



## Governor Dick's Drivel for July and August

Editor's note—title is Dick's, not mine!

**The past governors** have always told us that the best part of the job is making club visits and now we know why. As of August 3<sup>rd</sup> we have made fifteen visitations and each one was great. Every club is doing projects that make things better. Sometimes they are doing so much that they forget to tell us all they are working on. The Rotarians and spouses we've met are friendly and interesting. The hospitality the clubs have shown has been sensational.

**Rotary International President Wilf Wilkinson** chose "Rotary Shares" as his theme for this year. Those two words encompass the whole ideal of Rotary service. Rotarians have so much to share and are willing to share it. Even though they are naturally busy people, they share their time. The enormous amount of resources they donate to local and international philanthropic works shows how willingly they share their treasure. And the long list of successfully accomplished projects is witness to the talent that they share. District 5220 Rotarians are truly into doing good and having fun.

**President Wilf** has also given Rotarians a list of four areas in which he would like to have Rotarians make a special effort to serve. These areas are *Literacy, Clean Water, Hunger and Family of Rotary*. It is my hope that every club will have a project in each of these areas. And it would be great if each club would have at least one program during the year that would highlight each area.

**Finding new members** for our clubs is an ongoing task and always will be. But this year we are also going to work harder to retain members. It is always sad to find we are losing almost as many members out the back door as we are gaining as new members at the front door. It is important that every club member is kept busy doing good. If a member isn't having fun, find out why and fix the problem.

It is a District goal this year to make the *District Website* the "go to" place where all the important information is shared. Check it out at [www.rotary5220.org](http://www.rotary5220.org). The District Directory is already posted on the website along with a calendar of upcoming club events and socials.

**When you see Sam Wheeler**, Sonora 49er, tell him that he and his committee "done good" with all their efforts for Short Term Youth Exchange. There is hope that next year we can become more active in Long Term Exchange. This expansion requires volunteers to be host families. If you and your family would be interested in hosting, contact Sam or Jane Winning whose contact information you can find in the Directory on the District Website.

Yours in Rotary Service, *Dick and Marty Wyatt*

*We'll Get the Job Done By Doing Good and Having Fun!*

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