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District Governor's Message

New Generations

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This month is "New Generations" month in the Rotary calendar. As I travel around the district, I have noted the efforts of many clubs to attract diverse and younger members to Rotary. We have come a long way and still have longer to travel in attracting more diverse members. Clubs with a significant number of younger members include Holmen, Marshfield Sunrise and Madison Breakfast to name a few. These clubs have a noticeably different culture. They are organized, curious and willing to be a part of the larger world of Rotary in creative ways. Their members are asking questions about how the district and The Rotary Foundation can work together to benefit their communities and their projects in the larger world. They are clubs that say "YES" often to new ideas and creative projects. In fact they have processes in place for all to participate in new ways.

Younger Rotary members challenge use to reach out across the world through new connections. They have lived in an international community all their lives, from primary school to college. Our connection to each other and the world is not a mystery to the younger Rotary member. These younger Rotarians give blank stares when you hesitate about conducting a "net meeting" or using an iPhone. The multi-tasking of Rotary clubs with multiple projects and activities compares easily to their daily lives.

Our Rotary clubs need these new members to continue the growth of Rotary and our ability to do good works in the world. As Rotary, all of us need to allow these younger members to change our clubs and demand new ways of doing business. We will be better for it through new energy, ideas and more hands to make a difference in our communities and the world.

Best Wishes in Rotary,

Mary

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In Remembrance

Nikki Johns, wife of our Zones' Rotary International Director, Mike Johns, died at home on September 17, 2007. Further details regarding her memorial can be referenced as they become available on our Zone 27-28 website, www.zones27-28.org

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