

Greetings, Rotary Club Presidents,

Many of you have commented how quickly the year is fleeting by. Within weeks you will be half way through the year as club president. Make the most of this year and enjoy it. This is **your** year! Your efforts to implement this year's theme of **Rotary: Making a Difference** are deeply appreciated.

A few things to keep you in the loop:

- **District Newsletter** – If your club has done something exciting the last few months, write about it and send the article, including a picture if you have one, to our newsletter editor Bill Tubbs – [btubbs@northscottpress.com](mailto:btubbs@northscottpress.com) It's ok to toot your own club's horn!
- **Disaster Relief** – Several clubs want to know where to send money to help out with the many recent disasters, mainly hurricanes and wildfires. Send your check payable to H.E.F. (Humanitarian and Educational Foundation) to Phil Peterson, PO Box 5774, Coralville, IA 52241-5774. Please specify misc. disaster relief rather than funds earmarked for a specific disaster. It will make disbursement of funds much more efficient.
- **Next Year's Officers** – Try hard to have both a President-elect (2018-19) and President-nominee (2019-20) elected no later than Dec. 31. The PE is required to attend North Central President-Elect Training Seminar (NCPETS) March 8-10 in Rochester, MN and the PN is strongly encouraged to also attend. The time and money is well invested.
- **Bike Update** – World Bicycle Relief has announced another 1:1 match for ALL donations received between now and the end of December. I'm fairly certain this will be the final match for this Rotary year. Take advantage of it! A \$147 donation for just 1 bike is such an easy way to change the economic family tree for an average of 5 people. Spread the word each week to encourage your members to take advantage of this "double your gift" offer. Remember to use this link for donations: <http://rotary.worldbicyclerelief.org/rotary-district-6000>
- **Red Kettle Fund Raising – Make it a Family Affair!** - Hopefully your club will participate in the Salvation Army's annual Red Kettle drive this year. If your town does not have a Salvation Army you can still collect money and forward it to the nearest Salvation Army office. Invite the children of Rotarians to help ring the bell.
- **Club Goals** – If you have not entered your club's goals online, it is imperative you do so. Have no clue how to do it? Contact your AG or me...now!
- **The 3 Fs of a Healthy Rotary Club** – Food, Fellowship, and Fun! Some clubs have appointed a "fun" committee and it's having a big, favorable impact on club meetings. Try it!
- **Nurturing Members** – Make sure you show appreciation for your current members by giving them well-deserved recognition for Rotary work, membership anniversaries, career or family milestones, etc. People like to be recognized and appreciated. We want them to have a spring in their step and a "I'm sure glad I'm a Rotarian" feeling when they leave a meeting.

Have a blessed, relaxed Thanksgiving holiday with your family and friends. Look for the next *Cups of Cold Water* in mid-December.

It's a joy to serve as your District Governor.

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