

## Monday with Mikey: June 26, 2017

This is my final "Monday with Mikey." MANY Rotarians in our district have asked me if I will be publishing future editions. I think not. I have had a most wonderful experience serving as our District's Governor, working with an ALL-STAR team of "leaders among leaders" this Rotary Year. In many ways, the experience for FMJ ("First Mate Jocelyn") and me has been very much like an ocean voyage. But now it's time for the "watch" to change. My dear friend, DG Perry Bean, and his awesome Rotary partner Tekoa, will take us to exciting places to do great things together!

We charted our projected course during the months before our voyage began. Each ALL-STAR knew her or his role and how it fit into the overall vision of our venture. We trained, trained, trained! And then we trained some more. I met personally with every President-Elect in the District during the months preceding the voyage's start – and to a person, they knew that I firmly believe that "without clubs, we have no need for a district organization." The District – any district – is an organization that exists for one reason, and one reason only: to assist clubs in carrying out the **Object of Rotary**. (As I have said before: "You can look it up.")

As we embarked on our voyage, I discovered that our District is more a *flotilla* than a single vessel. From time to time, each club ventured into uncharted waters, dealt with its own unique challenges – internal and external, and sought to cope with "sea change": opportunities (and sometimes obstacles) associated with the concept of "a new Rotary." Whether your club rushed to embrace the opportunities, or sought to tackle the obstacles, is largely an issue of "point of view." My belief is that we are two to three years from each club ultimately defining its course toward making Rotary work best in its town or community.

All the while, we pressed on, and we:

- Added a number of new Rotarians throughout the district, on the average of about one new Rotarian for every two clubs.
- Through direct contribution, matching funds from the Gates Foundation, and planned giving commitments, we raised OVER A MILLION DOLLARS for our Rotary Foundation.
- Completed five District Grants, for which clubs worked together, focused on the alleviation of hunger and homelessness.
- Provided the opportunity for six worthy students to begin their collegiate educations through scholarships.
- Sponsored and funded a Global Scholar.
- Supported Global Grants, putting to work nearly \$300,000 of our Global District Designated Funds.
- Carried out our clubs' individual and joint projects which were tailored to their own communities' needs.

I'm putting Rotary Year 2016-17 in the "WIN" column. The REAL winners are those people and communities who have benefitted from our hard work and generous hearts!

Finally, my wonderful Rotary ALL-STARS: You know I'm not just A "parrothead." I am **one of the original parrotheads**, having spent my formative years in two of "Brother Jimmy Buffett's" main "ports": New Orleans and Key West. There's a JB tune from his 1977 album, "Changes in Latitude, Changes in Attitude," that sums up this bittersweet moment as our Rotary year voyage draws to a sunset:

### Lovely Cruise

Drink it up, this one's for you –  
It's been a lovely cruise.

I'm sorry it' ended; it's sad but it's true –  
It's been a lovely cruise.

These moments we're left with, may we always remember.

These moments are shared by few.

There's wind in our hair and there's water in our shoes;

Honey, it's been a lovely cruise.

And those harbor lights – aw, they're coming into view;

We bid our farewell much too soon.

So drink it up, this one's for you –

It's been a lovely cruise!

As we go, together, to continue the noble work of Rotary, let's keep on *"Doing Good, Having Fun!"*

Fair winds, my Rotary Friends. It's been a real honor to work for you. I remain

Your Friend in Rotary Service,

*Mikey*

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VS. SEA

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