

Catania, 1 July 2015

For a good beginning....

Dear fellow members,

after a long but formative wait, we have finally come to a new...start, the start of our service year. A start, and this makes me really happy, marked by the numbers of the assembly held in Catania (further beyond 500 members attended on Saturday morning and nearly 500 had dinner together in the evening).

During the Installation ceremonies, I kindly ask the presidents to extend the Governor greetings to all your clubs members together with the wish to work well and in accordance with the ideals and the rules of our organization.

Let us make use of this month meetings to learn more about the Club new leadership structures and about the projects that you have decided to realise. Nobody should feel excluded from contributing with his/her own moral and intellectual energies to the achievement of the results for which the Clubs exist and operate. For those who have not done it yet, find your own operative position.

Understandably, the summer season will see some of us travelling and some others going on holiday. At the same time, summer leaves us more time than we normally spend so frantically during the rest of the year. Considering this, both July and August could be used for Rotary activities which facilitate synergy and, at times, fundraising: think about it.

I am in Rome today, together with the other Italian governors, to pay tribute, also on your behalf, to the Milite Ignoto during the celebrations of the centenary of Italy participation to the first world war and to pay homage to the monument dedicated to Paul Harris at Villa Celimontana. I believe these two acts do not require any further comment and they make me very proud on behalf of Rotary Club.

Shortly, together with the District treasurer Rosario Indelicato, I will start working on your “Requests for subsidy for the district service projects” (according to the District Guideline, art.2, sect. C). Proposals for 31 projects have been received, and 52 clubs have made arrangements to work on them. An exciting result which proves the wish to serve and the good intuition in submitting the governor’s contributions, although liberal, for a type of selection which guarantees equal conditions to all Clubs and the unquestionable purpose of service of all submitted projects.

If we add to these projects also the ones funded by Rotary Foundation as district subventions, it is clear that the engines of the service are hot and they are just waiting, as from today, to release their strenght. This is the Rotary I like: efficient and sober.

Before saying goodbye, I would also like to remind you that next month is dedicated to the effective upkeep and improvement. Please plan something about this and always keep this thematic in mind as it is vital for our organization.

Yours in Rotary

Francesco Milazzo

