

I am looking forward to this year. You know I like to do things, so I hope you can adopt a similar attitude and we can see what we can get done.

And finally, my philosophy as to being a club President. To me it is stewardship. I do not view it as being in charge of anything. Granted, decisions may have to be made, and the club needs one person to be on the spot to do that. But any of you can or may have to do the same thing.

So if its not about making decisions, what is it? I believe that the President is the person through which the collective efforts of many people are focused into a viable force --- much like a lens focusing light. Without focus, we may scatter at cross-purposes to one another. The President has to articulate ideas and plans. They do not have to be my ideas, but I have to conceptualize them in a manner so everyone can help with them.

And what is a good Rotary idea? A good idea is one that is supported. No matter how good an idea sounds to you, or me, or how worthy it clearly is, if it is not supported it is not a "good idea" for our Rotary Club.

You won't see me pour my time and energy into ideas that do not have support. Please don't take that personally. Try to be objective. In a volunteer organization you can only get done what the volunteers will do.

I also prefer ideas that people are willing to work on themselves.

My notion of Rotarians: Rotarians are people who will climb a tree to see;  
Rotarians are people who will cut a tree to help;  
and Rotarians are people who plant trees, under which, they may never sit.