

District Governor Frank's Weekly Letter for Club Presidents - August 26, 2012



District Governor Visits

This past week, Scottie and I found ourselves back in Bakersfield, starting our journey with a memorable dinner social on Monday evening at the Padre Hotel hosted by these two fantastic Rotary Clubs. Tuesday morning started with the RC of Bakersfield South (**Najib Sufi**). We learned about their many activities and support for a variety of causes in their community, including their joint humanitarian effort in feeding the homeless with the Islamic community, youth scholarships, and working with projects of support for the developmentally disabled in other countries. It was good seeing PDG Jim Barton. Bakersfield North (**Keith Stonebraker**) was our next stop. Another active group! Their support of the 'Youth Connection', and support of families in Oildale was noteworthy. They have great fundraising activities planned. Looking forward to Dinner at the Derby! On Wednesday, we were treated to a dinner social at Cisco's Restaurant hosted by two more great Rotary Clubs. Lots of fun with energized Rotarians! Thousand Oaks Sunrise (**Bob Dempster**) was our Thursday morning stop. Did someone say 'Practice Aloha'?! Bob's style of good Club Service has this club working well. They are involved with youth related activities in many BIG ways. Lunch with Thousand Oaks (**Susan Murata**) and this group of high achievers assures me that Rotary is in good hands. Yes, they are a large club, but their passion for service makes them one of the best anywhere. PDG Felix Masci and Barbara helped make our visit special. Their upcoming Street Fair and Springtime Chili Cookoff looks like lots of fun. What a great week of Rotary fellowship!

This Coming Week

DG visits will find Scottie and I with the RC's of Santa Maria South South (Jane Kokkinakis), Cambria Sunrise Centennial (Linda Finley), Morro Bay (Nancy Guthrie), Paso Robles Sunrise (Dee Hinds), Atascadero (John Donovan), Paso Robles (Dennis Cassidy).

This Thing Called Managing Risk and Regulatory Compliance

Thanks to the efforts of Bernie Barmann (Bakersfield), John Prior (Bakersfield West), and Mary Howard (Oxnard Sunrise), a useful tool was developed, as a checklist for clubs to help assess their risk and regulatory compliance. Many clubs have this under control, but another tool is always good to check against. The checklist is posted at www.rotarydistrict5240.org homepage in the 'Download' section left side.

Also This Past Week

Mark Jackson (Santa Maria Breakfast) and I had the opportunity to visit the RC of Vandenberg Village (Pat Grijalva) to discuss membership retention and recruitment. A good morning visit to this fine club!

The District Conference is waiting for you!

The District Conference aboard the Queen Mary in Long Beach is quickly approaching. The Conference begins on **Friday September 28** at 3PM with our Business Meeting to select a PDG to serve on the RI Director Nominating Committee. This will quickly transition to a Future Vision Q & A Forum. Welcome Reception starts at 5PM. Saturday breakfast starts at 7:30AM followed by the opening Plenary Session that will enlighten and motivate all. Lots of activities available to you during the afternoon. The evening banquet and entertainment will be equally enjoyable. Sunday's session starts at 8:15am followed by the famous "Queen Mary Sunday Brunch". Check www.rotarydistrict5240.org homepage for registration and hotel information. For information regarding displaying your club projects, contact Valerie Moya 805-245-0228 ymoya@pacificwesternbank.com. For general conference information, contact our chair, Ralph Kleemeyer ralph5240@gmail.com.

Final Thoughts of the Week

Here we go; we blink our eyes and are already 2 months into our Rotary year! Fellow leaders, I trust you are fully engaged in your memorable year as Club President. Remember to focus on what you can reasonably accomplish. Remember to engage your members. Remember your successor – their President-elect Retreat is set to go on September 7-9 in Oxnard. Remember that you were there just one short year ago! Offer encouragement. Have a great week in Rotary. Keep those weekly bulletins coming!