



Rotary International District 5220

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DG Ray M. Caparros 2017-2018



Dear 5220 Rotarians, thank you and Congratulations for my **great club visits** to Los Banos, Ripon, Riverbank and Oakdale Sunrise Rotary Clubs! These clubs strongly advocate *Make A Difference*, not only in their community, but to the world. I was extremely moved by the clubs' excitement, dedication, and the leadership being shared with club members. Their club teamwork makes Rotary shine and get heavily fired up in *Making A Difference*.

Thank you for the **great hospitality** afforded by all the clubs I have visited. You provided me inspiration and cordial Rotary accommodation. I am so proud to find an extended family of Rotary during my visits. I salute Assistant Governors Mary Ann Sanders of Modesto Sunrise, Pete Rookard of Newman Rotary, Linda Specht of Angels-Murphy, Richard McInturff of Mariposa Yosemite, Craig Mizuno of Tracy Sunrise, Anita Damiano of Madera Sunrise and Romy Damiles of Escalon Sunrise for your unending support during my visits.

NEWS BREAK- District 5220 is coordinating efforts to assist the 6.8 million people affected by Hurricane Harvey in Houston and suburbs in the State of Texas. Another newsletter will be sent to all Rotarians in District 5220 very soon once we get the full details for **Harvey's Humanitarian relief**. Please consider sending your tax deductible financial contribution to District 5220 Disaster Relief Fund, 4510 Sun West Drive, Salida, California 95368- Memo -Harvey Relief.

Rotary International Director John Matthews of Zone 25-26 is soliciting a Rotary Club Project with the commitment to sustain membership growth year over year for three years. The club officers, board of directors, and membership chair need to **commit a growth goal to sustain a net gain in membership for the three-year period** of time starting this year. For details please get in touch with District 5220 Membership Chair Eugene Awuah at [209-341-0814](tel:209-341-0814) or email papagene27@yahoo.com or email me rayrotary2017@gmail.com .

Thank you to those who inquired about representing District 5220 at the **Rotary Presidential Conference on Environmental Sustainability & Peace in Vancouver, BC**, February 9-11, 2018. Please stay tuned for more details and check out this website <https://environmentandpeace.com/registration/> .

Application for a **District Governor for 2020-2021** is open. Deadline for the application is November 30, 2017 and the interview will be on December 9, 2017. Send your application to District 5220 c/o Diana Barden PO Box 1208 Madera CA 93639 or email admin@rotary5220.org .

District 5220 of Rotary International is currently seeking qualified candidates for its **District Scholar**

program for students planning to do graduate work during the 2018-19 school year. The application deadline is Friday, January 26, 2018. For criteria information and a copy of the application, please go to www.rotary5220.org and find it under the Foundation menu. If you have questions, you can contact the District Scholar Chair Jim Dugoni on jdugoni@pacific.edu .

Thank you for your ongoing support of District 5220's **Project 20/20**. Your unused eyeglasses can be retrofitted to help someone else improve their vision. Coordinate club collections and then notify PDG Dave Gallagher dq2020@aol.com to turn them over to the district.

District Upcoming Events:

November 18, 2017 – District Foundation Dinner, McHenry Event Center/The Seasons, Modesto
February 3, 2018 - Mid-Year Assembly, Mary Ann Sanders Elem. School, Modesto
February 19 – March 1, 2018 - Cultural Exchange, Philippines
April 2018 - Vocational Training Team
April 20-22, 2018 - District Conference, Tenaya Lodge Yosemite

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