

Floyd A. Lancia District Governor 2009-2010

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Fellow Rotarians:

As we enter this month..."new generation month", we need to be mindful of the future of Rotary. President Kenny has asked us to care for the future of Rotary by placing it in our hands. As Rotarians, we all share the joy of fellowship and service; however, each of us brings a different level of experience to our organization. As we all know, those of us that are more senior members have the experience and knowledge of service by devoting much of what we do to that service. Those of us that are newer to Rotary bring the excitement, enthusiasm, and energy to carry on the traditions so expertly put in place by our leaders, past and present.

Let us now look to the future...Rotary has placed before us the opportunity to involve youth in much of what we do. We have been provided with vehicles that will enable us to share the experience of young people from around the world. We are able to experience cultural, educational and vocational opportunities, which will perhaps shape the future of Rotary and the world.

As we know, Rotary's Youth Exchange, Interact, Rotaract, RYLA, Group Study Exchange, Ambassadorial and Peace Scholars are among a few youth programs sanctioned by Rotary. At the District and Club levels, the opportunities are endless i.e. Student Rotarians, High School Speech Contests, Four Way Test Contests, Student Scholarships, Student Leadership Recognitions, Athletic Recognitions, etc. The list is limited only by the imagination of club leaders and its' members.

As you know "The Future of Rotary is in Your Hands". Will it be cared for it in such a fashion that it will be passed on to those that follow us in as good or better condition in which it was received? In actuality, the future is truly in the hands of those to come.

So take the step.... enjoy the youth of our communities by inviting them to our meetings, fellowship events, and service projects. We may be pleasantly surprised at the joy and excitement we gain by their presence. By doing so we will have the opportunity to "see" the future of Rotary.

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