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To: Assistant Governors, District Leadership Team, Presidents, Secretaries, ICO's
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ROTARY DISTRICT 5220 FRIDAY FACTS
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DISTRICT 5220 ROTARIANS MOURN THE LOSS OF
LEILA KEMPLEN

We continue to be stunned by the tragedy experienced by the family of Don Kemplen, a member of the Modesto East Rotary Club. For those of you who are not aware of this very sad situation, on Tuesday, May 8th, a fire destroyed Don's home. While Don and his wife, Hope, as well as their 15 year old daughter, Jessica, their 12 year old daughter, Savannah, and their 7 year old son, Alex, were able to escape their burning home, their 6 year old daughter, Leila, was not. As we struggle to know how to help this family cope with their loss, there is a reality that we must accept: We cannot eliminate the pain of losing Leila, but we can provide the Kemplens with some material help. Essentially, they have lost everything, and their needs are great. Please consider donating the following items:

- Money. A fund has been established for the support of the Kemplen family. Make checks payable to: Modesto East Rotary Foundation, Inc. Insert a notation on the check: Leila Kemplen Memorial Fund Mail check to: Oak Valley Community Bank 1200 I Street, Suite 3 Modesto, CA 95354
• Furniture (Mike Keckler has offered a warehouse to store these donations)
• Household goods
• Clothing (sizes are as follows): Don— XXXL shirt size; size 13 shoe; unsure of pant size— Really needs work clothes; socks, and shoes – a \$500 donation at Huffman's Big & Tall in Modesto gets \$575 worth of clothing for Don Hope—Large Ladies tops; size 12 (average) pants Jessica (age 15)—size 12 ladies pants (tall and baggy fit); medium or large ladies tops; size 10 shoes (needs sandals); blue is her favorite color Savannah (age 12)—size 14 ladies pants (tall); large-X large ladies tops; Size 10-11 shoes Alex (age 7)—pants boys small/7-8; shirt size 8; shoe size 2; likes Thomas the Train

- Housing. Currently the family is staying with Ron and Vicki Ehrke, but they need more permanent quarters. If you know of a rental house in the Modesto/Ceres area, with at least 3 bedrooms, please contact ADG Area 6 & fellow Modesto East Rotarian Patty Lea (209) 380-1418 or Ohwael@sbcglobal.net . It is hoped that this will bring them some stability.

A service has been planned for Monday, May 14th, at 10:30a.m. at Shelter Cove Church, 9th & H, downtown Modesto.

A reception will immediately follow at Robert Farrace's Office, 2360 Scenic Dr. (across from Bethel Church).

Just 5 days ago at our District Conference, we were enjoying the wonderful video of Paul Harris that Don created to be enjoyed by Rotarians. We were happy to hear that the President of Rotary International, Bill Boyd, had called and asked to show it at the International Convention in Salt Lake City in June. We were so pleased for Don to receive this great honor for his work. How quickly life's circumstances can change, and our emotions with them. We are reminded of the fragility of life as we now try to make some sense of this heartbreaking event. We will continue to hold Don, Hope, Jessica, Savannah, and Alex in our thoughts and prayers.

Friday Facts will return next week with announcements of events, new members, etc.