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ROTARY DISTRICT 5220 FRIDAY FACTS
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New Members

Angels Camp Centennial: David Barnes (sponsor, Robert Henkel)
 Gilbert Valtierra (sponsor, Jay Quick)
 Stockton Sunrise: Larry Ripley
 Stockton: Julie Damrow (sponsor, Susan Drake)
 Frank Dutton (sponsor, Dan Thompson)
 Modesto Rotary: Margaret Randazzo (sponsor, Jeff Cowan)

Visitations

What a great journey Betsy and I have been on. We have visited 52 clubs with only 3 remaining. We will actually be sad when this part of our year is over. We are firmly convinced that District 5220 is one of the best districts in the world. The people we have met have been so generous in the giving of their time and their resources. We have seen the great works of even the very small clubs, and it is remarkable the impact that our Rotary clubs are making on our communities and the world. All of this has made a profound effect on us. We had a particularly emotional visitation this past Friday at our home club, Merced Sunrise.

Merced Sunrise, held a dinner hosted by Club President, Tim O'Neill, at his and Marilyn's home. It was great to spend time with the members and spouses, and Betsy and I felt honored by the very special treatment. As one of two remaining charter members, I cherish my experiences with the club. I am proud to represent them, and I am grateful for the support they have demonstrated. This is their 17th year for "Running of the Roses". While it raises funds by selling roses, the members take pride in delivering roses to all patients in our convalescent homes and those people in the "Meals on Wheels Program". Through this and the Shrimp Feed fundraiser, they have been able to have a water project in Honduras, and they recently applied for a Matching Grant with other Area 8 clubs to provide generators in Nicaragua. They also plan on placing a Rotary bench at UC Merced and Merced College.

Manteca Morning, under the leadership of President Steven Stroud, holds two major fundraisers, a Golf Tournament and a Crab Feed. They use these monies to provide a CAPS barbeque for special needs people, remodeling and furnishing Hope Family Shelter for homeless women and children, and supporting literacy through donations to the Library and "Read-ins". They have also had an international water project and continue to provide for the Puerto Pinasco Project in Mexico by providing medical and sports equipment, and schoolbooks. Youth

especially benefit from their activities in Camp RYLA and (8) \$500.00 scholarships at the community college level.

[Family of Rotary](#)

Another tradition that we have seen in our clubs is that of supporting one another in their efforts. This was evident this past weekend at the Riverbank Wine and Cheese Festival. With the almost overwhelming task of putting on such a huge event for the first time, Rotarians from around the District came to Riverbank Rotary Club's assistance. We were able to see first-hand, the power of many hands. It was clear to us that partnering is just another quality of Rotary that is so meaningful. Riverbank Rotary Club and the clubs that offered their help, Escalon Sunrise, Salida, Ceres, Merced Sunrise, Modesto Gateway, Modesto and Oakdale Rotary Clubs should be congratulated on their hard work and their very successful event.

[Coming Events](#)

October 28,29,30,and 31 Madera Sunrise Rotary/Madera Interact Haunted House 801 Pine St., Madera

Christy Concrete has donated a warehouse building for this function. Members and Interactors have been working MANY hours to create a Haunted HOSPITAL. Starting on October 28, tour guides will lead guests through the Emergency Waiting Room, Triage, X-ray, Patient Room, Laboratory, Psych Room, Rehab, Surgery, and the climax of the tour, the Morgue. (Sounds very scary to me!). After the tour, the guest will then vote for their favorite room. Great fun for your family.

Saturday, November 18 District Foundation Dinner UC Merced

Under the fantastic leadership of Liz Hosmer, we will have tours of the campus, great entertainment, a silent auction, the presentation of Paul Harris' and the Citizen of the Year awards, and food catered by Fernando's Bistro. Don't forget that the purchase of raffle tickets and your silent auction purchases are applied toward your Paul Harris, and you may win a trip to Hawaii. The Paul Harris Society will be having a champagne reception to honor the new and continuing members. Dress will be business attire.

Please keep in mind that the deadline for the early registration rates for the District Conference at Harrah's/Harvey's, South Lake Tahoe, May 4-6 will end November 3. Go to [District 5220.org](http://District5220.org) to register for the conference and to get the password for the hotel registration.

[Announcement of Simplified Grant Recipients](#)

The following Simplified Grant applications were approved for funding:

CLUB

PROJECT

1. Patterson

Build welcoming sign to the city of Patterson. (\$4800)

2. Madera Rotary Park mural sign visual from Hwy 99. (\$23,450)
3. Stockton Sunrise Purchase shoes for foster children in San Joaquin County. (\$1000)
4. Groveland Purchase new Jaws of Life power supply unit for Groveland Fire Department. (\$3500)
5. Riverbank Jacob Myers Park, renovation: Picnic tables, BBQ, trees. fencing. (\$1600)
6. Tracy Sunrise Tracy Interfaith Ministries (TIM). New building: provide furniture, desks, computers. (\$11,949)
7. Escalon Sunrise Haven of Peace Shelter for battered women and children in San Joaquin County. Playground equipment. (\$1250)
8. Merced Sunrise Park benches for UC Merced and Merced College campuses. (\$2000)
9. Ceres Dictionaries for 3rd grade students in 3 schools. (\$1160)
10. Yosemite Split rail fence in a camping area in El Portal. It is a security aid for children. (\$1500)
11. Modesto Build a new high jump pit at Hughson Jr. High School (\$2399)
12. North Stockton Literacy project at Village Oaks School. They have started Accelerated Reader for K-6 grades. Buy books for the project. (\$2000)
13. Oakdale Purchase a bronze statue (mustang) for new football stadium at Oakdale H.S. (\$11,800)
14. Sonora A 30 minute DVD: History of the Sonora area. It would be available to clubs, schools, and community. (\$1000)
15. Ripon Literacy project for a new school, Parkview School, K-4 grades. Purchase books and software. (\$1000)
16. Los Banos New Los Banos campus of Merced College. Purchase trees, etc. PDG Joe Cox involved. (\$6000)
17. Oakhurst Sierra Build a BBQ in Community Park by the Pavilion that was their Centennial Project. (\$2200)
18. Sonora Sunrise Sonora Art Trials: Self-guided tour of 24 artists studios and workshops. (\$7,100)
19. Merced Literacy project for Tenaya Middle School to improve test scores among disadvantaged students. (\$1000)

Twenty-one clubs submitted 27 applications. The total District Simplified Grants total \$17,148.00. Fifteen thousand comes from the DSG monies, the remainder was funded through Budget and Finance. Congratulations to all the clubs for their excellent projects.

