch at brishwelelch@aol.com.

Membership Minute is a monthly newsletter available by e-mail from RI. In it, you will find creative and time-tested ideas for growing your club’s membership, www.rotary.org/en/AboutUs/SiteTools/Search/Pages/ridefault.aspx?k=membership%20minute.

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
January 23	Rotary Trivia Bee SOS Club Modesto
April 30-May 2	District Conference at Harrah’s South Lake Tahoe

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

Club visits: www.rotary5220.org/Calendar Select District Calendar, check District GOV Official Visits.

Most clubs are now 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.

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