

District Governor Frank's Weekly Letter for Club Presidents - January 27, 2013



This Past Week

Scottie and I joined the Rotary Club of Atascadero and nearly 100 high school students from Atascadero, Paso Robles, and Morro Bay for **"Take the Lead 2013"**; an ethics workshop. Led by Atascadero Rotarian Ken Weathers and support from area Rotary Clubs, this event got our young folks thinking about ethical situations and how they would act. DGN Loretta Butts participated, along with Club Presidents John Donovan (Atascadero) and Nancy Guthrie (Morro Bay). A great day. Lots of learning.

Our **District 5240 Foundation Gala** was held on Friday evening in Goleta and was an outstanding event. PDG Brenda Cressey (Paso Robles) served as event chair and put together an inspirational evening that showcased many recipients of our District generosity. Foundation Donors were also recognized for their generosity. In all, over 170 Rotarians and guests participated in this worthwhile event that concluded with a keynote address from PRID Barry Rassin. Thanks to Brenda and her super committee for their efforts!

On Saturday, over 300 Rotarians were again inspired by the **"Steps to Alleviate Poverty Sustainably"** 2013 Conference held at UCSB. Kendra Kemlinger (Arroyo Grande) and her committee of dedicated Rotarians had worked nearly a year to get this program off the ground. The work was evident by the successful outcome. Inspirational keynotes and informative breakout sessions provided valuable insights about what Rotarians can do around the world to make our planet a better place to live. Thanks Kendra and her super super committee for their efforts!

"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.

2013-14 District Grants and MOU's

Get those MOU's signed and get your District Grants in by March 31, 2013. Contact Dan Giordano dgiordano@bak.rr.com or Bruce Howard bruce@brucehowardrealtor.com if you have questions.

A Couple of Award Deadlines are Coming

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**

The award documents can be found on the District Website under the 'DOWNLOAD' section on the main page.

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.

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