



Friday September 4, 2009

Another great start to the week on Saturday at the Interact training in Escalon. What an outstanding group of Interactors and advisors were there for leadership training. Sunday we hosted a welcome party for the New Generations team from Switzerland to Stockton with host families from both Modesto (last week's visit) and Stockton. I also joined the group Monday on a Delta boat tour captained by Lloyd DeBock. What a wonderful group.

Tuesday we visited Stockton Sunrise and presented 5 PHF's. We also had some great Rotary humor and singing! I am sad though to report that their bell was stolen as President Gary posed for a picture after the meeting. The same day we visited North Stockton, a new member was inducted and 3 PHF's were awarded. Then we headed for Sonora Sunrise and a dinner meeting at the home of President Robin. We really enjoyed the hospitality and great views. 7am Wednesday found us at the Sonora Sunrise meeting where they presented 3 new PHF's and 2 multiples. It was nice to see Jim Mosson who led the first international project that Dudley and I participated in on an Indian Reservation outside of Ensenada prior to my joining Rotary. After breakfast, it was back to Stockton and my club's meeting. Thursday night was the Long Range Planning committee meeting at our house. A very full but fun week.



A celebration because we "Offer Hope". That's Right! At the October 24 **Foundation Dinner** we will be recognized for what we give and what we do and what we do is solve world issues involving Health, Hunger, and Humanity. This celebration is not really for us, it is because of us. Your BEING THERE WILL MAKE THE DIFFERENCE. **We promise** –friendship, socializing, a wonderful dinner, raffle prizes, silent auction, entertainment, Rick King Past RI President, and all at a brand new facility in Tracy - St. Bernard's Event Center - 12100 West

Valpico Road. If you are in need more raffle tickets let your Foundation Chair know and we will get them to you right away. The raffle ticket purchase would be a double WHAMMY-WHAMMY – A chance to win gifts and a contribution toward your Paul Harris Fellowship. Questions Marvin Williamson, Foundation Dinner Chair-Williamson1104@comcast.net or 209-483-0887.

The District Membership committee and I were delighted that 38 clubs submitted proposals for **District Membership Grants**. All proposals qualified. The winning clubs are: *Angels Camp Centennial, Angels-Murphys, Arnold, Ceres, Dos Palos, Escalon Sunrise, Galt, Groveland, Livingston, Lodi, Lodi Sunrise, Lodi Tokay, Madera, Madera Sunrise, Manteca, Merced Sunrise, Modesto, Modesto East, Modesto Gateway, Modesto Sunrise, Newman, North Merced, Oakdale, Oakhurst Sierra, Patterson, Ripon, Riverbank, Salida, Sonora, Sonora 49er, Sonora Sunrise, Stockton, Stockton Delta, Stockton Sunrise, Tracy Sunrise, Turlock, Twain Harte, and Yosemite*. Two letters will be send, one that will notify each club that they have been selected and a follow-up letter when the final amount of the awards are determined by the Budget and Finance Committee at their September meeting.

Join us for 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.

This week's ***Rotary Foundation thought*** is about the Annual Programs Fund. The Annual Programs Fund is the primary source of unrestricted support for the programs of the Rotary Foundation. It funds programs in more than 160 countries on seven continents. From digging clean water wells for villages in Uganda to creating a vocational training center for orphan children in Romania to supplying school dictionaries in Ceres, during any given moment in a day, thousands of Rotarians volunteer their time and expertise to ensure that all contributions given to the Annual Programs Fund are spent wisely on quality Rotary projects. Only if Every Rotarian makes a gift to the Annual Programs Fund Every Year, will we will be able to continue to do the great work of our Rotary Foundation. Remember that all the funds from selling your raffle tickets for our Rotary Foundation Dinner make projects like this possible.

September is ***New Generations Month***, when Rotary celebrates its commitment to youth and young adult programs, including Interact, Rotaract, RYLA, and Rotary Youth Exchange. During this time, Rotary clubs and their New Generations programs are encouraged to focus on youth issues and undertake projects benefiting young adults around the world.

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.

Make a note of these dates! More information on the District website calendar.

November 15 District 5220 at the Stockton Thunder ice hockey game
January 23 Rotary Trivia Bee SOS Club Modesto

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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