

District Governor Frank's Weekly Letter for Club Presidents - January 13, 2013



This Past Week

I had the privilege to join Rotarians PDG Jan Lindsay and Pam in Nicaragua which gave me the opportunity to visit pre-school, primary school, and adult learning centers established by GOCARE <http://gocarekids.org/>. A nonprofit 501(c)(3) charity headquartered in Ventura, founded in 2001, the organization empowers adults and children living in Nicaragua with the fundamental belief that citizens may live a self-empowered life through the power of education. I was quite impressed with what I saw and found it a great opportunity for Rotarians to partner on worthy projects in this region of our world. Thank you Jan, Pam and your wonderful staff, for making my stay one that will be remembered. I also met the Rotary Club of Granada, Nicaragua, and was introduced to some members of a new prospective club; which will be the 14th Rotary club in their country!

Mid-Year Seminars

The Mid-Year Seminars are designed for the Club President, President-elect, and President-elect Nominee to get together and discuss multi-year planning with leadership around the District. These are valuable sessions and are well worth the 3-hour morning session. This past Saturday was the second seminar, held in Santa Maria and was again, quite successful. The final session is Saturday February 2 in Oxnard. The registration form is available on the District website. Hope to see you all there.

Foundation Gala and STEPS!

Make it a weekend! You will find information about these fantastic events on our District Website: www.rotarydistrict5240.org

January 25th: Foundation Gala (Holiday Inn Goleta)
January 26th: District STEPS Conference (UCSB)

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 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. 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

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.**

UCSB at Cal Poly Women's Basketball
SATURDAY JANUARY 19 in SAN LUIS OBISPO

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