



Rotary International District 5220

**Rotary And You**  
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MAKING A  
DIFFERENCE

DG Ray M. Caparros 2017-2018



**Great club visits!** Thank you to West Calaveras, Angels-Murphys, Arnold, Turlock Sunrise, Merced, Chowchilla, Madera, Madera Sunrise, Gustine, Modesto Sunrise Mountain House, Atwater, Winton Nuevo Latino, Oakhurst Sierra Sunrise, Oakhurst Sierra, Newman, and Ceres! You have made significant achievements to your community and to the world that you can be so proud of. Your goals for Rotary 2017-2018 signify that *Making a Difference* is within your reach. Always remember, engage your members and have fun!

**Thank you Tracy Sunrise for *Making a Difference* in the Philippines.** Rotarian Stephanie Prioste and PDG Ellen Hancock made a final review of the much-awaited water project in the Island of Virac, Catanduanes, Philippines which was funded by the Rotary Foundation. Instead of personal items that these two Rotarians needed, their suitcases were full of school supplies and materials that they distributed to the needy school children in the remote island of the Philippines. What a great example of *Making a Difference* for those underprivileged children and the community in this remote area of the Philippines.

**Thank you for the Youth Exchange (Short Term) team** led by Chair Chris Currie who made an outstanding effort in hosting students from Germany. District 5220 is so appreciative of the host families who took their time in accommodating these young students at their homes. What a great effort in *Making a Difference* in the lives of these students.

**Congratulations to San Andreas Rotary Club** for an outstanding charter night celebration which was attended by District 5220 Rotarians from various clubs. What inspiring new Rotarians who are ready to *Make a Difference* in their community and to the world under the leadership of charter President Sherri Reusche. Thank you to the clubs and everyone for the support that you have given to our newest club.

Our sincerest thanks for the generosity of those who made contributions for the victims of the **Detwiler Fire in Mariposa County**. The Mariposa Yosemite Rotary Club in coordination with District 5220 are putting together the appropriate plans on how the District 5220 Disaster and Relief Funds can be utilized effectively. We are asking for your continuing support for those families and individuals who became victims of this devastating fire. Please send your tax-free donation to **District 5220 Disaster Relief Corporation, 4510 Sun West Drive, Salida, California 95368**. For additional information you can email our Assistant Governor Richard McInturff [wallstreet1975@yahoo.com](mailto:wallstreet1975@yahoo.com) or Gov Ray M. Caparros [rayrotary2017@gmail.com](mailto:rayrotary2017@gmail.com).

**Polio Plus awareness and raising funds to End Polio** was undertaken by an Area 9 team led by Assistant Governor Richard and President Ophelia McInturff, and Heather Boothe, together with two Rotarian friends. A 7 days hike to Mt. Whitney, a 14,505 feet elevation mountain to promote awareness of the Eradication of Polio. For your donations please get in touch with Ophelia McInturff at [opheliarotary@icloud.com](mailto:opheliarotary@icloud.com) . What a great effort in promoting Polio awareness! Thank you and congratulations to the team.

The **Take your club from Good to Great** training made a remarkable result on August 12, 2017, led by enthusiastic Rotary mentor PDG Larry Sundram of District 5340. For all the attendees, kindly share with your club any information you feel could benefit your members. Kudos for the team effort led by our District Trainer Terri Amerio-Bell, Event Chair Carla Strong, and Registrar Diana Barden with the support of Riverbank Rotary Club and their President Ana Merlo. My sincere appreciation to Modesto Sunrise in providing Audio Visual and to Andreas Witt for printing the workbooks for the event.

District 5220 is seeking an individual who can represent us for the **Presidential Peace Conference in Vancouver, BC on February 9-11, 2018**. Environmental Sustainability and Peace will be a main topic of this conference. If you are interested please call [209-609-3327](tel:209-609-3327) or email me [rayrotary2017@gmail.com](mailto:rayrotary2017@gmail.com) .

*Making a Difference* in District 5220? **Application for a District Governor for Rotary year 2020-2021 is open**. The deadline for application is November 30, 2017 and December 9, 2017 is the interview. Please send your application to Diana Barden District 5220, PO Box 1208, Madera, CA 93639 or email [admin@rotary5220.org](mailto:admin@rotary5220.org) . Applications for DGND are on the District website [www.rotary5220.org](http://www.rotary5220.org) under the Resources menu.

#### **District Upcoming Events**

Nov 18, 2017 – Foundation Dinner, McHenry Event Center, Modesto  
Feb 3, 2018 – Mid Year Assembly, Mary Ann Sanders Elementary, Modesto  
Feb 19 – Mar 1 – Cultural Exchange, Philippines  
Apr 2018 – Vocational Training Team, Philippines  
Apr 20-22, 2018 – District Conference, Tenaya Lodge Yosemite

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