

# District Governor Frank's Weekly Letter for Club Presidents - February 10, 2013



## *This Past Week*

On Monday evening, Scottie and I joined the Rotary Club of Santa Maria South (Jane Kokanakis) and celebrated their 40<sup>th</sup> year in Rotary. I was honored to present two active charter members Al Hurdle and Joe Gallas, with a special recognition honoring their tenure and service in the club. A fun-filled evening with old Santa Maria friends.

On Friday afternoon, we found ourselves celebrating the 95<sup>th</sup> club anniversary with the Rotary Club of Santa Barbara (Randy Figgins). It was good to see many long time Santa Barbara Club members in attendance. Many years of great history was talked about from the first club in our Rotary District..

Due to conflicts, I was unable to attend the send off of our GSE Team to Sri Lanka. The Rotary Club of Camarillo (Mitch Crespi) hosted, and GSE chair Bill Pucciarelli (Nipomo) was on hand. The team, headed by Rotarian Pat McCollum (Camarillo) is primed for a great educational adventure. Good luck to them!

On Saturday night, Scottie and I headed to Kern County for the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of the Rotary Club of Bakersfield East (Christine Randall) at the beautiful Bakersfield Country Club. Good seeing PDG George Palmer and Nina. A fun evening of memories, dancing and friendship.

Always a welcome sight, PDG Wade Nomura and Roxanne were on hand to help celebrate at all three of these events! What a week of Rotary celebration!

## *District Awards and Recognition Program*

IMPORTANT UPDATES to review for all District awards. The RI Significant Achievement Award is due to DG Frank [frankortizdg1213@yahoo.com](mailto:frankortizdg1213@yahoo.com) no later than **Friday February 22, 2013**. Other Special Awards and Recognition for Clubs and Rotarians must be submitted by the specified date for each award, but no later than **Sunday March 31, 2013** to John Eichler [jeichler@charter.net](mailto:jeichler@charter.net). The District 5240 Awards are due no later than **Wednesday May 15, 2013**. Submittals must be sent in word or excel electronic format. Photos must be submitted in .jpeg electronic format to Vicky Conner [v.conner@strategicvitalityllc.com](mailto:v.conner@strategicvitalityllc.com)

### 2012-2013 Significant Achievement Award

Presidential recognition of a club activity which addresses a significant problem or need in the community. The District selects one project and submits nomination to RI. A president-appointed selection committee evaluates nominations. **DUE DATE: February 22, 2013**

### 2012-2013 Presidential Citation

The Presidential Citation recognizes Rotary clubs for achieving an array of accomplishments that help them become stronger, deliver more effective service, and enhance their public image. By qualifying for the Presidential Citation, clubs contribute to Rotary's organizational goals and multiply the impact of their good work through the collective focus of 34,000 Rotary clubs worldwide. **DUE DATE: March 31, 2013**

### 2012-2013 Avenues of Service Citation

This citation program provides a way for Rotary clubs to personally recognize one club member for his or her outstanding efforts in the five Avenues of Service. A club member must have demonstrated support of the Object of Rotary through active participation in each of the five Avenues of Service: Club, Vocational, Community, International, and New Generations. Nominees must be an active Rotarian and can only receive the award once (*former recipients list also attached*).

**DUE DATE: Club Presidents are encouraged to submit this nomination form to RI early (*as in now*); but no later than May 15, 2013.**

**Club MOU's for TRF Grants: There are two forms to sign! Please turn in the entire MOU doc, not just the signature page! Please read the instructions thoroughly!**