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Dear friends,

This year of service takes off with a very pleasant task, that of communicating with you all, District members, by means of this monthly letter. What better manner to begin than by mentioning and expounding on International President John F Germ's theme, 'Rotary Serving Humanity'?

As I have already stated in my programme presentation, during the recent District Assembly in Lipari, uniqueness in action and behavior towards civil society is, in my humble opinion, the fundamental premise of all Rotarian action. However, such cohesion need not be seen as absolute uniformity of action, but rather as the search for common objectives apt to attain our Rotary goals with the utmost visibility.

Let us keep in mind that the most ambitious goals may be attained as the result of confrontation and, in nearly all cases, of diversity and the exchange of differing ideas and opinions.

I exhort you to keep open dialogue and the choice of objectives alive never losing sight of the charm of action using our imagination in the search of projects for the common good and in solidarity for the needy beyond egoism and above our personal interests.

In these days of strong political and social economic tensions, placing ourselves to the *Service of Humanity* must be the opportunity, for us Rotarians, to actively contribute, according to our personal abilities and possibilities, to the improvement of the Nation's life so as to affirm the respect of the fundamental rights of Man. Our main instrument is to be *example*, the good example to be prioritized with integrity in all our professions and activities as a mandatory guideline.

We should therefore encourage common and properly structured activities which involve public opinion and the media so as to 'export' the model based on the old and ever actual Rotarian values so dear to our founder *Paul Harris*. Let us be proactive facing major social themes within the community with our particular civic sense and let us do so with characteristic passion. May we give the right meaning to our wish to do good to the collectivity of which Rotary is to be an integral participant.

It will be our pleasure as District, to spread the awareness of significant activities carried out by the clubs by means of our monthly publication which is a meaningful instrument for internal and external communication. Do not hesitate, therefore, to send in your contributions with relative images as evidence of your activities.

Together with my Staff, who I sincerely thank, we have tried to create a strong leadership team based on as wide an action plan a possible. You have sustained us with much professionalism and interest. All that is left now is, throughout the Rotarian year, to put into practice all that we have learnt.

Having had the privilege of knowing the value of the Members in our District, I am certain that we shall be able to bring forward an ever more proficient action in the service of Humanity.

Yours in Rotary,