

Greetings to the District 6000 Rotary Club Presidents!

Congratulations as you begin your year as club president. The new theme ***Rotary: Making a Difference*** applies to each and every one of you. You **are** making a big difference and touching the lives of more people than you realize.

Keeping the lines of communication open between you and your club members is vitally important. It's also healthy for you to keep in touch with other club presidents, especially those in your area. This memo with the title of "***DG Mike's Rotary Cups of Cold Water***" will be a regular feature to keep the DG-Club President lines of communication open. Together, we can make the 2017-18 Rotary year the best ever for District 6000.

Exciting News from World Bicycle Relief! – All of you should now be in the loop regarding our District 6000's global project to support World Bicycle Relief. The great news is that WBR has announced a 1:1 match for all donations (up to a maxim total of \$250,000) for all donations received in July. Bikes are \$147, including shipping. This is a great opportunity for your club to kick off your involvement with a donation in July. Granted, you will likely want to give future support this year but as a kick-starter, any funds that are sent to WBR this month are matched.

Contributions can be made in 3 different ways: a) online (see below link) b) individual writes a check (any amount, it all helps) payable to WBR or c) the club writes a check from their treasury. Note: only the online gifts and checks written by individuals are tax deductible, not the checks written by a club. My suggestion is for you to bundle all checks from individuals and mail them as a group to WBR (1000 W. Fulton Market, 4th Floor Chicago, IL 60607). Add a note that the donations are to be credited to District 6000. They will send each individual a receipt. Check out this link! <http://rotary.worldbicyclerelief.org/rotary-district-6000> It gives a lot of information on WBR and a **GREAT** 3-minute video. You might want to show the video to your board or club.

All of us are in our very first week of the new Rotary year. The year will fly by quickly. It's my pleasure to enjoy this ride with you and you can count on my full support.

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