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My Fellow Rotarians:

The 2014-2015 theme was Light Up Rotary! and it is what I attempted to do during my tenure. I have had some highs and just a few lows.

I will start with the lows so that I may end on a high.

I have not been able to galvanize most of you around membership and attendance, both of which continue to plummet. I won't belabor it, but to say that we cannot continue this trend.

And now for the highs.

You, many of you. YOU have been my high. I won't name names, however, you will recognize yourself.

It is you who live the Rotary ideal – Service Above Self.

It is you who give your time, share your gifts and talents and/or contribute financially in service to our Club, the District and/or Rotary International.

It is you who served faithfully on the Board of Directors

It is you who chaired and co-chaired our committees and activities and/or played a supportive role.

It is you who participated in our service projects: Turkey Drive, Making Sandwiches for the Homeless and Serving the Athletes at the Loucks Games.

It is you who showed up for World Polio Day at the office of the County Executive and the City of White Plains, with some of you making it to both.

It is you who allowed us to celebrate you for your 50 year membership

It is you who allowed us to honor you for your service to the country.

It is you who made the Golf Fundraiser the immense success that it was.

It is you who were there to congratulate our awardees: Ethics, Scholarship and Music.

It is you who made an *Evening to Remember* truly an Evening to Remember.

It is you who walked the Brooklyn Bridge for Polio Plus and marched in the Memorial Day and Juneteenth Parades.

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It is you who came up with ideas for participation in parades, a Spelling Bee, and a Fun Run.

It is you who contributed to the weekly meetings through music and/or audio visual.

It is you who kept us updated on the website or on social media.

It is you who scheduled the weekly assignments and showed up to perform them.

It is you who scheduled the monthly activities and the weekly programs.

It is you who called or sent get well cards and notes of sympathy, and showed up to bid farewell to our beloved late members Champ Marano and Bob Soley.

It is you who could not attend due to your personal, undisclosed reasons, and yet continued to contribute. You are the one most people don't know.

It is you who could not make it to the lunch meeting, however, you made it to the evening ones, the service projects, fundraisers and/or special events.

It is you who expressed kind words of encouragement, and gentle ways of letting me know when you didn't agree with or like my direction or activity, especially the Happy Song. ☺

You, my mentor.

You, the voice of reason.

You, especially you, with your generosity of spirit.

To all of you, nothing could have been done without you and I salute YOU.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve as your president. It has been a year to remember - fondly.

And now as I sail into the sunset, the sunset of my presidency, not my membership and active participation, I ask that you keep the lights on and be a gift to the world.

Let's offer our congratulations and support to our next President, Bill Fishman.

Yours In Rotary  
Heather