

**Monday with Mikey: November 21, 2016**

## **Happy Thanksgiving!**

First Mate Jocelyn and I would like to wish “all y’all” a very happy Thanksgiving Day. We all certainly have a great deal for which we should be thankful: Water, Shelter, Food, Medical Care, Hygiene Facilities, and Technology.

On January 6, 1941, President Franklin Delano Roosevelt delivered his “Annual Message to Congress” (which we now call the “State of the Union” Address) to a joint session of Congress. This address, traditionally given by our President, is delivered to members of the Senate and the House of Representatives. President Roosevelt asserted his view that all people should enjoy Four Freedoms – which, in my opinion, Rotary International and Our Rotary Foundation strive to support every single day.

Here’s a transcript of the “Four Freedoms Speech” as it has come to be known (please forgive the 1940s era “gender slant”):

- **In the future days, which we seek to make secure, we look forward to a world founded upon four essential human freedoms.**
- **The first is freedom of speech and expression -- everywhere in the world.**
- **The second is freedom of every person to worship God in his own way -- everywhere in the world.**
- **The third is freedom from want -- which, translated into world terms, means economic understandings which will secure to every nation a healthy peacetime life for its inhabitants -- everywhere in the world.**
- **The fourth is freedom from fear -- which, translated into world terms, means a world- wide reduction of armaments to such a point and in such a thorough fashion that no nation will be in a position to commit an act of physical aggression against any neighbor-- anywhere in the world.**

## **D6950 TRF Annual Fund Challenge:**

Every club in our district that achieves \$215 Annual Fund giving per capita (that’s total giving divided by number of members) by January 15, 2017 will be included in a drawing on February 4<sup>th</sup> at Pre-PETS. The winning club will receive TWO paid registrations for the 2017 RI Convention in Atlanta this coming June. These registrations can be for two Rotarians, a Rotarian and partner/guest, or two partners/guests of Rotarians who are already enrolled to attend the convention. Contributions from clubs must be received and recorded at TRF by January 15, 2017.

Until next Monday, keep **“Doing Good, Having Fun!”**

Your Friend in Rotary Service,

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