

It's About Membership... You Can Make a Difference!

As the Rotary year comes to a close I refer you to a great article that helps put our Rotary service goals in perspective and I also offer you a personal insight from a Clemmons Club Rotarian.

Take a moment to read the article, "**Individual Serving. It's a big world with big problems. What can one person do?**" on page 30 of The Rotarian Magazine for June. Bottom line...a single human being can change the world!

And be inspired by what Clemmons Rotarian, Ana Tampanna, a professional business and life coach, shares about her great club:

Like many Rotarians, I grew up in a Rotary home. Actually finding my own club has facilitated me in living my values around international diversity, while serving vulnerable populations, and growing leadership in our young people.

Clemmons Rotary has 3 international projects: we support Saving Little Hearts of Nicaragua, and Sister to Sister International, a ministry for feeding and educating orphans in Kenya. In addition, we send medical supplies to Argentina. The world occurs as small and connected when one is involved in programs such as these, especially when there is an opportunity to build relationships with the Rotary clubs in those countries.

Diverse, vulnerable populations are also served by our club through local service projects. We have supported the Prison Ministry's efforts to teach responsible parenting, and we provide programming and scholarships to an after school program for underserved youth. We support families involved with Cancer Services, and we actively participate with the Clemmons Food Bank.

Finally, the youth leadership development through our Rotaract and Interact Clubs is important as well. We were pleased to sponsor a contestant who placed as first runner up in this year's speech contest. We are proud of the 2 young people selected to go to the leadership training this summer, and we applaud an qualified young person as Student of the Month each month. At the end of the day, I know that my small part is making a difference!

This is my last article as District Membership Chair so may I thank our eleven Area Membership Advocates for their work as we have retained and grown our District membership over these last three years. Thanks to all of your efforts we remain in positive territory with continued growth this year!

It's been an inspiring term as we each surely make a difference in our neighbors' lives both in our community and around the world! Thank you for this enriching opportunity to learn and share!

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