

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

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RE: 2005-06 Water, Health and Hunger Concerns Resource Group

Dear District Water, Health and Hunger Concerns Resource Group Coordinator:

Greetings from Evanston! Congratulations on being selected as the district water, health and hunger concerns resource group coordinator for your district. During the upcoming year, you will serve as the primary liaison between the 2005-06 Water, Health and Hunger Concerns Resource Group, the district governor, and the Rotary clubs in your district. I hope you will find the position challenging and rewarding.

In 2005-06 you have a very special responsibility. This is the beginning of our second century of leadership in service to others. It is also a time when I am asking Rotarians everywhere to recommit to the principle of *Service Above Self*. Service organizations like Rotary International play a vital role in today's society and will play an even more important role in the future. There are two words that are key to our success – cooperation and continuity.

Rotary has set a standard on how cooperation and continuity can work among society, the private sector, other foundations and service organizations through its PolioPlus programme "to interrupt the transmission of the wild polio virus." For more than 20 years, Rotary International has cooperated with the United Nations, through WHO and UNICEF in this programme and we are now looking forward to a giant success story.

Cooperation, however, does not have to be on a global basis, it must also be on the local level. Districts, or clubs, are likely to reach further in cooperation at the same penny than each party could possibly do working individually.

All the fields in which Rotary is working are huge – health, hunger, literacy and water, just to mention a few. None of these issues can be solved over a short period of time. If that had been possible, the problems would already have been solved. This is why continuity at all levels is so important.

Enclosed with this letter you will find the specific goals the leaders of the Water, Health and Hunger Concerns Resource Group have identified for the coming year. I have appointed an experienced Rotarian as zone coordinator to encourage clubs and districts to support projects and activities in each focus area.

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She will share information with districts in your zone on specific projects, opportunities for working with other organizations or partnering with other districts. Please contact this resource group member to ask for guidance and support and to share success stories from your district. As district water, health and hunger concerns resource group coordinator, you will serve as the liaison between your district and the resource group to improve communications with clubs. Work closely with other committees in the district that focus on conducting and supporting service projects, such as Community Service, Vocational Service, World Community Service, and The Rotary Foundation.

To work for a better world for all people is like putting together a giant puzzle. Every participant will have to help in placing the pieces. Through *Service Above Self*, Rotary International must work to make its pieces as large as possible, and in doing so we continue to show the world the great leadership of our organization. As the leaders of Rotary at the district level, it is up to you to carry this vision into our next century of service.

Kind regards,

Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar
RI President, 2005-06

cc: Ms. Carolyn Crowley-Meub

2005-06 Water, Health and Hunger Concerns Resource Groups: Goals

The following goals were identified by the leadership of your 2005-06 resource group. The specific terms of reference for each resource group were distributed at the International Assembly and will be available in the *2005-06 Official Directory*. Beginning in July, additional information on the activities of all presidential emphases resource groups will be available on President-elect Stenhammar's pages on the RI Web site.

Water, Health and Hunger Concerns

1. Encourage and facilitate three pilot projects to demonstrate Rotary's capability to mobilize local resources and to work with international agencies, NGOs and the private sector to create a sustainable, water-based, disease-free, healthy community
2. Involve every Rotary club in a water, sanitation, health, and hunger project during the 2005-06 Rotary year
3. Encourage every Rotarian to become aware of local and global issues relating to water, sanitation, health, and hunger