District Governor Frank's Weekly Letter for Club Presidents – July 15, 2012

This Past Week

I trust that all of our Club President's have gotten their first meeting jitters out of the way. You have probably found that there is a room full of Rotarians ready and willing to assist in the success of the Club. This second week of July has also seen lots of planning and meetings from dedicated Rotarians from around the District with regards to Membership, Public Relations, Grant Writing, Youth Exchange, PRLS, Foundation and more. There was even a planning meeting already regarding our District Awards and Recognition event set for June 29, 2013 in Santa Maria!

Scottie and I felt very welcome on July 13 at our first District Governor's visit with the Rotary Club of Ojai and President Kelly Randall.

The new District Board of Directors held their first meeting last week with a 100% attendance. Members include: DG Frank (CEO), DGE Jack McClenahan, DGN Loretta Butts, IPDG Wade Nomura, Director at Large Jim Bell (voting); Treasurer Rob Godfrey and Secretary Mary Howard (non-voting).

The District Membership/PR Seminar led by Bruce Beaudoin, John Weiss, and Michael Boyer, with 24 attendees; and the Foundation Seminar led by Jane and Jack McClenahan, with 15 attendees, was held on Saturday at Rosa's Ristorante in Pismo Beach. Thanks to EAG Susan, AG Martha, and PP Sandy for helping with logistics, and to Rotarian Doug MacMillan who provided the venue.

There were two Grant Writing Seminars held on Saturday. The Region 2 workshop was held at the Courtyard by Marriott in Camarillo, led by Heather Frankle, who provided quality training for 29 attendees. Thanks to EAG Nick for logistics, and Rotarian (Club President) Mitch Crespi who provided the venue. The Region 4 workshop was held at the offices of Bill Puciarelli in San Luis Obispo, led by Bruce Howard, who provided quality training for 21 attendees. Thanks to DGN Loretta for logistics, and Rotarian Bill Pucciarelli who provided the venue. There was even a VIP in attendance – PDG Brenda Cressey was an active participant!

The District Staff members who reside in Region 4 got together for the final meeting of the week at a local establishment to discuss strategies for supporting our Club Presidents. All in all; a good week!

This Coming Week

There will be a celebration this Sunday July 22 at the home of Dick Strayer in honor of our recently chartered and newest Club in the district, **Rotary eClub of One World.**

Any Club or Member that desires to make a contribution to help this new Club with start up expenses, primarily geared toward getting their website into shape, can do so by sending a check to their sponsor club:

Rotary Club Of Simi Sunrise
PO Box 11
Simi Valley, CA 93063

Contact: Ernie Gilbert – ernestgilbert@gmail.com
Details regarding the informal charter ceremony are attached.

District Seminars will be held on Saturday July 21 in Bakersfield, Saturday July 28 in Camarillo, and Saturday August 4th in Goleta for your Club's membership, public relations, and foundation volunteers. *(note: If the registration module on our website is not functioning; simply email the event chair – your Region EAG).*

On the Horizon

- ✓District Governor Nominee – Designate (DGND) info now available.
- ✓Watch for the notice of the Annual Business Meeting to be posted this coming week.

Helpful Resources

- ✓**Club Presidents**; if you have not done so, it is important to get your Foundation Goal and Membership Goal reports *(attached)* turned into DG Frank……pronto. THANKS!