

Dear President James,

I would like to thank you, your club members, partners and guests for the very warm welcome you gave to myself and Nicole during our recent visit to your club.

We were particularly touched by the extra thought and effort your club members took to bring a French “flavour” to the visit. The “tricolore” flag and costumes were very good and helped to make us feel at home.

We also appreciated the presence of a French speaker and please pass our thanks on to Charlotte for her assistance. It is always comforting to know there is someone with whom I can check vocabulary and it also helps Nicole to follow proceedings.

As you progress through the year I encourage you to keep RI President John Kenny’s emphases in mind;

Water

Health & Hunger

Literacy

Expanding membership

Responsibility for our future

Your club seems to be in good heart and has a number of projects planned for the year ahead. I wish you luck with all that you wish to achieve and hope to be able to present you with a Presidential Citation at the end of the Rotary year.

In the spirit of “Pacific Atmosphere” I hope you will be able to share the “bonhomie” you experience in your club with others within the district, either through fellowship or combined projects.

Nicole and I look forward to welcoming many members of the Rotary club of Orewa to the conference in Nouméa in May 2010.

All the best for your Presidential year in Rotary.

The Future of Rotary is in Your Hands!

Regards

Georges Giovannelli Gouverneur 2009-10