

District Governor Frank's Weekly Letter for Club Presidents April 7, 2013



This Past Month!

I am sure you all were wondering and concerned about what happened to the "Weekly Letters" for March..... Yeah right! It appeared to me that you were all getting overwhelmed with emails and messages from many aspects of your Rotary experience. I chose not to burden you last month with my stuff! Hope that was OK for you?

Now, for the past month or so: Scottie and I shared many experiences with our Rotarian friends, starting with the week of February 25, where we experienced finance committee, district governors, and awards meetings. Heck, I even attended one of my own Club meetings! The week was highlighted by the nearly 30 Rotarians that attended informational meetings with our TRF Annual Giving Officer Steven Soloman in Thousand Oaks and San Luis Obispo.

On March 2nd, we attended the Bakersfield South (Najib Sufi) 50th anniversary charter event. This was a wonderful evening as we experienced a memorable tour of history of the Club. Charter Member PDG Jim Barton was appropriately honored.

Many hours were spent assisting with Clubs that needed a helping hand to get their 2013-14 District Grant applications in by March 15. A record number of applications were submitted! More info to follow at a later date.

On March 16, Scottie and I found ourselves back in Group 4, where we participated in a community work day with Thousand Oaks, Thousand Oaks Sunrise, Westlake Village, Westlake Village Sunrise, and Conejo Valley. There were also representatives from Conejo Valley Rotaract, and several Interact Clubs!

That same evening, we celebrated Rotary with the 5th anniversary of the charter for Cayucos Seaside Rotary (Emily Campbell). A very memorable event. Lots of fun.

Thanks to John Eichler and Vicky Conner who guided many of our Club Presidents through the RI Presidential Citation process by March 31. To the others, please refer to the message I sent you earlier this week. There is still time!

This Past Week

Scottie and I found ourselves back in Group 4 area on April 2 for their joint Vocational Service dinner at the North Ranch Country Club. Club Presidents Susan Murata, Bob Dempster, Craig Small, Ron Yamashiro, and Edwin Velarde are to be commended for the commitment they have to cooperative efforts. Michael Murphy (Thousand Oaks) and Evie green (Westlake Village Sunrise) to be recognized for coordination of the event. (in addition to many others!)

On Thursday April 4, Scottie and I found ourselves in Bakersfield for the "All Bakersfield Clubs" meeting held at the Convention Center Marriott. Keynote Speaker was Baseball Hall of Famer Roland Hemond, who's work as a general manager and player development was highlighted. HOF umpire Doug Harvey was also recognized. Great job to the several Kern County area Presidents, and a big pat on the back to AG Jim Darling (Bakersfield West) who coordinated the event.

Saturday April 6 was the first District 5240 Assembly, held in Bakersfield. A great training event for 2013-14 club leaders. Final session is April 13 in Oxnard. Great job District Staff, led by Terry Schaefer (Ventura) and David Gore (Goleta Noon).

Finally, Saturday night we attended the Bakersfield West (Grady Buck) Cioppino Feed and fundraiser. This was a blast! Thanks Rotarians for a fantastic week!

District Four Way Test Contest

Deadline to submit your club's entry is **Friday, April 19th, 2013**, with the winner announced Friday, May 3rd, 2013. The submittal form is available on the District Website, under Vocational Service www.rotarydistrict5240.org. For info, please contact JIM LEWIS, District Vocational Service Chair at: (818) 399-9870 or jlewis1118@aol.com

Things to Think About..... TRF Contributions to be submitted; RYLA around the corner; District Awards