

District Governor Frank's Weekly Letter for Club Presidents - February 3, 2013



This Past Week

The 2013 District Mid-Year Seminars are now completed. Saturday's workshop in Oxnard completed a very successful endeavor that brought our Presidents, President-elects, and President-elect Nominees together in three areas around our District. In all, there were nearly 200 participants! We discussed Ignite Membership, Future Vision, Continuity Planning, and Accomplishments. We heard about the 2013 District Conference to be held in San Luis Obispo this coming October. Our District Governors line had a panel discussion about key issues pertaining to planning, leadership, and other Rotary issues. The break out sessions provided the President lines to work with their respective District leaders. In my session, with the current Presidents, they were reminded about Awards and Recognition, their Rotary Foundation commitments, their continued support for the President-elect, and most importantly their obligation to lead their clubs through June 30th! Many thanks to our District Staff for insuring success at these sessions. Led by David Gore (Goleta Noon), I also want to acknowledge John Eichler, Dan Giordano, Susan Needleman-Brown, Nick Frankle, Walt Stephens, Luz-Maria Ortiz-Smith, John Weiss, Heather Frankle, Bruce Howard, Bruce Beudoin, Deb Linden; and of course DGE Jack, DGN Loretta, DGND Jim, and Nancy Falconer. There were several other volunteers that assisted in the break out sessions. Thanks to all for this worthwhile event!

On Saturday evening, Scottie and I found ourselves celebrating the 90th anniversary of Rotary Club of Santa Maria (Frank Culley). We enjoyed ourselves with great Rotarians, good music and an outstanding dinner and program. Did you know that Paul Harris once stayed at the Santa Maria Inn and addressed the Club? And, they can prove it! Congrats Santa Maria Club.....

Hurricane Sandy Relief

Thanks to the several clubs who sent in funds totaling over \$4,250 for relief to the Staten Island Rotary Clubs <http://statenislandrotaryrelief.com/>. With the messages I received from other clubs, we estimate that over \$7,500 was sent on behalf of our Clubs in District 5240. Thanks to all!

A Couple of Award Deadlines are Coming

Once again, refer to last week's letter, and award documents can be found on the District Website under the 'DOWNLOAD' section on the main page.

District Grants

There is still over \$50,000 available **this year** for Matching Grants for International Projects. If you are not going to implement your 2012-13 District Simplified Grants, please let Dan know ASAP, as there are other qualified DSG's waiting for available funding.

Get those MOU's signed and get your District Grants for 2013-14 in by March 31, 2013.

Contact Dan Giordano dgiordano@bak.rr.com or Bruce Howard bruce@brucehowardrealtor.com if you have questions.

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

GSE Team to Sri Lanka

Get to know our GSE Team Members on our District Website: www.rotarydistrict5240.org

"Tell Me About Your Events!"

Please share your events, activities, and committee meeting highlights with me so I can post it as part of this weekly letter.