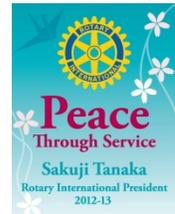




# ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

District 6000

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Rotarian Friends in District 6000,

Rotary International President Sakuji Tanaka has selected as our theme for 2012-2013 "Peace Through Service". He has asked all Rotarians to focus our energies in everything we do to build peace in the world. You see peace is not just the absence of war and violence. It can also be defined for what it is and by what it can be. Peace can mean freedom of thought and speech and it can mean a sense of happiness, inner serenity and self confidence. Peace can have many meanings but the truth is that we, as Rotarians, can have a dramatic affect on peace in the world through the things we think, say, and do. Our projects to provide water and sanitation and to provide food for those in need will most surely help bring peace to those people. Our youth exchange students help promote peace as ambassadors around the world, one student at a time. The District Grant projects we do in our own communities help provide peace right at home. All these activities and many more will create the conduit to promote peace throughout the world, no matter how we ourselves want to define peace.

President Tanaka has scheduled three Global Peace Forums and he encourages all Rotarians in the world to attend one of these if possible. The three forums will be held in Berlin, Germany, Honolulu, Hawaii, and Hiroshima, Japan.

In our District, we have a great history of paying it forward. We have been strong supporters of the Rotary Foundation and this we must continue if we are to continue to build "Peace Through Service" in the grant projects we do throughout the world and in our own communities. During this year, we will be preparing our Clubs and club leaders to operate under a new grant model that is "Future Vision." Clubs that want to apply for any grants in the future will be required to attend training and sessions to be trained in the new format. You will be hearing more about that in the days to come.

I have set a number of personal goals that I wish to see accomplished in my year as Governor. Loss of membership continues to be a problem and I am asking you to focus on attracting more women members to your clubs. Women membership is less than 25% of total members in District 6000 and I have set a goal of 50 net new women members for our District. I am sure there are many women in our District that can add great things to our clubs but they have never been approached to be a part of our clubs. Peg and I are holding our District Conference at Honey Creek Resort on beautiful Lake Rathbun and we are asking all clubs to bring new shoes to the conference with a goal of 4000 pairs (approximately one per Rotarian in District 6000) to be shipped to families in need of shoes in the third world, another way to promote "Peace Through Service". We will also have a special emphasis on the Interact Clubs in the District as their organization will be celebrating their 50th anniversary of Interact around the world. We also need to continue supporting the Rotary eradication of Polio effort. Our financial Challenge goal has been met, but we have not finished the job. We are asking clubs to continue supporting PolioPlus through community awareness and activities.

Peg and I look forward to visiting each of your clubs, meeting all the Rotarians in our District and shaking at least 3000 Rotarians hands in our travels. We are anxious to see how your clubs are and will continue to promote "Peace Through Service" in your own communities and throughout the world.

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