



Rotary International District 5220

Rotary And You
Make a Difference



DG Ray M. Caparros 2017-2018



I hope that everyone had a fun and safe July 4th celebration commemorating the core value of what our forefathers sacrificed in protecting our country and giving us the freedom and privileges that we all enjoy. Thank you for the gifts that make our world so fulfilling, not only for us, but for the generations to come.

Happy New Year to Rotary as we begin another challenging year of "*Rotary Making a Difference!*" Planning projects, discussing goals, and writing the vision for the clubs, become the top subjects as the new leadership emerges. In Rotary language, we call this the "Club Assembly". If you are introducing flexibility into your meeting and membership attendance, did you update your club constitutional bylaws as required by Rotary International?

Please welcome the energetic **Assistant Governor** assigned to your Area. The AG can provide direct assistance for your club. AGs are trained and have the capability of sharing the function of the office of the District governor. Occasionally, they will visit your club to provide the highlights from the district, Zones, and Rotary International. Their visit must accord as if your club is being visited by Rotary dignitaries or your District Governor. Your Assistant Governor will accompany me while I am routinely conducting a club visit.

The **District Governor's visits** will start in a couple of weeks. I am assuming that you have received the updated calendar for my scheduled visit to your club. If not, kindly get in touch with our Administrative Secretary Diana Barden on [559-246-7144](tel:559-246-7144) or email her on admin@rotary5220.org to request a copy. You can also find the schedule on in DaCdb under the Colander tab. I am looking forward to meeting all the Rotarians in our District!

The **1.2 Million Tree Planting Challenge** is on the table! RI President Ian Riseley's has challenged us to plant trees equivalent to the number of Rotarians in our district. Anyone who has ideas to share, please get in touch with me or send me an email. This challenge will end by April 22, 2018.

Please **DO NOT FORGET** to register for the Secretary/DaCdb Workshop on July 22nd at the Valley First Credit Union in Modesto. Update your technology knowledge and skills for your club. July 17th is the last day that registrations will be accepted.

Take your Club from GOOD TO GREAT! Attend the August 12th training which will be held at the Riverbank Community Center in Riverbank. Click here for the information flyer or log on to the DaCdb calendar to register now. All Rotarians are encouraged to participate!

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