

Greetings, Club Presidents,

By your continued commitment as a leader in Rotary you definitely are implementing this year's theme of ***Rotary: Making a Difference***. You may not think you are making much of a difference but your **Service Above Self** attitude impacts the lives of more people than you will ever realize.

Bike Project – Fantastic job!! 951 bikes to date (almost \$140,000). I estimate that about 70% of the donations qualified for the match so that means so far we have donated about 1,600 bikes. That is incredible and we still have 5+ months left in the Rotary year!

A Toast to Rotary District 6000 – 5 events held the weekend of April 12-14

- A registration form is attached - It also can be found in the December district newsletter. Make copies available at all meetings.
- It's time to start heavy promotion in your club
- Many clubs are not having their regular meeting that week and encouraging members to attend a nearby Toast. That's your decision.
- Interact students are encouraged to attend – half price at \$24.50. Local sponsoring clubs as well as Interact treasuries can help defray that cost but it's important for the student to have some skin in the game. A separate breakout session will be held for the students during part of the Toast.

NCPETS

- Your president-elect is required to attend this event in Rochester (from about 5:00 pm Thursday – noon Saturday, March 8-10)
- President-nominees (those who will be president 2019-20) are strongly encouraged to attend.
- Club should pay mileage, registration, hotel
- Registration deadline for discount is Friday, Jan. 26.
- Register at <https://www.ncpets.org/register-rochester>
- There are 10 clubs who have not reported a president-elect yet either on ClubRunner or to Carolyn at district office. Please do so asap.

ClubRunner – There are still 17 clubs that are not using ClubRunner. This software is free of charge. When you enter any new information in ClubRunner it automatically is sent to Rotary International and can be a real time saver. Contact Carolyn at district office for details.

Grant Management Seminars – These events are coming up soon:

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

Attendance is required if you plan to apply for a global or community services grant for next Rotary year.

I'm at your service – Is there something I can do to help your club be bigger, bolder, or better? Let me know. I will personally coach you through the process or I will contact someone in our district who can help you. You deserve our full support. All you need to do is ask.

Over half your year as president is over. It's time to make some big plans for the final home stretch.

Thank you, club presidents. I deeply appreciate your commitment to Rotary.

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