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ROTARY DISTRICT 5220 FRIDAY FACTS
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The Generosity of Rotarians

The generosity of Rotarians is demonstrated time and time again. Most recently, the spirit of District 5220 was confirmed as members donated to the family of Don Kempen who had recently lost their daughter Leila and their home to a fire. The Leila Kempen Memorial Fund through Modesto East Rotary Foundation is the vehicle through which future donations can be made.

A new need expressed by the Kempen family is the following:

It appears that it is Don's responsibility to get their mobile home removed from the site. He is asking if anyone knows anyone that does this or has any clue about how to do it. Please contact Patty Lea if you have any information: (209) 380-1418.

We were truly humbled recently at our District Conference when many Rotarians came together to change the life of our 8-year old grandson, Harrison. In our introduction of our family, I mentioned that Harrison was in the process of collecting money to build a house in Haiti for the less fortunate. He had thus far collected \$800 from the families at his school. The following comment was that he would make a great Rotarian some day. Well, after Harrison sat down members from the Twain Harte Club came over with approximately \$200 collected from their table for Harrison's cause. And that was just the beginning. President Elect, Jim Goodrich of the Groveland Club took his big hat, and with Harrison in tow, went to each table for donations. These amazing Rotarians donated \$4300 on the spot. Needless to say, we were stunned, as were Harrison and his parents. This is an e-mail that Harrison sent to us for all these generous Rotarians: "Thanks to everyone for donating to Haiti. You were a big help. I will be sending a picture of the house. We raised \$4300. It allows us to #1 build a house, #2 it will give them a fresh water pump, and #3 we will be able to sponsor two families. Thank you all and God bless you. From, Harrison Hobbs". His parents have added the following note: "Unbelievable! I don't know any other way to say it. What a great weekend! Jen and I would like to thank all that donated to Harrison's fundraiser. You truly made a young boy's dream come true! He now truly understands what Rotary is all about! If you are interested in more information on Haiti, you can find it at www.crosscatholic.org. Thank you! Jen and Steve Hobbs" We can only add our own "thank-you" to this wonderful group of people.

New Members

Oakdale: Donald Verkuyl (sponsor, Dr. Cal Cadmus)
Marty West (sponsor, Bob H. Brunker)

Chad Tienken (sponsor, Bob G. Brunker)

Riverbank: Tim Beck (sponsor, Albert Veldstra)
Max Melendez (sponsor, John Lust)

[Paul Harris Fellows](#)

District 5220 has had over 200 new Paul Harris Fellows since the Foundation Dinner in November. That is a wonderful accomplishment.

[Announcements](#)

Jim Glotfelty of Tracy Rotary has completed 59 years of perfect attendance as of May 8, 2007. Congratulations!

Salida Rotary moved May 4, 2007. The new location is: Holiday Inn Express Hotel and Suites, 4300 Bangs Ave., Modesto, CA. (Corner of Sisk Rd. next to "Boomers"). Their meeting is 6:45a.m., Fridays.

[District Conference Thanks](#)

The District Conference that took place May 4-6 at Harrah's at Lake Tahoe was a great success due to the work of many people. The Chairs for this event were Don and Donna Murphy from Salida Rotary. They had an innovative concept of having "producers" in charge of each session. The benefit was that at the end of their particular session, the producer's responsibility was over, and they could enjoy the remainder of the conference. The producers did an amazing job. These very talented Rotarians are: Jan Mendenhall, David Studley, Marv Williamson, Liz Hosmer, Carol Kennedy, Dave Tygett, Dave Olsen, Phyllis Nusz, Diana Barden, and Patty Lea. Many people have made positive comments about the conference. It was very complimentary to hear from the Past Presidents of Rotary International, Cliff Dochterman and our President's Representative, Raja Saboo. Needless to say, they have attended many conferences. They both reported that this was one of the best they had ever been too—a great combination of substance and fun. The speakers were very inspirational, and people had an opportunity to socialize with their fellow Rotarians. Thanks go to the clubs for their hard work in creating a fantastic tailgate party. We appreciate all the wonderful food and drink you provided. We also want to thank all the producers; Bill Camp for the printed program; Jordon Freitas, Bill Nunes, Brian Bizzini, and Carol Kennedy for being our Sergeants-at-Arms; Lynda Stagno for registration; Susan Mendieta for publicity; Rob Beasley for photography; Hank Strength for raffle; Jan Moore for club displays; Carin Smalley for table decorations; and everyone else who was involved in the many details of putting on this conference. It took many people to create such an incredible event. A special "thank-you" to Don and Donna and all the Rotarians that came to Lake Tahoe to share in this memorable weekend. We will report on the club awards and other details in the next issue of Rotary Times. We will also reveal the identity of the Rotary Cheerleaders.

Coming Events

Date	Club	Event	Location
May 18 (Friday)	Ripon	Ripon Evening of Vines and Easels 6-9 p.m. \$35/person	
May 18 (Friday)	Sonora	Texas Hold'em Poker Tournament \$60 includes beer, wine, dinner, chips. 7:30 p.m. Great prizes! Barbara Falk 586-3757, Brad Woodington 586-1363	Willow Springs Clubhouse 20522 Willow Springs Dr. Soulsbyville
May 19 (Saturday)	Modesto Gateway	Ultimate Tailgate Party—Modesto Nuts vs. Lake Ellsinore Storm Tri-Tip & Chicken BBQ Dinner 5-7 Game 7:05 Adults \$20/Child \$10	John Thurman Field
May 23 (Wednesday)	Merced	Annual Western Memorial Barbeque 6:00p.m. No-host drinks, dinner 7p.m. \$35/person Tickets: 383-5056	Lake Yosemite Rotary Cove #1
June 1 (Friday)	Stockton Sunrise	22 nd Annual Wine Tasting—Wine, Food, and Jazz. Nancy Slatten 931-4009	1334 Gillis Rd.
June 8 (Friday) 1-5p.m. and June 9 (Saturday) 9a.m.-3p.m.	Sonora Sunrise	Free Electronics Waste Recycling Event for benefit of the Teen Suicide Prevention and Awareness Jim Cherry 532-0052	Mother Lode Fairgrounds
June 9 (Saturday)	Modesto North	Canyon Classic Century Bike Ride	
June 10* (Sunday) *This is a correction	Mariposa	Fine Art and Wine Festival—15 Wineries, 30 Sierra Foothill artists, specialty barbeque, tasting of olive oils and organic breads.	
June 9 (Saturday) and June 10 (Sunday)	Lodi Sunrise	5 th Annual American Cancer Society Lodi Relay for Life. A 24-hour event beginning at 10:00 a.m. Make check out to: American Cancer Society—Lodi Relay	Lodi Grape Festival Site * Put Mike Sinclair on the memo line.