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District Governor's June Newsletter

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Summer, and the new Rotary Year, will soon be here

June has arrived, and that means that summer is officially just a few weeks away! June also means that the 2016-17 Rotary year is almost complete, but just like the seasons, the Rotary year is virtually eternal. We may be completing one year, and your Club and the District will be rotating their leadership, yet our Rotary mission to Do GOOD and Have FUN continues!

As I look back upon this past year, the first thing that I must do is to say THANK YOU! We set some significant District Goals for this year, and it has been incredibly inspiring to see how so many of your Clubs embraced the inherent challenge of these Goals. It is truly a testament to the incredible power of Rotary that, through Leadership and TEAMwork, you and your Clubs have been able to Do GOOD in a spectacular manner throughout our Hudson Valley communities and in the world beyond.

We have had a GREAT 2016-17 Year!

There is never enough space to share all the many unique ways in which our Clubs are Serving Humanity, but here's a summary of how you have distinguished yourselves in our six Program areas:

Service: Do GOOD. Every Club was engaged in local and/or global service projects, with a record thirty four District Grant projects, and numerous locally sponsored Global Grant projects, including a Global Grant to put Rotary's resources to work on the Substance Addiction health crisis in the Hudson Valley.

Membership & Fellowship: Have FUN. Your Clubs' engaging programs have resulted in a significant increase in membership, bringing our District to being near our highest membership in 4 or 5 years.

Rotary Foundation: Our Foundation sets us apart from local service clubs, and you've supported it by stepping up for our Centennial Challenge: 100% & \$100/member for the 100th Anniversary.

Youth: Our Youth Exchange, RYLA and Interact programs continue to flourish, and we've added a new short term international exchange program this year; Summer Exchange Experience: SEE the world!

Public Awareness: In an effort to help you raise awareness in your Club and community, we've streamlined our approach to communications, and the results are evident in your many successes!

Club Administration: Rotary is evolving as an organization in order to remain relevant in today's rapidly changing world, and your Clubs have capitalized not only on the new flexible approach to membership and meetings, but also on the efficiency of the abundant online tools available to you.

Let's finish 2016-17 at top speed, then hand off to the 2017-18 Team

We can see the finish line ahead, but this is a relay race, so it's time for us to finish our portion at top speed, and then hand the baton off to incoming DG Jim Damiani and our 2017-18 Leadership Team so that they can build upon this year's successes. If you'd like to see where your Club currently ranks (with a month to go, there's still time to improve your position) in Membership, Foundation Support, Presidential Citation, Goals, etc., visit the "Club Leadership" page on the District website and click on each of the "Monthly Club Reports": <https://portal.clubrunner.ca/50045/Page/club-leadership>

See YOU in Atlanta, for the Rotary International Convention!

The FUN is still not over, we're going to finish off this Rotary year with a delegation of about 50 of our members traveling to Atlanta for our International Convention June 10 to 14. It's not too late to join us, you can learn more at <http://www.riconvention.org/en>. Plus, if you've read this entire newsletter each month, PDG Drew Kessler wants to hear from you, so email him at dkessler@mtb.com to say "I did it!"

THANK YOU most sincerely, for allowing me to serve as your District Governor in 2016-17.

Louis

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Louis Turpin'.

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