

Dear 5490, 5510, 5500 2013- 2014 President-Elects and District Governors,

Today, March 1st, 2013 starts the one year countdown to Rotary's 100th year in Arizona. As presidents-elect and incoming DG's, we will have the privilege of leading Arizona Rotarians in our respective three districts and 100+ clubs, into the next century of service above self. Over the years, Humanitarian Service projects here at home and around the world, has been at the heart of what Rotarians in Arizona have been known for. We are big thinkers and unselfish visionaries completing astonishing projects through our partnerships-rallying to the challenges of disease, despair, desperation and disaster anywhere it exist.

In 2013-2014, through your leadership, that tradition boldly continues as Arizona Rotarians take on the challenges of fighting world hunger as **the center piece project** in our centennial year. Our RI President Sakuji Tanaka's motto is *Peace Through Service*. However we know that where there is no food, where there is starvation, there can be no peace. I am excited to announce that through a creative partnership with **Feed My Starving Children (fmsc.org)**, a non-profit Christian organization committed to feeding starving and mal-nourished children in nearly 70 countries around the globe, we are **committed to providing one million meals** in search of peace, in our 100<sup>th</sup> year to **help eradicate starvation**. Starvation is preventable and winnable.

We will officially unveil the project on March 22nd, 2013 at the Phoenix Rotary100 club meeting program entitled "From Starvation to Hope." Mrs. Janine Skinner, our presenter that day, the nationally known Development Advisor for **Feed My Starving Children**, will provide the potent details of this amazing opportunity for Rotary service. You of course, are all more than welcome to attend that meeting as Guest Rotarians.

**You however do not have to wait until March 22nd** to get your questions answered about our 2013-2014 center piece project. **Feed My Starving Children** has a booth in our vendor's area today, staffed by Janine Skinner with informational packets, DVD's, trinkets and other materials that will help you get a head start on understanding the role that each Arizona Rotary club can play in reaching our goal of **one million meals in our one hundredth year**. Please find time to **go by and chat with Janine**.

We so look forward to our year as Arizona Rotary leaders and the spectacular success we will collectively have in taking "Service Above Self" to yet another level.

Yours in Service,

Jerry A Oliver Sr

President Elect 2013-2014

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