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Dear Rotarians:

Greetings from Bev and me. It remains such a privilege to be your District Governor and partner; and it remains inspiring to hear about and see the excitement that is shared among you about the business of Rotary this Rotary year. By now each of you who serves on your Club's Board and who chairs Club committees is busy filling out **Awards Applications** for submission to the District Awards Committee at the District Assembly.

Just IMAGINE that our District Awards Committee will receive more applications from each Club than ever before, because I know how much you are all doing to make this the best year ever in this, the last of the first 100 years of Rotary.

IMAGINE, too, submitting your "Club Page" for inclusion in our very first **Commemorative Program** to be distributed to our District Conference attendees and Clubs. In it we want to showcase each Club, so all can see who you are and how you support communities around the world with your humanitarian projects and contributions.

IMAGINE having this **Commemorative Program** to show your families and your communities what Rotary is about in District 5130. IMAGINE using this **Commemorative Program** as a membership recruitment resource. IMAGINE starting a tradition in your own Club to keep this kind of information in your Club archives to show future Club leaders the success you had in this, the last of the first 100 years of Rotary so they can plan to build on your legacy,

This Rotary year has been a huge success so far, so IMAGINE sharing your success with each other and with your families.

As Bev and I travel this District, and as the District leadership seeks to assist each of you as you grow and learn and serve, we see how much each Club—and each Rotarian—will benefit by knowing more about other Clubs and Rotarians in our District. Your Club page in this **Commemorative Program** will help you reach out to others to share your history, your great programs, and your successful assistance of others in your community and beyond.

Bev and I admire you all so much, and want you to tell a short story about your Club and your Rotarians for inclusion in our **District Conference Commemorative Program**. You will be glad you did, your neighboring Clubs in this District will be glad you did, and Bev and I will be very glad you did.

IMAGINE having a one book reference of a snapshot of each Club in the District you can use for reminiscence, for assistance, and for promotion of your Club, our District, and Rotary International.

So take the time right now to showcase your Rotary Club, your members, and your projects by submitting your Club's one page story to our District Conference Commemorative Program Committee.

Thank you! Enjoy the rest of our Rotary year together, and prepare to Lend a Hand to other Clubs by showcasing your excellence, as well as to Lend a Hand to the leaders who follow in our next century.

Yours in Rotary Service,

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