



SERVICE Above Self

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Rotary District 5220 "Friday Facts"

ROTARY DISTRICT 5220 FRIDAY FACTS

Friday Facts, March 3

District Conference

This year's District Conference is fast approaching, April 28-30, and it is shaping up to be a great event. Besides the fun of our 17 hospitality suites and the great fellowship, we have the following:

RI President's Representative PRIVP Frank C. Collins, Jr. and Celia from Hartford, CT. Frank is not only a past RI Vice President, he currently serves as an RI Representative to the United Nations, as well is on the committee to monitor Rotary E-Clubs. What an opportunity to learn new things about Rotary.

Dan Miller and Judy, from Oregon is a polio victim who has not let this crippling disease stop him. You will hear his inspiring story to kickoff our session on Saturday morning.

Friday features a brief opening session and then a 5-hour tour of beautiful Yosemite Valley, complete with a box lunch and a tour guide. The group will return to the Tenaya Lodge to the dueling hospitality suites, and then a Mexican buffet with a mariachi band.

RI Director Jerry Hall and Tasha from Reno, Nevada will be with us for the entire conference and you will hear him a couple of times during the conference.

Saturday will see the Club Presidents and Presidents-elect help with the very impressive flag ceremony. After the flag ceremony, we will honor Rotarians who are also veterans, they will be asked to stand and be presented a special pin. Our annual business meeting will address some serious questions and all clubs should be represented.

President Liz Hosmer of Ceres Rotary and ADG Doug Scott of Arnold Rotary are in charge of our awards ceremony on Saturday afternoon. With these two dynamos working on it, you know we will have a great one.

A Black Tie optional Governor's Ball will be Saturday night, and will feature Rotary Pride awards for an individual and a club. We will have a dance with a live band.

On Sunday morning, we will be remembering District 5220 Rotarians who have passed away during this Rotary year. PDG Dorothy Bizzini of Atwater Rotary will be in charge and if your club had deaths of Rotarians please contact her and give her the information.

For those not yet registered, go to www.rotary5220.org and download the form from the home page. See you at the District Conference.

[Salida Rotary](#)

Salida Rotary is the first club in the District to complete and submit the form for a Presidential Citation. RI President Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar wants to recognize effective Rotary Clubs who meet the criteria, which virtually all of District 5220 Clubs would do. The Presidential Citation form for applying can be downloaded from the www.rotary.org website under 2005-2006 materials. The completed form should be sent to me for signature.

[Columbia Matching Grant](#)

I received a challenging International Service Project from the Rotary Club of Bogotá-Chico, Columbia, D4290 when I was in Ecuador in January. The club is looking for a primary sponsor of a mobile dental clinic. The dental chair will be mounted on a truck. All of the dental equipment will be a permanent part of the unit too. Any D5220 Rotary Club interested in this matching grant project should contact Mel Hansen for details.

The deadline for submitting matching grants to the Foundation Staff is March 31, 2006. This is very critical if your club is planning on being the primary contact for a matching grant this Rotary Year.

There are several D5220 Clubs looking for additional financial support for their matching grants. If your Club is interested in being a contributor this Rotary year, contact Mel, our Grants Chair, for more information.

[2006 PETS](#)

As you receive this week's Friday Facts, 2006 PETS will be kicking off in San Jose. DGE Bob Hobbs along with the other 8 DGEs of Far West PETS will be welcoming their Presidents-elect. DGE Bob will be responsible for this great training session. What makes Rotary special is the required training to assume leadership roles. Our organization is far ahead of any other volunteer organization that I know of. The Clubs' Presidents- elect should come back to the clubs with a new sense of "Rotary Pride".

[Awards Binders](#)

Yesterday was the first day of the 2006-07 awards period for District 5220 Rotary Clubs. The 2005-2006 binders should be completed and sent to PDG Phyllis Nusz. Phyllis and her committee will select the best of the clubs in the District based on what is in the awards binders. I will be doing awards for 2006-2007 Governor Bob Hobbs. His awards binders will be judged for the period Mar. 1, 2006 to Feb. 28, 2007.

With Rotary Pride,

[Mark Oliver](#), District Governor