

SERVING TOGETHER

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Celebrate the Spirit of Service

I became a Lion because I wanted to serve. The longer I am a Lion the more I realize that Lions have tapped into something very special and profound. For many centuries people in all parts of the world and among different cultures and religious traditions have grasped the importance of serving others. Gandhi said, "I shall pass through this world but once. Any good that I do or any kindness that I show to any human being let me do it now, for I shall not pass this way again." Mohammed said, "A person's true wealth is the good he or she does in the world." Sir Wilfred T. Greenfell said, "The purpose of this world is not 'to have and to hold' but 'to give and to serve.' There can be no other meaning."

We are in the season of giving, and in this issue we celebrate the spirit of service. As Lions we give our gift of service throughout the year. We care and we share. Our spirit of giving unites us and enables us to be Beacons of Hope for those most in need and those who may be otherwise neglected. Our spirit of service is powerful and self-sustaining, and because we don't act alone but combine our energies, ideas and resources, we are a mighty force for good.

Judy and I wish each of you the very best during this holiday season. While gathering with family and friends, and counting your many blessings, remember, being a Lion is surely a blessing to someone else.

As the New Year approaches, let your spirit of service continue to shine a Beacon of Hope on your community and the world.



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