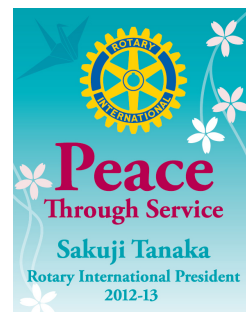




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Dear Rotary friends

Firstly I would like to thank you all for the great show of friendship and Rotarian spirit evidenced by the numerous participation at the 35th District Assembly held in May on the Island of Favignana.

In particular I would like to thank the large group of Maltese Rotarians and those from the Clubs of Palermo, Modica, Palermo Teatro del Sole and Catania West which all brought the largest delegations. I would also like to thank the Fellowship group that actively contributed to the success of the event.

At the start of the Rotary year 2012-2013, a heartfelt thanks goes to Governor Concetto Lombardo for all the advice received to date, which I hope to be able to continue to enjoy, and for the excellent year of service which brought our district to the attention of Rotary International for the amount of funds collected and for having spread the pride of becoming a Benefactor of the Rotary Foundation.

I would now like to recall the motto of International President Sakuji Tanaka for the year 2012-2013:

PEACE THROUGH SERVICE

This motto reminds us that by progressing our projects of Literacy, anti-polio, health (particularly in infants), bringing food and water to the parts where these are missing, in effect satisfying the basic needs of man, we become carriers of peace. I believe that peace is something that one appreciates when it is in short supply, but the spectres of war among people remain alive: wars of societies or religion.

I would also like to communicate to you the motto of our district chosen together with our Presidents at our first meeting:

LET US LIVE ROTARY WITH FUN

You will not find this written in any manifesto, however I hope you will carry this written in your heart. Let us carry out our service projects with fun finding the joy of giving. Stick together: giving the gift of a smile helps others but above all it helps us. As Mother Theresa of Calcutta said "it is not important how much we do, but rather how much love we do it with. Through love is born service, through service, peace".

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And finally may I remind you of the theme for months of July and August which I ask you to address within your clubs: **LITERACY**

More than anything else, our culture allows people to enable poverty to continue. We have various district projects which address this theme: those that address immigration, those that aim to build libraries near schools, kindergartens and social centres. Those that have as an objective the diffusion of the principals of law. I ask you all to involve yourself in at least one of these projects.

This allows me to link to the theme of the month of August: **internal expansion**. In these years Rotary has continued to change. This has required our members to personally involve themselves so as to undertake our service projects. Perhaps this is exactly the recipe to stop the haemorrhaging of members. Perhaps those that have left Rotary have not found particular interest in our activities if these have been limited to meetings which serve only as a showcase for speakers.

Therefore, let us change the formula and re-orientate our activities more towards **doing** than **saying** and let us make our meetings more fun.

Above all I hope that you will be able to have an enjoyable Rotary year full of concrete results obtained through friendship and fun.

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