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As you read this we will have completed the first quarter of our Rotary year. First and foremost I want to thank all of you for your Rotary service this year.

We all live busy lives and I know it takes time to do the work of service. Please bear in mind that though your days may sometimes seem long, our Rotary year is short. There are needs in our communities yet to be addressed, there are children in need of a coat or the time given to read them a story, there are teenagers in need of a mentor, there are neighbors who are hungry and there are seniors struggling to get by. Across the sea there are wells to dig, schools to build, health centers to improve, and polio drops to give. Over mountains there is suffering to heal, there are homeless seeking shelter and hungry minds and bodies waiting for nourishment in many forms. We cannot wait until tomorrow. We must continue to do all that we can, even more than we thought possible as we work to reach our goals. In the words of Dr. Seuss, *"Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It's not."*

Let us move into the next quarter of our Rotary year, invigorated by the knowledge of knowing that we can make a difference, each and every one of us. Let us keep our commitment to creating Bigger Better and Bolder Rotary clubs. Reach out to a potential new member and invite him/her to work beside you in your club's service project or fundraiser enjoying Rotary fellowship at the same time. Take the time to acquaint yourself with the newer members in your

club to be sure they feel included. Listen and be open to new ideas and concepts.

My question to you, as individuals and as a club, is to consider how reaching your goals will allow you to make a positive impact, create the change you want to help achieve in this world we share, and what values you wish to present to your communities as you share your time, your ideas and your money. Then go out and make it happen. Where will you leave your fingerprints and heart prints? Now is the time, for as Mark Twain reminds us, *"Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things that you didn't do than by the ones that you did do."* None of us should be disappointed by the things that we didn't do at the end of our Rotary year. None of us should be afraid of failure, only afraid of not trying. Do not let complacency and the status quo overtake your club. Become more involved and remember our organization is founded on the motto, "Service Above Self". The real magic happens when we give of ourselves to help others.

I recently had the best reminder of why we do what we do. Immunizing a classroom of 5 year olds in Abuja, Nigeria a little boy watched intently as I moved around the room placing the polio drops into the mouths of his classmates. When I came to him, he finally took his seat and looking up at me with serious dark eyes he said, "Auntie, I love you."

Be aware, the life you change may be your own.

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