

# *On the Rotary Road*

DG Jack McClenahan & PDG Jane, July 30-August 10, 2013

Still traveling solo while PDG Jane continues her knee replacement therapy, I spent most of the past ten days in the beautiful cool and breezy north coastal region of District 5240.

**President Linda Osty** and her **Pismo Beach Five Cities** club provided warm hospitality, an ocean view setting for their meeting, and a BBQ/potluck with **Grover Beach** at **Steve & Linda's Curry's** ranch.

The social gave me a chance to tell both clubs about Jack & Jane's "small world" meeting in Barcelona with their former **Rotary Youth Exchange student Manual Perez**. As we checked into our hotel, Manual was at the front desk, noticed my District shirt, said he was hosted in Pismo and Grover in 2007-08...and we suddenly realized, "We know you!"

President Linda congratulated Secretary **Montisa Phelan-Lopez** for selling the most tickets to their Summer Sizzle this Saturday August 17, 12-4:30 at Edward's Barn. Here's a tip: Montisa said she uses social media to get the word to lots of friends at once.

**Grover Beach** resident DJ/guitarist **Tony Salas** began their meeting with a Tom Petty song, Free Fallin'. No more 100-year old Rotary songs...we're updating to 25-year old songs! 2012-13 Membership Chair and 2013-14 Advisor **Bruce Beaudoin** presented **Membership Area Rep Sandy Nichols** with "Ignite!" membership program recognition.

I describe **San Luis Obispo de Tolosa** as "one of the least-known great clubs in the District." It's a club of 95 members that has fun and gets things done. **President Jenifer Rhynes** was fining and adding new members to their President's Club to keep pace with charitable contributions for the SLO community.

**Cayucos Seaside President Dick Moore** hosted an informative dinner board meeting at Dorn's in Morro Bay. This is a small club with strong leadership since its charter six years ago. Teaming with Morro Bay and Los Osos on their imaginative and artistic 4<sup>th</sup> of July float, they won the Mayor's Trophy.

**District Governor Nominee Jim Bell** drove over from Bakersfield for the **Arroyo Grande** meeting to get acquainted and get out of the heat. **President Lenny Jones** ran a fast-paced meeting with some stand-up comedy. Club members reported on their chartered fishing trip, catching their limits all around.



During this 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary year, **SLO Monday Club President Jim Salio** has past presidents recall highlights

of their year. **Hal Larson** from 1993-94 remembered with some emotion the club's long-term assistance to the town of Compostela, Mexico. Hal reminded members of the connection between our Foundation giving and club service projects at home and abroad.

In the early morning light on the nearly empty streets of **Templeton**, it really feels like an old Western town. But club members are fully in touch with the larger world, and they really got behind our goals for polio eradication, led by **President Sarah Maggelet**.

**Morro Bay** Rotarians are rightly proud that their own **PDG Walt Milburn** was among the delegates who cast "Yea" votes for the 1989 Council on Legislation resolution to allow clubs to accept women members. As for youth, second-generation **President David Owens** asks if "a guy pushing 50" is really the New Generation of Rotary.

If I hadn't dined with **Jackie and Harry Walls** the evening before, I might not have found the **Nipomo** meeting place at Cypress Ridge. Former Nipomo member and **Group 12 AG Camille Edie** was there among several long-time friends.

A drive on 166 took me from cool Nipomo to hot **Delano**, northernmost club in D5240. Relatively new member **Barbara Mejia** is learning and doing a good job as Club President with the help of supportive **Group 3 AG Blake Goehring** of nearby Shafter.

Many thanks to the 41 attendees at our North Region **Member/PR/Foundation Seminar**. John Eichler was our host at SLO Country Club. Bill Pucciarelli presided. Presenters were LuzMaria Ortiz-Smith, Frank Ortiz, Bruce Beaudoin, Michael Boyer, John Weiss, Susan Needleman-Brown, and Bob Putney. Last Regional Seminar is Saturday August 24, 8:00-12:00 noon at the Bakersfield Marriott Courtyard. Register online at [www.rotarydistrict5240.org](http://www.rotarydistrict5240.org). ■