

Greetings, Club Presidents,

It's snowing! Take a few minutes to look out the window and enjoy the peacefulness that snow brings. Snow covered landscapes can be a refreshing change.

You are in your 7th month of club presidency, ready to send your president-elect off to NCPETS. It wasn't all that long ago that you were in their shoes. Give them your full support!

Grant Management Seminars – The first of these is happening in just one week. If your club is planning to apply for a community or global grant next year you are required to have representation at one of the seminars. No fees but registration is required. Sign up online at www.rotary6000.org (right column)

- February 17 – West Liberty
- February 24 – West Des Moines
- March 23 – Newton

DG Mike's Rotary Cups of Cold Water – you can access all previous “Cups” online at the district website. A “click here” is in the second paragraph under our picture at the website.

Tree Planting – One of Rotary International President Ian Riseley's goals is to have 1 tree planted for each member of a club. These don't have to be large trees; something small or even a sapling. If you have not already done this project, please plan now for a planting this spring and arrange for some good media coverage.

Rotary Moments – Are you having 2 Rotary Moments per month at your meetings? It's a GREAT way for members to get a bigger picture of Rotary. If you have questions, please contact me.

Quote from RI President Ian Riseley - “We all know that if we want to do more of the good work we're here for, we have to start doing things a bit differently. With the same focus on ethics, the same high standards, the same insistence on quality—but a greater openness to doing things the way they need to be done, even when it's not the way they've been done in the past.” You have permission to try all kinds of new things. Go for it!

A Toast to Rotary District 6000 – These 5 events are just 9 weeks away (April 12-14). It's time to do some heavy promoting. All Rotarians in our district received an email on Tuesday, February 6 promoting the Toast. Be sure to mention this opportunity to your club often. **The Rotary Club of Boone is planning to have a “party bus” of club members travel to the Toast in Carroll. Your club may want to do it. Sounds like fun!**

Keep up the good work and always feel free to contact me with any questions you have. You have my full support.

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