



SERVICE Above Self

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From: Mark Oliver, District Governor
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Rotary District 5220 "Friday Facts"

ROTARY DISTRICT 5220 FRIDAY FACTS

Friday Facts, May 26

Complete Your DSG

For the last three Rotary years, we have been able to use 20% of our District Designated Funds from The Rotary Foundation for District Simplified Grants to clubs to help even with a local community projects. We will not receive funds during DGE Bob Hobbs year if we don't get our final reports to Mel Hansen, so he can send to The Rotary Foundation. If your club received a grant this year, please get the final report completed and to Mel Hansen, and let's not hold up the money for next Rotary year. Let's show we have pride in the people replacing us and make their year easier.

Transitional Cabinet Meeting

Saturday June 3, we will have our transitional cabinet meeting with this year's leadership, as well as DGE Bob Hobb's team. It will be at 8 AM at the Salida Firehouse, and should conclude by noon. Any Rotarian in the District is welcome to come hear the great things happening in District 5220.

Group Study Exchange

Next year's GSE chair Terri Amerio-Bell has advised me that our next exchange will be with District 2520 in Japan. Interviews are scheduled for August, and now is the time for the clubs and Rotarians to start thinking of possible candidates for Team Leader and Team Members. The team leader should be an experienced Rotarian, young enough to stay up with a rigorous schedule. The four team members should be 25-40 years old, and not directly related to a Rotarian. Applications can be downloaded from the www.rotary.org website under Foundation programs.

Wheelchairs to Ecuador

PDG Bob Bitter is planning to take a container of wheelchairs to Ecuador November 5 to 13. About 30 people from District 5220 went with Bob to distribute a container of wheelchairs in Honduras this past January. More information about the trip will be coming. We need clubs to step up and make a donation for this new shipment of wheelchairs. They can send their donations to Rotary District 5220.

Merced Rotary

President John Price has informed me that his club had their first ever Educator of the year award program. The special luncheon, at their regular meeting, had great coverage from the Merced Sun-Star. I am proud of President John and Merced Rotary.

Youthact Lauded

Our webmaster received the following from John Challender, Rotarian from D5020; Just a note to congratulate the Rotarians who started and are maintaining support to Youthact and for the online Youthact Handbook. Our Club Cumberland Centennial, D5020 will be starting the first Youthact club in our District in September. It will be school based.

Another middle school is also very interested, so we might see two before we know it. I am proud of Sherri Reusche, and Judy Lovett for their work on Youthact.

Friday Facts Last Installment

June 2 Friday Facts will be the last one that I will be doing. I am leaving for Europe on June 3 and won't be back until the end of June. DGE Bob Hobbs will be starting his Friday Facts the first Friday in July. If any club has a Rotary Pride moment they want to share, send them to me for inclusion in the last two Friday Facts. Send to marko5220@yahoo.com and I will do my best to make sure people know how proud you are.

With Rotary Pride,

Mark Oliver, District Governor