

Greetings, Club Presidents,

It doesn't seem possible that it's been a full month since the last *Cups* was sent so there is some catching up to do. With about 10 weeks left in your term as club president, it will be over quickly. Here are a few topics for you to keep in mind:

A Toast to District 6000 – thank you for supporting this. I believe 63 clubs had a representative there which is a record. Typically about 20 clubs do not participate so we made some nice progress, thanks to your leadership and encouragement.

Vision 2020 – This will be held at Shive-Hattery in West Des Moines on Wednesday evening, May 2. Its sole purpose is to discuss growing your club's membership, a concern that nearly all clubs have expressed. If at all possible your club should be represented. Go to www.rotary6000.org for details and registration (no cost, but a meal is provided so a count is necessary).

Tree Planting – Has your club completed the planting (or at least the funding) of one tree per member? If not, please make this project a high priority this spring. The 4 Iowa City area clubs are planning a big tree planting event (about 450 trees) this Saturday, April 21. Contact one of those presidents if you want some ideas.

World Bicycle Relief Update – Things are going well. As of today we have purchased 1,063 bikes and I know there are more donations in the mail. Some of your clubs are planning a spring fundraising event for the bike project. Awesome! Reminder – this figure only reflects District 6000 donations. About 70% more bikes have been purchased because your donations were received during “match months”. Thank you!

Next Year's Officers – By now you should have next year's club officers pretty well lined up. Work with your President-elect to fill those slots.

Community Service Grant Deadline – If you want to apply for a district grant the application is due June 1; no exceptions. Remember, your club must have its goals entered on the Rotary International website before any grant payment will be issued. You can apply for the grant, but no funds will be dispersed until goals are submitted. There is no deadline for global grant applications.

Toronto – We have 83 members from our district already registered for the Rotary International convention in Toronto (June 24-27). If you have never been to one of these, I strongly encourage you to do so. Let your club members know about it.

Your Club's Goals – Now is the time for you to take a serious look at your club's goals. Double check with your treasurer to see if you are current on your financial commitments to Rotary International for Polio, Annual Fund, etc. You have 2+ months to complete any goals and projects you have...still enough time, but it will take some careful planning.

That's about it. Hang in there. You are greatly appreciated.

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