

## **The Interacter—The Newsletter of District 5220      June, 2005**

Note: The Interacter is under new editorship, but District Chairperson Dave Mantooth is still looking for an individual or club to take over this responsibility on an ongoing basis. The format will change for the short-term and be more along the lines of the Rotary District 5220 Friday Facts. Our appreciation to Kelly McNulty-Adjetey for all of her efforts over the years in making The Interacter a world-known publication.

### **District Advisor's Meeting/June 8 in Modesto**

Thanks again to Kelly and the Modesto Interact for hosting our bi-monthly District Advisors' Meeting. We know there are a lot of conflicts this time of year, but for those of you unable to attend, you missed a fabulous meal prepared by Kelly and the rains held off so that we had a pleasant evening outdoors. We ended up with close to 30 advisors, Rotarians, and students representing seven different Interact clubs and including three of our recently-elected District Officers.

Key Items discussed at the meeting included:

- 1) Financial report—After District Leadership Conference expenses and putting down a \$450 deposit for Camp Sylvester for next fall's district conference, our current balance in the Rotary District 5220 account is \$2423.73, well on the way to meeting the long-term financial plan goal of \$3000 we set to attain by June, 2007.
- 2) Critique of Leadership Conference—There was a general consensus that the goals of the conference were met and that students had a good time. The only suggestions were to let students know about the type of games in advance so that proper footwear could be worn and that the previous site at El Portal Middle School in Escalon made it a little bit easier for grouping students.
- 3) 2005-06 Schedule—The timing of advisor meetings and the rotation of meetings between clubs was discussed. It was decided to maintain the schedule followed this year with bi-monthly meetings (or close to it) on Wednesdays at rotating sites. The following dates were proposed, discussed and accepted for next year (note that some have moved up a bit to accommodate the fact that October is filled with Halloween-project activities and March is filled with planning for trips to Mexico):
  - August 10—to be hosted by Manteca Interact
  - September 28—to be hosted by Madera Interact
  - November 12-13—District Conference at Camp Sylvester
  - January 11
  - March 8
  - May 6 or 13    Spring Leadership Conference
  - June 11--TBD

4) 2005 District Conference---Mark your calendars for the weekend of November 12-13 for the Interact District Conference at Camp Sylvester near Pinecrest. This is an over-nighter and we expect the cost to be in the neighborhood of what it was last year which was \$40. Suggestions were made regarding activities and speakers and individuals were invited to send Dave any suggestions regarding speakers and topics (thanks to Paul Van Konynenburt of Modesto Christian Interact who already has).

5) Sharing of ideas—A variety of programs were discussed. Modesto Interact is looking into the possibility of doing an overnight stay at the Heifer Project site in Ceres in September/October and will invite other clubs. InvisibleChildren.com was given as a site discussing many of the side issues regarding hunger and poverty involving the Sudan Civil War. Escalon Interact did a recent trip to Santa Cruz for a beach clean-up and fun day on the boardwalk. Beach clean-ups are held on the first Saturday of every month somewhere in the Santa Cruz area—check out [www.surfridersantacruz.org/events](http://www.surfridersantacruz.org/events) for more information.

### **Spring Leadership Conference at Escalon High School—May 14**

Thanks to Escalon Interact for hosting the Spring Leadership Conference in their new performing arts center/cafeteria/library building and to Escalon Sunrise Rotary for cooking lunch for the conference attendees. We had over 60 attendees representing 12 district clubs. Hats off to district officers John-David Brown, Courteney Price, Melissa Alley, Erica Reed and Samantha Aviles for planning and conducting the sessions and to advisors John Bliss, Mel Hansen, Pam Moreno, Karen Weimer, and Dave Mantooth for conducting the break-out sessions. Thanks also to all the advisors who helped with the games.

The program for the day included several introductory activities, presentations by DGE Mark Oliver on Rotary and Brian Bizzini on Project Hope/TEMAK (thanks to Mark and Brian for taking time from their busy schedule to speak to our students), games with multi-club groups, break-out sessions by incoming officer designation, brainstorming and sharing of ideas in the various areas of service, and the nomination and election of district officers for 2005-06.

Congratulations to all of the students who were nominated for district offices and who made presentations. Our officers for next year include:

Governor—Jenna Martin, Escalon  
Lieutenant Governor—Ryan Brady, Central Catholic  
Secretary—Adriane Machado, Los Banos  
Treasurer—Tomas Moreno, Modesto

## **Club Updates**

Oakdale—This is the first entry for our newest club in the district at Oakdale High School. The formation of this club has been a joint project of Oakdale Rotary (President Ron Bordona) and Oakdale Sunrise Rotary (President Debbie Majors). Rotary advisor is Dave Smith and faculty advisors at Oakdale High are John Arsenio and Lorne Tanis. The club, just formed in March/April already has about 15 members, has elected officers for next year, had members attend the Spring Leadership Conference and the District Advisors' Meeting, and have two projects going in June—helping with a swim meet in Oakdale the weekend of June 11-12 and assisting the Oakdale Sunrise club with an antique show later in June. Officers for the upcoming year include: Mehul Mistry—President, Johnny Alvarez—Vice President, Elizabeth Martinez—Treasurer, Jacob DeBoer—Secretary, Mohini Mistry and Brenna Jones—Publicist, and Kim Warner—Journalist. Congratulations to Oakdale on a great start; we look forward to working with the new club in the future.

Madera—Melissa Alley, who served as a district officer this past year, will be president of Madera Interact for the 2005-06 school year. The club had a Demotion Night on June 6 where new officers were installed and the old kicked out; a BBQ dinner and swimming were part of the evening's fun. New Board training will be spread over the summer with two nighttime training/goal setting sessions and a long Sunday session as the first board meeting of the year. The names of prospective freshman members are being collected by board members after visits to Madera schools with 8<sup>th</sup> grades and talking with staff. A letter will be sent to invite them to a special freshman orientation meeting to be held in August for parents and students.

Escalon—Escalon Interactors finished off the year with a trip to an A's baseball game in conjunction with Escalon Sunrise Rotary members (helping the A's break an 8-game losing streak at the time), the final monthly visit to Country View Manor where all the residents were presented with "May Flowers," a voter registration drive in senior Economics and Civics classes where 59 seniors were registered to vote in either San Joaquin or Stanislaus counties, and the before-mentioned Beach Clean-up trip to Capitola Beach in Santa Cruz followed by a day on the Boardwalk. Next year's officers have already met twice to begin planning for next year with a major new project hoping to be a Halloween Carnival in conjunction with local businesses. The officer group has also caught the "Flamingo Craze" after hearing about this potential fundraiser at the leadership conference. Officers include: Jenna Martin—President, Holly Pinheiro—Vice-President, Arlene Alvarado—Secretary, Tyler Head—Treasurer, Matt Robinson—Fundraising, Stephanie Dunbar—Club Service, Rachelle Yates and Brandt Rocha—Community Service, and Brittany Reichmuth—International Service.

District Club Projects—Congratulations to the Interact Clubs who participated in the District 5220 100 Things Project (chaired by our own Kelly), including Escalon Interact (notebooks, soap and toothbrushes), Lincoln Interact (dental care kits), Modesto Interact (games, t-shirts, personal hygiene kits, playing balls, dental care kits, and soccer balls), Tracy Interact (coloring books and crayons), Edison Interact (100 packets of seeds), and Tokay Interact (blankets). Congratulations to all of the clubs in the district who made

pledges for the Rotary Polio Eradication effort and carried them out; based on announcements at the Leadership Conference and other sources, district clubs collected over \$9000 during the past year using a wide variety of fundraising efforts. Great Job Interactors!!!!

Thanks to DGE Mark Oliver who invited Interactors to his District Assembly held in Stockton in mid-May. There were representatives from Edison, IGCG, Madera, Modesto, Orestimba, and Stagg Interact Clubs (my apologies if I left anyone out, but I was doing this one from memory).

### **Newsletter Stuff**

Just a reminder to get your information in so we can share it with all the clubs in the District. Remember, some of the best ideas you will ever see will come from other clubs.

I will follow Kelly's format of setting a deadline towards the end of a month so that "The Interactor" can be published at the beginning of each month. The next publication will be September, 2005 and the deadline to get information to Dave will be August 24.

Coming under separate cover is my current list of Interact contacts in District 5220. Please review for accuracy and let me know of changes as they occur—I know the beginning of the year will bring some of those. Note: I do most of my contacting by e-mail; if you are an individual who has e-mail and who does not read it on a regular basis, please let me know what is the best way to contact you. When I send e-mails, I make the assumption that they will be read in the next 2-3 days unless you are out of town.

It will be my intent to send "The Interactor" out through e-mail and to post it on the District 5220 website. If you need it sent to you in some different format (fax or mail), please let me know.

As always, if you need any help or have suggestions for improving the Interact Program in District 5220, please feel free to contact me at any of the following:

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