

District Governor Frank's Weekly Letter for Club Presidents - October 21, 2012



District Governor Visits

Our week started on Monday with the RC of Wasco (**Eric Merz**). We learned how this club puts their money where it is important – with our youth. Their support of C.A.S.A. exemplified that point. And you better check out the scoreboard at the football stadium! They are also gearing up for support in Zambia in teaching farming sustainability techniques. On Tuesday evening we joined the RC of Indian Wells Valley (**Lenny DeAngelis**). We witnessed two new member inductions and were joined by neighbor clubs to make their meeting a special one. Their theme song to the melody of “My Gal’s a Corker” proves that they are truly a ‘Little Club that does Big Things’. Some of the best kept secrets are found in the RC of Taft (**Orchel Krier**) on Wednesday afternoon. This club is well rounded and takes care of their community in many ways, from young to old, and very well. We also learned about their humanitarian efforts in Gimpo, South Korea. That evening, we found ourselves with the RC of Bakersfield Twilight (**Robin Paggi**). Their RYE student Sonoka Kume, is teaching the club Japanese, as we learned the word for love, “I ye”. I am very impressed with their support of Coventry Community Services, which targets emancipated youth and those recently aged out of foster care. We met up on Thursday with the RC of Kern River Valley (**Jim Davis**). We got a tour of the community and saw the potato fields as we learned about their gleening project to help feed those in need. They support their youth, the less fortunate, as well as their Vets. Looking forward to their Ride for Polio Eradication next spring. We finished our week with the RC of Bakersfield East (**Christine Randall**). I was honored to present Sandi Schwartz with the prestigious ‘5 Avenues of Service’ award. We were also thrilled to hear about the Garces HS Interact project that supports C.A.S.A.. A dynamite club that serves every avenue of service in a big way. Good to see Ambassadorial Scholar Riho Shinagawa, who frequently attends their meetings. *Thank you Kern County Rotary Clubs for another great week of Rotary!*

This Coming Week of October 21, 2012

DG visits will find Scottie and I with the RC’s of Oxnard (John Kearney), Simi Sunset (Peggy Grunert), Moorpark Morning (Howard Yaras), Tehachapi (Tim Trujillo), Conejo Valley (Craig Small).

Also This Past Week

On Saturday Oct 13; Scottie and I had the opportunity to visit the three (3) San Luis Obispo Clubs, as they hosted a New Generations meeting led by John Weiss (Morro Bay), and a joint social for the Sri Lanka Group Study Exchange Team, organized by Jim Eaton (SLO DeTolosa). Rotaract/SLO (Erik Wright) members and Interact students were also part of the festivities! Thanks Presidents Deb Linden (SLO) and Carl Dudley (SLO DeTolosa) for hosting the fun-filled event.

GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE TEAM TO SRI LANKA

A call for applicants for our GSE Outbound Exchange for Team Leader and Team Member is underway. The trip will take place from February 2 to March 3, 2013. I am asking that you participate in the process by publicizing this info, and recommending candidates. Time is running short so please discuss this at your weekly meetings. Qualification and Application materials can be accessed from the “**Foundation Tab**” at the top of the District 5240 Website Main Page. www.rotarydistrict5240.org. Deadline for submitting a TEAM LEADER Application is **November 2**, and deadline for submitting a TEAM MEMBER Application is **November 9**. The TEAM LEADER selection interviews are scheduled for **November 9-10**; and the TEAM MEMBER selection interviews are scheduled for **November 16-17** in Santa Maria. Questions? Contact Bill Pucciarelli, GSE Chair 2012-13, at pucciarelli49@gmail.com.

Send me your Event Announcement!

I will be happy to announce your event in this newsletter. Send me date, time, location, contact.

Come to the ‘Taste of Ojai’ on **Saturday, October 27** from 2-5 pm at Ojai Valley Inn. The RC of Ojai (Kelly Randall) says the \$65 ticket is well worth the wine, food, and relaxation at this great venue.