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To: Assistant Governors, District Leadership Team,
Presidents, Secretaries, ICO's
District Committee Chairs, PDGs, District Rotarians
From: Mark Oliver, District Governor
Subject: Weekly District Update



Rotary District 5220 "Friday Facts"

ROTARY DISTRICT 5220 FRIDAY FACTS

Friday Facts Feb. 24

Reminder to Clubs

In an earlier email I asked clubs to send pictures of club activities/projects to Carol Kennedy to be used on table decorations at our District Conference. We need pictures about 4" X 6" and anywhere from 8 to 10 from each club.

Welcome New Members

Please welcome to our Rotary family, the newest District 5220 Rotarians:
James Christofferson, North Modesto Rotary, sponsored by Randy Siefkin
Karl Jepson, North Modesto Rotary, sponsored by Gary Kirkpatrick
Chris Elswick, Riverbank Rotary

Past Officers Reunion

I attended my first Past Officers Reunion on Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday of this week. It was designed to keep past RI officers updated on what is going on in Rotary. This is the first year I qualified to go as DG, also from our District was PRID Jerry Barden and Diana, PDG Gordon Kennedy and Carol, and PDG Phyllis Nusz. We had the pleasure to hear from President Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar, RIPE William Boyd, RIPN Wilf Wilkinson, and General Secretary Ed Futa. The POR is held near and at the same time as the International Assembly (mandatory training for all Governors Elect) in order to tap our leaders involved in the Assembly. I came away with renewed confidence in the continuity of our great organization.

Loss in our Rotary Family

It was reported to me that PDG Joe Blanchard has passed away. Joe and Liz were both members of Stockton Rotary. And Joe was a past member of Manteca Rotary. Joe was 94 years old, and retired as President of Delta College in Stockton. Our sympathy goes out to Joe's family and friends.

TRF Permanent Fund

This report from Permanent Fund chair Jim Woodward, Stockton Rotary.
PERMANENT FUND DONOR RECOGNITION 2005 SEMI ANNUAL
BENEFACTOR REPORT, Every year Rotarians donate millions of dollars to The Rotary Foundation Permanent Fund that serves as an endowment, guaranteeing that the Foundation's work toward International Understanding and Peace will continue for decades to come. Becoming a Benefactor is a very important Rotary Foundation support step to take.

The Rotary Foundation 2005 Semi Annual Benefactor Report shows a total of 64 participants in 20 clubs of District 5220. The Foundation Benefactor Coordinator has asked each club to review and report any discrepancies. A copy of the report will be sent to Club Presidents for review and corrections if necessary.

[Report from Honduras](#)

Team leader Anita Hellam reports the team is just finishing their first week of a four week trip. They spent a few days in San Pedro Sula, and are now in Trujillo on the North coast. The survivors of two wrecked slave ships and the indigenous people of the coast settled this area. The team members are, Boris Marroquin, Debra Amarante, Kristen Shive, and Sonia Garcia.

[Four Way Test Speech Contest](#)

This contest is for Rotarians, and the contest should have been scheduled by now. Area contests should be held between Mar 1, and March 15. The final will be April 8th after the nominating committee meeting (time and location to follow). The District winner will give his/her speech at the District Conference. The person in charge is Stockton East Rotarian Marc Jantzen, chair of the District Four Way Test Committee. Marc's contact information is phone 209-239-1400 or mmacmar01@aol.com please email Marc and let him know if your club is participating.

[Flag Ceremony](#)

One of the impressive things we have at the District Conference is the flag ceremony, where we march in with the flags of the 70 plus countries we have had either a project or an exchange with. This year we will combine the introduction of the Club Presidents and Presidents Elect with our flag ceremony. DGE Bob Hobbs and I will be introducing them, and the country represented by the flag they will carry.

[Rotary Pride](#)

March 1 is the deadline to submit a note to Diana Barden, Rotary Pride Chair, nominating your club or an individual who exemplify "Rotary Pride". Saturday, April 29, will be Rotary Pride Day at the District 5220 District Conference. A day to wear club shirts, hats, aprons, pins, etc., and that night, at the Governor's Ball, Diana and I will recognize an individual and a club who best shows Rotary Pride. The notes, or email received will also serve to select some Club Presidents to give their Rotary Pride moment from the podium at the District Conference. Send nominations to Diana at P O Box 1208, Madera CA 93639 or email jerrybarden@comcast.net.

[District Governor Nominee](#)

The nominating committee to select the District Governor for the 2008-09 Rotary year will meet on April 8, 2006. Now is time for clubs to look at their club leaders and encourage them to step forward. The candidates will need to have served a full term as Club President, been a Rotarian for 7 years, and been active at the Club and District level. Nominations will need to be endorsed by a Club in the District. Applications need to be sent to me by March 8, to qualify as a candidate.

With Rotary Pride,
[Mark Oliver](#), District Governor