

# District Governor Frank's Weekly Letter for Club Presidents - August 5, 2012



## District Governor Visits

Monday afternoon found us in Ventura with the RC of Ventura South. This was preceded with a Sunday afternoon celebration in honor of longtime Rotarian Guy Frick. President **ALAN KOSH** leads a great group of Rotarians and was a great way to start the week. Tuesday marked our first District Governor's visit to Bakersfield, where we were treated to a memorable evening with Rotarians from the Bakersfield West and Bakersfield Breakfast clubs, at the Woolgrowers Restaurant. Carl kept everyone in line! We started out Wednesday morning with Bakersfield Breakfast and President **RANDY MERRIMAN**. We met some young scholarship recipients and learned a lot about the Club's support of community and many activities. We headed over to Bakersfield West for a lively lunch meeting under the leadership of President **GRADY BUCK**. They are also involved in many activities and I am confident that their Saturday shopping spree for kids turned out well!

## Also This Past Week

The final District Membership/PR Seminar led by Bruce Beaudoin, and the Foundation Seminar led by Anil Garg; was held on Saturday at the Community Center in Goleta for over 25 attendees. Rotarians Michael Boyer, Nick Frankle, Janet Napier, Jack McClenahan, and Jane McClenahan were on hand to assist in instruction. Thanks to EAG Walt Stephens for the overall event logistics.

Again, as stated last week, I'd like to provide suggestions for next year's training team for our summer seminars. We tried to consolidate efforts this year to help reduce Rotary Saturdays and reduce overall cost. I am thinking 2 things: to run Membership/PR from 8:30am – 12:30pm – and Foundation from 1:00pm to 4:00pm. I also want to build in time for attendees to share best practices and allow for a little more interaction. What do you think?

I had an opportunity to meet with President Penny Knowles and members from the RC of Los Olivos to discuss issues pertaining to grants. Thanks for the good discussion.

The **Group Study Exchange Program** requires coordinated efforts. It will be difficult to participate if you haven't contacted Chair Bill Pucciarelli [pucciarelli49@gmail.com](mailto:pucciarelli49@gmail.com).

## PARADES!

The Santa Barbara Fiesta Parade was held this past Friday. Thanks to Walt Stephens (Goleta Noon) and many Group 8 volunteers who decorated the Rotary float "The Great White Fleet". The Fleet's "crew members" included President's David Velarde, Randy, Figgins, Paul Clayton, Murray Ray, and Joe Gagnon. EAG Walt and I rounded things out along with some "legitimate" US Navy personnel provided to us by the Navy League.

## MORE PARADES!

The Ventura County Fair Parade was held on Saturday. Many thanks to Pete Gallagher (Ventura East) for coordinating Rotary's parade efforts. Presidents Alan Kosh (Ventura South) and Jordan Eller (Ventura East) participated, and I had the pleasure of sharing a ride with former exchange student Iris Dudek on board a beautiful vintage fire engine from Ventura County Fire.

## This Coming Week

District Governor visits will find Scottie and I with the RC's of Fillmore/Fillmore Sunrisers (Tim Hagel), Delano (Elvia Herrera), and Santa Barbara (Randy Figgins).

It also looks like a weekend of wine, food, and chili at the Paso Robles Winemakers Cookoff and the Arroyo Grande Chilli Fest!

**Matching Grant** opportunities with other clubs are starting to shape up. Watch for details this coming week for opportunities to support youth in Sri Lanka.

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