

District Governor Frank's Weekly Letter for Club Presidents - September 2, 2012



District Governor Visits

Scottie got the morning off on Monday, and I joined members of the RC of Morro Bay on a sport fishing expedition to catch the meals for their 'Fish Fry' fundraiser to be held later next month. We started this past week of visits on Monday evening, with our friends from the RC of Santa Maria South (**Jane Kokkinakis**). Their major event 'Santa Maria's Got Talent' compliments their generosity in the Santa Maria community. Tuesday found us with the RC of Cambria Sunrise Centennial (**Linda Finley**). They are a small, friendly group with big hearts. Looking forward to their 'beer and brats' fundraiser next month! RC of Morro Bay (**Nancy Guthrie**) was our Tuesday afternoon destination. It was good to see a couple of old fire chief friends, Jeff Jones and Mike Pond, who are both past Presidents of this club. President Nancy has this club moving! Wednesday morning we met with the RC of Paso Robles Sunrise (**Dee Hinds**). Their crab feed is going to be a great success. And everyone should visit Tom at Solana Cellars! That same afternoon we visited the RC of Atascadero (**John Donovan**). Their wine raffle will also be a great success, and their generous contribution to the local zoo will insure a great family venue for many years. RC of Paso Robles (**Dennis Cassidy**) was our Thursday afternoon stop. This fun-filled group supports many causes in their community and their winemakers cookoff is a fantastic public event and fundraiser. PDG Brenda Cressey was there to greet us and she helped make our time very special. Also, I must thank EAG Susan, AG Jane, AG Ted, and COO John who helped make our visits this week memorable. What another great week of Rotary fellowship!

Also This Past Week

On Tuesday evening, Scottie and I joined our District Group 11 Presidents in Templeton for a nice social before their meeting. Thanks to AG Jane and EAG Susan for setting this up. On Thursday evening, we joined a group of Past District Governors from our District 5240, and neighbor District 5280, in Thousand Oaks to meet our Rotary International Director-Elect (RIDE) Steve Snyder and Sharon. RIDE Steve lives in the Auburn CA area and will serve on the RI Board of Directors for a 2-year period beginning July 1, 2013. Thanks to IPDG Wade for organizing.

This Coming Week of Sept 2, 2012

DG visits will find Scottie and I with the RC's of China Lake (Patty Wharton), Bakersfield (Paul Sheldon), and Frazier Park/Mountain Communities (Mitch Wood).

The District Conference is **STILL** waiting for you..... but not for long!

The District Conference aboard the Queen Mary in Long Beach is quickly approaching. The Conference begins on **Friday September 28** at 3PM with our Business Meeting to select a PDG to serve on the RI Director Nominating Committee. This will quickly transition to a Future Vision Q & A Forum. Welcome Reception starts at 5PM. Saturday breakfast starts at 7:30AM followed by the opening Plenary Session that will enlighten and motivate all. Lots of activities available to you during the afternoon. Anyone for ballroom dance lessons? The evening banquet and entertainment will be equally enjoyable. Sunday's session starts at 8:15am followed by the famous "Queen Mary Sunday Brunch". Check www.rotarydistrict5240.org homepage for registration and hotel information. For information regarding displaying your club projects, contact Valerie Moya 805-245-0228 vmoya@pacificwesternbank.com. For general conference information, contact our chair, Ralph Kleemeyer ralph5240@gmail.com.

Get Ready for Future Vision Training for our new Grants Model!

Our TRF Future Vision Transition committee, under the leadership of PDG Luz-Maria Ortiz-Smith (and Dan Giordano, Heather Frankle, Bruce Howard, Nick Frankle, and more) has been working very hard to roll out the information and training required for the new Grants Model established by The Rotary Foundation. The schedule will be posted this week.

Want to be part of the Rotary Rose Parade Team?

Join IPDG Wade, DGE Jack, PDG Jane, EAG Walt, and many more dedicated Rotarians help make our Rose Bowl Parade entry a memorable one! For info: www.rotaryfloat.org.