

District Governor Frank's Weekly Letter for Club Presidents - September 16, 2012



District Governor Visits

We started this past week of visits on Wednesday with the RC of Westlake Village (**Edwin Velarde**). We learned about their many local projects that support children, the needy, and military families. Their two great fundraisers; the Community Street Festival in April and the Oakheart Country Music Festival are noteworthy. Thanks Edwin, Christina, and Club members for the great evening social on Westlake Lake and dinner at Boccaccios; indeed a memorable experience! Thanks to Andy and Joy Lupanow & family for the tour. Thursday morning found us with the largest breakfast club in our District, the RC of Simi Sunrise (**Ernie Gilbert**). This is also an active Club. The Cajun Blues Festival is a great community fundraiser that supports the bulk of their projects. They are very involved in their community, and are committed to developing partnerships for service. The Group 5 Clubs welcomed Scottie and I at the home of Simi Sunrise Rotarian Stella Ortiz for a social and fellowship. Thanks Ernie, Stella, and Verika for spearheading this event; and to Simi Valley, Simi Sunset, Simi Sunrise, Moorpark, Moorpark Morning, and E Club One World Rotarians for making this a fun and special evening. This was again, another great week of Rotary fellowship.

Also This Past Week

Scottie and I joined the Rotary Group 4 Clubs at the Thousand Oaks City Council Meeting on Tuesday, where the clubs received a proclamation recognizing their community work last year on Rotary Work Day. Thousand Oaks, Thousand Oaks Sunrise, Conejo Valley, Westlake Village, and Westlake Village Sunrise were recognized. We found ourselves in Lompoc on Saturday, to help the RC of Lompoc (Rob Klug) and RC of Vandenberg Village (Pat Grivalga) dedicate a community mural (Ocean Ave. and I Street) that depicts community service in Lompoc. Lastly, on Sunday we enjoyed a day of touring distinguished homes sponsored by the RC of San Luis Obispo. SLO President Deb Linden and Bill Turner hosted us to all of the venues. A very nice way to end the week.

This Coming Week of Sept 16, 2012

DG visits will find Scottie and I with the RC's of Solvang (Joe Brown, Goleta Noon (Hans Dahlin), Lompoc (Rob Klug), Buellton (Donna Frazelle), Cambria (Greg Sanders).

District Conference Notes

General Conference Schedule can be found on the main page of the District website at:
www.rotarydistrict5240.org.

LISTEN UP! Many of you have indicated that you want to display your **PROJECTS** or **PROGRAMS** at the Conference, **BUT YOU NEED TO SIGN UP NOW!** Contact Valerie Moya at (cell: 805-245-0228) or email at vmoya@pacificwesternbank.com

NOTE: Please ask your **NID ALUMNI** to wear their **YELLOW JACKET** to the **SUNDAY** morning plenary session!

The annual business meeting of the district will be held on September 28, 2012 on board the Queen Mary. **THE MEETING TIME HAS BEEN MOVED UP TO 3:00PM.** Information regarding Voting Credentials and other pertinent information can be found on the District website main page "2012 Annual Meeting" tab. **REMEMBER**, voting credentials must include a signature of the Club President AND Club Secretary.

At 3:30-5:00pm, there will be a Question & Answer Forum regarding the Future Vision Transition to the TRF new grant model.

For general conference information, contact our chair, Ralph Kleemeyer ralph5240@gmail.com.

A Note About Grants

Your Club Allocation for DDF will expire by the end of the day on September 30. This means that you need to get your Matching Grants submitted by this date to guarantee your DDF match. If you are allocating DDF to another Club; you need to get the DDF allocation form submitted prior to this date as well. (Copy to the Club and copy to Grant Chair Dan). After this date, all unused DDF will be available on a first come basis within the guidelines established. Please contact Grants Chair Dan Giordano if you have any questions at:
dgiordano@bak.rr.com.