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Incoming Presidents, District Staff and Friends,

Welcome. Over the next fourteen months we will be working together to ensure that you get READY, are SET and prepared to GO into your year as the president of your Rotary Club.

We will have opportunities to get to know each other better and to learn how to work together to make a difference in our local communities, in our District, and in communities around the world.

As we begin this journey together, I would like to share a story that changed my life -

*The Starfish*

*While walking down the beach, a man saw someone in the distance leaning down, picking something up and throwing it in the ocean. As he came closer, he saw thousands of starfish the tide had thrown onto the beach. Unable to return to the ocean during low tide, the starfish were dying. He observed a young boy picking up the starfish one by one and throwing them back into the ocean.*

*After watching the seemingly futile effort, the observer said, "There must be thousands of starfish on this beach. It would be impossible for you to save all of them. There are simply too many. You can't possibly save enough to make a difference."*

*The young boy smiled as he picked up another starfish and tossed it back into the ocean. "It made a difference to that one," he replied.*

Your club has selected you to be its leader it in Rotary Year 2014-2015 and your District team has only one purpose – to help you succeed. We are here to listen to your needs and concerns and to provide you with the resources to ensure your club has a successful Rotary year through your leadership and that you are able to make a difference – one life at a time – just like the starfish.

Yours in Rotary Service,

