



Rotary International District 5220

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DG Ray M. Caparros 2017-2018

October 9, 2017

Dear District 5220 Rotarians,



Groveland, Patterson and Merced Sunrise Rotary Clubs were the highlight of my Governor's visit this time. What wonderful Rotary moments as I listened to the clubs' great accomplishments and future plans in *Making A Difference* in their communities and the world. Fellowship and fun activities surround their interesting Rotary programs. The names of extremely interesting Rotarians and community leaders have been cordially added in my list as I continue my exciting Rotary journey. Great and compassionate Rotarians abound in District 5220. My sincere appreciation for all you do in making our community a better place.

Congratulations to **Merced Sunrise for their great effort, exceeding their Polio Plus campaign goal** this Rotary year. Well done Merced Sunrise! For the other clubs you still have plenty of time and please remember Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation will match your Polio contributions for every \$1 you'll get \$2.

Fellowships and other Rotary events are being initiated by Area Assistant Governors all over District 5220. Share your time and get to know your fellow Rotarians in our district. An exciting way to expand your Rotary world and to find great friends. To Assistant Governors I commend your efforts and thank you for all you do for Rotary.

Area 4 fellowship and fun celebration of Polio Day on October 24 is open to everyone at the River Islands Welcome Center- 301 W. Stewart, Lathrop, starting at 5:00 PM. Please come and hear PDG Joe Serra for his latest information about our Polio Plus eradication campaign. The event is being hosted by Lathrop Sunrise Rotary. For details please call Craig Heise [209-605-7986](tel:209-605-7986) or AG Craig Mizuno 209814-4754. RSVP by October 17th.

Join and celebrate the stirring evening of our **Foundation Dinner on November 18**. Only a few more seats are available at the McHenry Event Center/The Seasons, Modesto. For reservation please call Diana Barden at [559-674-7138](tel:559-674-7138) or email admin@rotary5220.org.

HELP! Your financial assistance is extremely needed for those who were affected by fires, hurricanes and earthquake. Our **District 5220 Disaster and Relief Corporation** is continuously accepting your tax exempt donations for the victims benefit. Your donation can be sent to 4510 Sun West Drive, Salida, CA 95368. My appreciation for those who made generous donations. For questions about your contribution please send an email to PDG Dave Gallagher at dq2020@aol.com.

SHARE your passion for Rotary! **Applications for District Governor for 2020-2021** are open to qualified leaders of District 5220. Send your complete application not later than **November 30, 2017** to Diana Barden PO Box 1208 Madera, CA 93639 or email admin@rotary5220.org. Interview will be held on December 9, 2017.

Vocational Training Team a fully funded service by Rotary Foundation is accepting applications to **serve seniors in the Philippines**. Applications are available at www.rotary5220.org click on the Foundation menu. The application deadline is **October 31, 2017** or send your inquiry to VTT Chair Chris Daly at RotaryDaly@aol.com.

UPCOMING DISTRICT EVENTS

October 24, 2017----- Polio Plus Day River Islands Welcome Center
[301 W. Stewart Rd., Lathrop 95330](http://www.rotary.org/usa/districts/district5220/301-W-Stewart-Rd-Lathrop-95330)
November 18, 2017-----Foundation Dinner- McHenry Events Center/The Seasons, Modesto
January 5, 2018-----Rotary Night-Hockey Games Stockton Arena
February 3, 2018-----Mid-Year Assembly- Mary Ann Sanders Elem. School Modesto, California
February 19-March 1, 2018- Cultural Exchange-Philippines
April 2018- Vocational Training Team- Philippines
April 20-22, 2018 – District Conference Tenaya Lodge, Yosemite

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