

Greetings to all 66 Rotary Club Presidents,

The Labor Day weekend is over, the days are getting a little shorter, and you now have completed 2 months as club president. Your feet should be planted solidly on the ground by now and there are 10 more months left in the Rotary year where you can lead your club in the theme of *Rotary: Making a Difference*.

I have visited 18 clubs so far and have 9 scheduled in the next 3 weeks. It's always a joy for me to be in contact with you, either in person, email, phone or text.

Things to keep you in the Rotary loop:

- **September is Basic Education & Literacy Month** – What can your club do this month to promote this theme?
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- **District Newsletter** – After the first issue is mailed, be sure to verify that all club members have received it and point out some of the features to encourage readership.
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- **One Rotary Summit** – It is very important for each club to be represented at one of these events. No registration fee but please register (www.rotary6000.org) so we can make plans. **Free supper is served at 5:30** and programming is from 6:00 – 8:30.
 - October 3 – West Liberty Community Center
 - October 5 – United Methodist Church – Mt. Pleasant
 - Oct. 12 – Shive–Hattery – West Des Moines
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- **Bike Update** –
 - The bike will be in Areas 1 & 2 for the next 3 weeks (Carroll, Coon Rapids, Jefferson, Manning, Ames, Boone, Nevada, Perry)
 - To date there have been donations in excess of \$74,000, purchasing about 503 bikes. Awesome!
 - About 35 clubs have participated so far. Sure hope the rest will come on board.
 - Remember, scout troops, youth groups, Interact, etc. are encouraged to also help raise funds for the bike
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- **Hurricane Harvey** – Many clubs are asking how they can offer support to this disaster. The main effort now is to raise the funds. Rotary is not meant to be the first responder; we will be there for the long haul. As a district, we will support the victims. If your club wants to show support, a check should be made payable to HEF (Humanitarian and Educational Foundation) and sent to Phil Peterson, 330 Butternut Lane, Iowa City, IA 52246. Make sure you include a note that designates the donation is for Hurricane Harvey. Phil is the treasurer for HEF (a District 6000 entity).
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- **Report Hours & Money** – Be sure to keep track of the hours your club members devote to Rotary projects as well as the money your club spends on your projects/activities. Report this information at least monthly. It's a simple process. Go to www.rotary.org – My Rotary – Rotary Club Central (Under Manage tab, then left column – Service tab).
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- **Membership Tip** – Hopefully your club has either a hard copy or soft copy directory of your club members, newspaper articles, and pictures of local projects. Share this information with potential members for them to get acquainted with your club.
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- **Report Club Goals** – Many clubs still have not reported their club goals on the RI website. See the August 20, 2017 *Cups of Cold Water* for specific instructions. If you need help let me know!

Give your AG or me a holler if you have any questions at all. Our job is to serve you!

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