

District Governor Frank's Weekly Letter for Club Presidents - August 19, 2012



District Governor Visits

District Governor visits this week found us with several great Rotary Clubs! The week started with the RC of Santa Paula (**Guy Cole**). Lot's of history in this Club. Make sure you buy your Halloween pumpkins from them! This fundraiser brings in 'BIG' bucks! At the RC of Simi Valley (**Tonie Veldez**), we learned about many club projects. I was impressed with their 'Box City' program designed to provide education to youngsters about the homeless. Next visit was to RC of Camarillo (**Mitch Crespi**), where we learned about many good projects from another very active group. We had the opportunity to meet our first arriving Rotary Exchange Student, a young lady from France. On Thursday, we found ourselves in Malibu at the Paradise Beach Café. A great evening of relaxation with members of the RC of Westlake Village Sunrise (**Ron Yamashiro**). Their Friday morning meeting was equally a 'fun time' with dedicated Rotarians. Nice hat Ron! We finished the week of visits with the RC of Moorpark (**Scott Farrenkopf**), where after receiving Scott's business plan, I plan to clone it for other clubs that have interest! The Civil War Re-enactment is a great project that is one of several Public events provided from this great club!

Pre-school Education in Sri Lanka

There has been lots of work done to improve life in Sri Lanka since the devastation experienced from the 2005 Tsunami. My friend, DG 3220 Dharshan John, had asked for assistance with improving pre-school education in the rural areas of his Country. Several Clubs in our District are working together to make this happen. To be part of this effort, **DON'T WAIT!** Please contact one of the following Club's for more info:
Groups 1,2,3 – Bakersfield East (Christine Randall)
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Groups 4,5,6 – Westlake Village Sunrise (Nooshie Motaref)
nooshie@msn.com
Groups 7,8,9 – Goleta Noon (Hans Dahlin)
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Groups 10,11,12 – Morro Bay (Nick Mendoza)
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This Coming Week

DG visits will find Scottie and I with the RC's of Bakersfield South (Najib Sufi), Bakersfield North (Keith Stonebraker), Thousand Oaks Sunrise (Bob Dempster), Thousand Oaks (Susan Murata).

Also This Past Week

Saturday found Scottie and I at the Edwards Barn for the annual Pismo Beach-5 Cities fundraiser. Club President Gary Bayus and Club did an outstanding job. Good BBQ and lots of fun. We were able to catch the tail end of the San Luis Obispo Daybreak fundraiser at Avila Beach. Club President Annie Shanks was still all smiles, as always! Finally, I had to pass on a late invite to the RC of Westlake Village's 'Country Music Festival', but I'm sure Club President Edwin Velarde's group had a good successful event. I also was aware of many other events held on Saturday, such as the Ventura East (Jordan Eller) concert in Ojai, Thousand Oaks (Susan Murata) Wine event, and I'm sure several others. Saturdays in August are great fundraising and family events indeed!

Display your Club Projects at the District Conference!

The District Conference aboard the Queen Mary in Long Beach is quickly approaching. As in prior years, each club has an opportunity to highlight their club's accomplishments and projects. Here is the info: **Who:** Every club is invited to participate. Space is limited to a 6 ft table which will be provided for each club that RSVP's ahead of time. (*note: District Avenue of Service and Committee's are also welcome to participate!*) **What:** Each club can display either a fundraiser or project that they would like to showcase at the conference to show what they do and what they are proud of and what they may be seeking help with. **Where:** The Capstan Room aboard the Queen Mary. **When:** Set-up begins at noon on Friday, September 28th and ends at 5:00 p.m. Take Down is around 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, September 30th. **Why:** To promote your club and maybe attract other clubs that may be looking for a project. **QUESTIONS/RSVP:** Valerie Moya 805-245-0228 vmoya@pacificwesternbank.com