

The Pride



Rotary District 5230



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Pride Corner

District Governor August Hioco



Calling On All Rotarians

Rotary International has established September as New Generations Month. What an appropriate theme to have after focusing on Membership in the Month of August.

A new generation of Rotarians is essential to every club, and to Rotary. In some parts of the world, our clubs are thriving, and new ones are forming. But in others, clubs are aging and doing little to attract new members. As members leave, there is no one to replace them. How sad, when clubs and Rotarians disappear and leave no one to take on the task of Making Dreams Real for that community and the children around the world.

Rotary is a worldwide organization of business and professional leaders that provides humanitarian service, encourages high ethical standards in all vocations, and helps build goodwill and peace in the world. District 5230, with 3000 plus Rotarians in 54 clubs, is just one of Rotary International's 532 districts encompassing 32,747 Rotary clubs with 1,221,298 Rotarians worldwide in more than 200 countries and geographical areas. I've come to believe that as Rotarians, we each have a personal calling that's as unique as our names. I also believe that the best way to succeed is to discover what you love and then find a way to offer it to others in the form of service, hard work, and by allowing the energy of Rotary to lead you.

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As Rotary International President D.K. Lee stated in this month's Rotarian magazine "Membership is the responsibility of each of us. Every one of us has an obligation to keep Rotary strong, active, and growing. If we hope to Make Dreams Real for the world's children in a meaningful and lasting way, we must ensure a new generation of Rotarians to continue our work."

Dates to Remember

September 1 – Register for the District 5230 Conference “Pride Safari to Seaside,” California at the Embassy Suites

September 20 – Special Interest Seminar, Harris Ranch President along with Membership & Foundation, Chairs to attend.
NOTE: NEW DATE

September 30 – Club Commitment Form due to District Youth Exchange Office Peter Golombek.

As your Governor, I’m on a mission of 300 or more net new Rotarians for District 5230 by the end of June, 2009 that will include two new clubs. I urge each of my fellow Rotarians to show their pride in Rotary and our district in making this Membership Goal of 10% a reality. Assuring Rotary continues its efforts in World Peace, Understanding and Saving Lives.

The task ahead of us, as Rotarians, is never as great as the power behind us!

District Governor’s Schedule

September 2 – Lemoore

September 3 – Firebaugh-Mendota

September 5 – Fig Garden (Fresno)

September 9 – Pacific Grove

September 10 – King City

September 11 – Monterey Pacific

September 16 – Porterville

September 17 – Visalia

September 18 – North Fresno

September 19 – Clovis

September 30 – Greenfield

2010-11 Rotary International President Nominee



The 2008-09 Nominating Committee for President of Rotary International in 2010-11, having functioned in accordance with the bylaws of Rotary International, has indicated that it unanimously nominated RAY KLINGENSMITH of the Rotary Club of Kirksville, Missouri, USA for the office of President of

Rotary International for the year 2010-11.

More information: <http://tinyurl.com/58m7vl>

Rotary Literacy Project

Mark Smith, President Fresno Metropolitan Rotary Club, Reporting

I turned the corner at Church and Martin Luther King, Jr. making my way to the Cecil B. Hinton Community Center. I, along with several members of the Fresno Metropolitan Rotary Club, was among many volunteers supporting the 7th Annual Back To School Health Fair hosted by the West Fresno Health Care Coalition. But as I rounded the corner, I thought I was

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witnessing the release of a hot summer blockbuster movie. A line of families ran around the corner anxiously awaiting the opening of the Health Fair. This event serves over 1,000 West Fresno families, providing health related education to parents and their children, a number of free services and the piece de resistance, back packs loaded with school supplies!!!

The event featured over 30 vendors ranging from housing advocacy to glucose testing to blood donations. Free haircuts and free food were also available to the families. The scent of BBQ wafted across my nose as local firemen served hot dogs. I was assigned to my post as gatekeeper to the room with the back packs. Fellow Fresno Metro Rotarian Pete Baumstark and his wife Cassie joined me as we prepared to usher in families to pick up a back pack for each of their children. The back packs were donated by AT&T. For our part, Fresno Metropolitan Rotary Club donated bags of school supplies and an additional check for over \$200. In all, our little club of 35 donated over \$500 and about 5 hours of time.



The children were ecstatic. Cassie summed it up best, "It is like Christmas in August!" It felt like it. Parents were gracious, humble and thankful. For many, their children attend school without even the most obvious of necessities including pencils and paper. I cannot remember a time in my life when I was want for any of these things. As a result, I enjoy the freedom that literacy and education bring to my life. In a small way,

Fresno Metro Rotary assisted in providing this opportunity to hundreds of West Fresno kids.

We have already been invited back for next year's event. In fact, I look forward to working more with our friends at the West Fresno Health Care Coalition.

Rotary Storyland & Playland

Barry Falke, Executive Directory Rotary Storyland & Playland Executive Director, Reporting



I had the opportunity at our District Governor visit to hear the heart of our District Governor August Hioco. He

this year, along with D.K. Lee is emphasizing the very important call to rise to the occasion of leadership and to provide needed leadership for the betterment of the lives of our children for generations to come.

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entertainment to children and families throughout the Central Valley. In the last two years, with a tremendous amount of support from District 5230 Rotary clubs, we have made a tremendous difference in the lives of children at Rotary Storyland & Playland. In the last two years we have completed over \$600,000 in much needed improvements to both parks but the work is still far from over. Our parks serve the Central Valley from Bakersfield to Stockton and we are the ONLY non-Profit park in California not managed by a private corporation.

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This year once again the City of Fresno has renewed its city matching funds program. This program allows us to match donations to the park dollar for dollar up to the first \$100,000 donated. A major bathroom remodel at Storyland and significant landscaping projects are on tap for Playland in the coming year. Further, we hope by June of 2009 to be opening a new indoor train station at Rotary Playland as well. To be able to get the matching funds and get started on those projects, we once again need the Rotary Clubs of District 5230 to consider a project of their own out here at the park.

There are several projects that range from a minimal financial commitment to some that would be a much larger financial commitment. I have added a document which lists just some of these opportunities and a rough estimate on the cost of the project. If you see a project you think your club would like to tackle or if there is one not on this list you would like to spearhead please let me know and I would be happy to submit a formal proposal to your club. Last year nearly every Rotary Club in the Central Valley was involved in one way or another and we would love to see that type of involvement again.

I have had the opportunity to meet many of you and look forward to meeting those I have not. Please let me know if you are interested in your club hearing more about Storyland & Playland as I am always anxious to share. Please feel free to call me should you have any questions.

I look forward to hearing from you and seeing all of us Make Dreams Real!

Around District 5230

Send bulletins, news, and press releases from your club to districtnewsletter@gmail.com.

CLOVIS

District Governor Hioco visit this month!

EAST FRESNO

Mark your calendar for Monday, October 20, 2008 for the Children's Hospital of Central California's fundraiser including a golf tournament during the day and a Gala Party at Fresno Lexus that night. The cost is \$50 per person.

FIG GARDEN

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GREENFIELD

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KING CITY

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MONTEREY INTERNATIONAL

The Rotary Club of Monterey International announces a fundraiser for green building in rural China!

A film and presentation on the need for sustainable construction in China and how this will improve California air quality

September 20, 2008, 2:00-5:00

Monterey Live, 414 Alvarado St., Monterey, CA

NORTH FRESNO

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PACIFIC GROVE

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Jeanne Byrne and Vic Johnson, co-chairs of this year's Auto Rally, received an enthusiastic round of applause for their hard work and dedication in putting together a very successful Auto Rally. Jeanne reported that this year's profit is in the \$16,000-\$17,000 range!

PORTERVILLE

District Governor Hioco visit this month!

SANGER

The 45th Annual Sanger Rotary Deep Pit BBQ is Thursday, September 11th at St. Mary's Church Hall at North and Bethel. Dinner is from 5PM to 7PM at \$12 a ticket! Call 559-875-6555 or 559-875-5789 for tickets.

VISALIA

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VISALIA BREAKFAST

VBR will be hosting its 9th Annual Golf Tournament and Crab Feed on Friday, October 17th. This year we are moving the event to Visalia and it will be held at the Valley Oak Golf Course and Holiday Inn. Information: Contact Matt Kneeland: mkneeland1@aol.com

Contact Us

Items for The Pride should be e-mailed to Darryl Booth at districtnewsletter@gmail.com. The deadline is the 20th of the previous month.