

# District Governor Frank's Weekly Letter for Club Presidents - February 17, 2013



## *This Past Week*

Scottie and I joined an energized gathering of Group 4 Interact and Rotaract clubs for breakfast early Monday morning in Thousand Oaks. The event was spearheaded by Michael Murphy (Thousand Oaks), AG Sue Duffy (Conejo Valley), and District Interact chair Joe Joyce (Thousand Oaks Sunrise). It was great seeing PDG Felix Masci, as well as Club Presidents Susan Murata (Thousand Oaks), Bob Dempster (Thousand Oaks Sunrise), and Ron Yamashiro (Westlake Village Sunrise). We heard from all of the area Interact clubs, and the Conejo Valley Rotaract club. I also hear that a new Rotaract club is surfacing again! An outstanding morning of recognition for our new generations participants. Great job Group 4 Rotary Clubs!

On Tuesday evening, we celebrated the 60<sup>th</sup> charter anniversary of the Rotary Club of Montecito (Murray Ray). This was an outstanding evening. A mix of history, accomplishments, future goals, a Paul Harris Fellow recognition, a new member induction, and some of the best entertainment I've seen in awhile! Joining us were PDG's Rich Abbott (RC of Montecito), Wade Nomura, Luz-Maria Ortiz-Smith, and Jane McClenahan; DGE Jack McClenahan; and several area Club Presidents. Event chair Rosslyn Ray did a fabulous job! Congratulations to all.

The next day we boarded a flight to Sri Lanka, where we met up with our District 5240 GSE Team at the Sri Lanka District 3220 Conference. I had the opportunity to address the assembled Rotarians regarding the continued need for education and literacy programs. Scottie was tagged as a judge for the conference projects fair. She had a difficult job judging several fine displays. Of note, our GSE Team, led by Pat McCollum (Camarillo) represented us well with their excellent overview of our region, and their own professions.

Yes indeed; another great week in Rotary!

## *District Awards and Recognition Program*

### 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**

## *Strategic Planning and Visioning*

There are volunteer facilitators in our District led by Bill Dutton (Santa Barbara) available to support Club Visioning for you, your board, or club. They do an excellent job and from my experience, I can tell you that they are very respectful of your Club's culture! Interested in learning more? Contact Bill at: [billdutton5@msn.com](mailto:billdutton5@msn.com)

## *Hurricane Sandy Relief (final tally)*

Thanks to several local clubs (Bakersfield, Moorpark, Santa Maria Breakfast, Ventura, Cayucos, Thousand Oaks, Santa Maria) who collectively sent in funds totaling over **\$5,325** for relief to the Staten Island Rotary Clubs <http://statenislandrotaryrelief.com/>. With the messages I received from other clubs, we estimate that nearly **\$10,000** was sent on behalf of our Clubs in District 5240. Thanks to all!

**Lompoc Rotary** (Rob Klug) Club's Annual Wine Tasting & Auction is set for Sunday Feb 24 from 1-4 P.M. at the Veterans Memorial Building located on Locust & H Street. Tickets are \$45.00. There will be 40 wineries, along with yummy finger food. Contact Valerie for tickets: [vmoya@pacificwesternbank.com](mailto:vmoya@pacificwesternbank.com).

**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!**

CLUB PRESIDENTS: It's not too late to start thinking about starting the process of assembling your TRF contribution.....