

Monday with Mikey: February 6, 2017

“To everything (turn, turn, turn) there is a season...” The Byrds
“And the beat goes on...” Sonny and Cher
“I’m the next guy.” Rex Tillerson

These three quotes have something in common with Rotary – and our District.

This past Saturday, The Presidents – Elect of our Rotary Clubs met with DGE Perry Bean (aka “The Next Guy”) and began their training to lead YOUR clubs next Rotary Year. Pre-PETS (“PETS” = “Presidents’ Elect Training Seminar”) was a super day, orchestrated by the D6950 Training Team, led by PDG Jamie Mick, and facilitated by District Administrator Brenda Wendt and her team. This was a day of learning about resources and relationships, and I feel very comfortable in saying the District’s clubs will be in very capable hands next Rotary Year!

Ok Gang, let’s get focused!

I spent Sunday afternoon – no, NOT eating chicken wings and drinking beer – nor sailing – but rather preparing my report to Zone 34 Rotary Coordinator, PDG Art MacQueen, who is the RI President’s Representative for our District Conference in June. One thing that has me a little troubled is that we have **(a)** lowered our collective goals, and **(b)** not given/raised as much money as we usually by this time most years to the Annual Fund of The Rotary Foundation.

We have a long-standing tradition in D6950 of generous giving! Our target for this year is an average of \$225 per Rotarian, and we’re currently at \$112, which is behind the average we normally achieve (by this time of year) of \$140. That’s \$50,000 behind our usual level of generosity year to date!

These funds are those that will fund the projects and scholarships our District supports in Rotary Year 20-21. The very FUTURE of grants in this district depends upon our collective giving.

As a Rotarian, please consider contributing by using “Rotary Direct.” You can find it on www.rotary.org - or you can just Google it! It’s simple and painless. \$100 per year is less than \$8.50 per month – way less than the price of a six-pack of beer or some chicken wings!

If you are a club treasurer or TRF chair, please work on a “midyear submission” of the funds you have collected from your members through dues or other contributions. This will go a long way toward helping your members, your club, and our district SERVE HUMANITY in years to come.

Until next week let’s all keep on **“Doing Good, Having Fun!”**

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