

Floyd A. Lancia District Governor 2009-2010

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Fellow Rotarians:

President John Kenny says it best when addressing the family of Rotary—

"The idea of the family of Rotary is a simple one, and one that we celebrate every December during Family Month. Every Rotarian is part of the **Rotary family** – but our family is much larger than just our 1.2 million members. The family of Rotary includes every one of the men, women, and children who are involved in our work: the spouses and children of our members, our Rotary Foundation program participants and alumni, and all of those who are part of our programs, in the tens of thousands of Rotary communities around the world."

During this special time of year, we all need to keep our families in mind and celebrate by including them in our Rotary activities. Let's include our children, spouses, and partners in our Christmas celebrations. When we have our special events for this holiday, invite those special persons to participate. Ask them to join in on the festivities whether it be singing, collecting items for the needy or simply attending that special holiday event that occurs this time of year.

As for the District, we are thankful of the service each of you provide as Rotarians and appreciate the fellowship created by the activities in which you participate. Continue your efforts in the advancement of our Rotary ideals.

In a final note I wish you the Happiest of Holidays, the Safest of Seasons and as its been said in the lyrics of <u>The Christmas Song</u>...... "And so I'm offering this simple phrase, to kids from one to ninety-two, although its been said many times, many ways, a VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS to you", and "let ev'ry heart prepare Him room".

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