



GLENN FONG

2015 – 2016

Rotary Club of Roseville



Glenn Fong was the 21st District Governor in District 5180. He joined the Rotary Club of Roseville in 2005 with the classification of “Real Estate”. His sponsor was Michael Dockery. Ravi Ravindran from Sri Lanka was the Rotary International President and his international theme was “Be a Gift to the World”. Glenn also had a district theme “LIVE Rotary”. His goals for his DG year were to launch two new clubs and he achieved success in that both the Passport and Twin Rivers Rotary clubs were created.

Glenn had several memorable experiences in his year. The creation of the two new Rotary clubs rates high but he was most impressed in having his family become avid participants in Rotary. His daughters; Sarah and Katy; along with Glenn’s wife, Elise, baked cookies and sold them to Rotarians and friends, all to support the Rotary Foundation and for Polio. The amount raised in selling cookies was \$3,492.00. Needless to say, Foundation giving was another measure of success for Glenn’s year achieving a \$154 per capita giving by the District’s Rotarians.

Glenn and his wife, Elisa, enjoyed their club visits and always found warm welcome with every club. Much to Glenn’s surprise he was presented his first cowboy hat (a Stetson) at his visit to the Rotary club of Carmichael. Of the numerous service projects shared by the clubs, Glenn was most impressed with the presentation of a Rotary van from the Rotary clubs of Arden Arcade and East Sacramento to the Arden Arcade Parks and Recreation District.

Glenn had an International project which involved a \$100,000 global grant to Brazil. It involved the purchase of 5000 water filters for the Favelas (slum areas) in Sao Paulo, Brazil. He and Elise plus 20 other Rotarians delivered 250 filters to small Favelas during the same time they attended the International Convention in Sao Paulo, Brazil.

Glenn’s District Conference was on May 19 – 22 2016 at the Double Tree Berkeley Marina in Berkeley on the San Francisco bay. His conference emphasized a sport theme with the participants encouraged to wear their sport outfits. Friday evening offered a bay cruise with dinner aboard the SS Hornblower. The cruise traversed the bay and ventured up near AT&T Park to see the lights while the San Francisco Giants were playing. The Rotary Club of Pocket Greenhaven was selected as the Outstanding Club of the year.

As with most Rotarians, there is an event or time when one realizes the real meaning of “service above self” with being a Rotarian. For Glenn it was in 2006, after doing a community service project called “Canine for Carlos”. That was the moment when Glenn said he became a “True Rotarian”.

Both Glenn and Elise are multiple Paul Harris Fellows and Major donors. Both their daughters, Sarah and Katy, are also Paul Harris fellows. Glenn continues to support the Foundation as a member of the Paul Harris Society.

Outside of the District, Glenn has served on the 2016 – 17 Zone Institute Training team.

Glenn was pleased with the success he had as District Governor in his year. His advice for a future District Governor is *“Have fun otherwise it may be too stressful. Give it all you can and make positive changes that will last.”*