

District Governor Frank's Weekly Letter for Club Presidents - September 30, 2012



District Governor Visits

We started this past week of visits on Tuesday morning with RC of Templeton (**Brent Watson**). This club has done an outstanding job this past year working in the 5 avenues of service. I was impressed with their service project "The Long Walk Home" which supports many north county non-profit groups. At noon, we found ourselves with the RC of Pismo Beach 5-Cities (**Gary Bayus**). They are very involved in their community, working on improvements to Dinosaur Caves; and our international community in Uganda, the Philippines, and South Africa. That evening we had a very enjoyable time with the RC's of Grover Beach and Pismo Beach-5 Cities at the home of Steve & Linda Curry. Fellow DG Shirley Grace (5230) and Dick joined us for a super evening! The RC of Grover Beach (**Brad Evans**) was our Wednesday morning destination. This club is focused on supporting youth activities and keeps civic pride going with their support of many community activities. Lunchtime found us with the RC San Luis Obispo DeTolosa (**Carl Dudley**). What a fun group of Rotarians! Their Valentines Concert in February will generate funds to help them with a Joint project with rebuilding the par course at Laguna Lake! As has been, this was truly another great week of Rotary fellowship.

Also This Past Week

Scottie and I joined the Rotary Club of Santa Maria South (Jane Kokkinakis) for a fun evening at the Civic Theatre. Our Group Study Exchange team arrived from Sri Lanka this past week which will assuredly be a memorable experience.

This Coming Week of Sept 30, 2012

DG visits will find Scottie and I with the RC's of Santa Barbara Sunrise (David Velarde), Santa Ynez Valley (Tammy Westwood), and Cayucos-Seaside (Emily Campbell).

A Note About Grants

If a Matching Grant has been submitted with DDF Allocated Fund Transfers and has not been completed by **October 15, 2012**, the allocated transfer funds will be put back into the remaining DDF for distribution to all District Clubs applying for a Matching Grant at the minimum \$3000 and maximum \$6000 asking per District MG policy. EAG's.....please pass this message on to your AG's and Club Presidents to disseminate to their Club as soon as possible.

GRANT QUALIFICATION REQUIRES (2)

Sign up today. Your club will not be able to write a grant for the 2013-14 year unless you have 2 persons from your club participate. Choose one session 10/13, 10/27, 11/3. Check the District website NOW!

District Conference Final Thoughts

WOW. What a memorable experience! This year's District Conference, on board the beautiful Queen Mary, started with a bit of business and ended with a fantastic Sunday Brunch, filled in between with plenty of fellowship, celebration, fantastic speakers, and outstanding entertainment.

Congratulations to PDG Wade Nomura, who was selected to serve on the RI Director Nominating Committee. Appreciation to PDG's Jane McClenahan and Deepa Willingham for their contributions. Also, to PDG Luz-Maria Ortiz-Smith and her Future Visions transition team who provided an informative Q&A forum.

The preliminary numbers indicate 310 attendees, including our Friendship Teams from 3720 South Korea (DG Song Si Jun), 4160 Mexico (DG Luis Manrique), our GSE 3220 Sri Lanka Team, Ambassadorial Scholar Riho Shinagawa, and 11 RYE students. In all, 12 countries were represented at this conference! RI President Rep was PDG Stuart Palmer D5440, and also in attendance was RI Director Ken Boyd who represents our Rotary Zone 26.

Our theme was "Honoring Traditions While Forging New Visions" and recognized PDG George Palmer for his service, and heard from James Lewis on Polio Eradication, and PDG Brenda Cressey on The Rotary Foundation.

New Generations was well represented, as we heard from SLO Rotaract President Erik Wright, RYE Outbound Student Iris Dudek, Ambassadorial Scholar Daniel Liles, our GSE Team, and Shanaya (author of Bully in the Mirror).

A sincere thanks to Conference Chair Ralph Kleemeyer (Simi Sunset) and his fantastic fantastic team of volunteers who worked hard to make this a memorable Rotary experience!

GSE Outbound Team and Team Leader

There is some basic information posted on the main page of our website, with more specific info to follow. Contact Chair Bill Pucciarelli for specific questions.

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