



Rotary International District 5220

Rotary And You
Make a Difference



**ROTARY:
MAKING A
DIFFERENCE**

DG Ray M. Caparros 2017-2018

December 26, 2017

Dear Rotarians,



Celebrations and more celebrations were joyfully encompassed by most of us for this 2017 Season of Giving. I commend Rotarians in District 5220 who made the spirit of Giving as their integral part of this year festivity; providing meals, family gifts, visitations, entertainments and transportation to various celebration for those underprivileged in our communities. I truly appreciate your Rotary spirit and may you have a greater opportunity for *Making A Difference* in the lives of people we serve for years to come. **FROM MY FAMILY TO YOURS HAVE A GREAT AND BOUNTIFUL 2018 NEW YEAR!**

ROTARY MEMBERSHIP AND RETENTION are primarily the concern that most of the clubs in our District have been intensely engaging. Have you considered utilizing the FLEXIBILITY approach that Rotary International initiated on 2016 to strengthen your membership and retention dilemma? Rotary International President Ian Riseley strongly emphasized the diversity approach. He added that

a club that truly represents its community is far better to serve the community effectively. For more information about membership and retention please get ahold of our District Membership Chair Eugene Awuah at papagene27@yahoo.com or District Governor Ray at rayrotary2017@gmail.com

RI Director John Matthews, our Keynote Speaker for our Mid-Year Assembly is looking forward to meeting District 5220 Rotarians on February 3, 2018. Director John's stimulating message will surely add more WOW in your Rotary services. Remember that the \$30.00 early bird rate for this training ends December 31, 2017. A phone call to Diana Barden at [559-674-7138](tel:559-674-7138) or cell [559-246-7144](tel:559-246-7144) will save you money for this exciting event. You are also encouraged to register on the DaCdb calendar where you can choose to pay by credit card or check. Incoming club leaders and new Rotarians are encouraged to attend.

POLIO PLUS FUNDRAISING and fellowship combined are the highlights of District 5220 Rotary Night at the Hockey Games on January 5, 2018 –Stockton Arena-Stockton, California. Invite your family and friends to support our campaign to END POLIO NOW. For every \$20.00 ticket you buy, a \$5.00 club credit will go to your Polio Fund campaign. Remember that Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation will match it to \$1 is to \$2. Let's join forces to make our world POLIO FREE. Information and tickets are available at www.rotary5220.org or call AG Ray Call at [209-986-3291](tel:209-986-3291) or email rayc88380@aol.com. See you at the event!

CELEBRATE our colorful, fun and exciting District Conference, at Tenaya Lodge in Yosemite on April 20-22, 2018. Show your pride and represent the international costumes and cultures of the countries where you are Making A Difference. Registration for the early bird rate of \$289 ends on December 31, 2017. Log on at www.rotary5220.org and click on events or call Diana Barden at [559-674-7138](tel:559-674-7138) email her on jerrybarden@comcast.net. Conference Chair Andreas Witt can be reached at [209-470-0302](tel:209-470-0302) or email acwitt83@gmail.com

QUOTE FOR THE DAY: Do not go where the path may lead, go instead where there is no path and leave a trail. RALPH WALDO EMERSON

UPCOMING DISTRICT EVENTS

January 3, 2018 - Presidential Dinner at Double Tree Hotel- San Jose

January 5, 2018 – Rotary Night Hockey Games- Stockton Arena-Stockton
February 3, 2018- Mid Year Assembly-Mary Sanders Elem. School- Modesto
February 10, 2018- PrePETS training for 2018-2019 Club Presidents and AGs
February 19-March 1, 2018- Cultural Exchange- District 3820-Philippines
April 20-22, 2018- District Conference- Tenaya Lodge, Yosemite
April 23 to May 15, 2018- Vocational Training Team- District 3820-Philippines **DG Ray Caparros**
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