

Season's Greetings to our 66 Rotary Club Presidents,

Looking at the calendar it clearly shows you are nearly half done with your term as club president. Many of you have accomplished some remarkable things these past 6 months and a lot of those accomplishments will be featured in the December District Newsletter that will be printed and mailed soon.

Soon you will begin a couple of weeks off from Rotary responsibilities and enjoy the holidays with family and friends. Take full advantage of this time to get rested and reinvigorated as you begin your second half of the year in January.

**Club Visits by DG** – You have been such gracious hosts to Jo Anne and me as we have traversed the district the past 4+ months visiting your clubs. We have visited 62 clubs so far with just 4 more to go next week (Corning, Norwalk, Osceola, and Lenox).

**NC PETS** – The online registration is now open for North Central President-Elect Training Seminar (March 8-10 in Rochester). Be sure your PE and hopefully your PN will attend and encourage them to register soon to take advantage of early-bird discount. Have your PE and PN go to [www.rotary6000.org](http://www.rotary6000.org) and click on NC PETS in right column.

**A Toast to District 6000** – complete details on this event will be in the December newsletter, including a registration form. It's up to you to encourage your club members to take part in this first-ever pilot of a District Conference. Be sure to be in close communication with the Toast Chairs who are closest to you (Dennis & Deb Peterson, **Davenport**; John & Deb Ockenfels, **Coralville**; Cal & Rachel Litwiller, **Ottumwa**; Jacque & Jim Andrew, **Carroll**; or Erna and Steve Morain, **West Des Moines**). See leadership directory for contact information. **All** clubs should be represented in at least one Toast location as we are making a big effort to bring the Toast closer to our membership.

**Bike Project** – to date over 50 clubs are participating in the project and hopefully all 66 clubs will get involved on some level. Remember, time is of the essence if you want to take advantage of the 1:1 match that World Bicycle Relief is offering for all donations received by December 31. It's a GREAT deal! For individual donors the easiest way is to give online is at <http://rotary.worldbicyclerelief.org/rotary-district-6000>. The other option is for checks to be given to club treasurer and sent to World Bicycle Relief at 1000 West Fulton Market, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Chicago, IL 60607. Look for more information in the newsletter.

**Rotary Moment** – Please make an effort to have a Rotary Moment at half of your club meetings. It's a great way to involve other members of your club. If you have questions about this, contact me.

**Membership** – Inviting and attracting new members is only half of what the membership committee needs to focus on. Nurturing and engaging current members is just as important. If you have not been doing a good job of this, make plans now to kick off the new year with creative ways of how you can recognize and show appreciation for your current members.

A great big **THANK YOU** to each of you as you lead your club this year. As a team, we are definitely making an impact on this year's theme of **Rotary: Making a Difference**.

Have a wonderful holiday season as you celebrate with family and friends.

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