



Celebrating Family Month

*"The idea of the **Family of Rotary** is a simple one, and one that we celebrate every December during Family Month. Every Rotarian is part of the **Rotary Family** – but our family is much larger than just our 1.2 million members. The **Family of Rotary** includes every one of the men, women and children involved in our work: spouses and children of our members, Rotary Foundation program participants and alumni, and all who are part of our programs in the tens of thousands of Rotary communities around the world."* **Past RI President John Kenny**

During this special time of year, we all need to keep our families in mind and celebrate by including them in our Rotary activities. Let's include our children and spouse/partners in our celebrations while staying safe. When we have our special events, let's invite those close to us to participate, virtually if necessary. Ask them to join in our festivities, collect items for the needy or simply be with us to help mark seasonal events this time of year.

As for the **Heart of America**, we are thankful for the **service** each of you provides and appreciate the **fellowship** created by the activities in which you participate. Let's all continue those efforts in advancement of our **Rotary ideals**.

On a final note, we wish you the Happiest of Holidays, the Safest of Seasons and, as said in the lyrics of The Christmas Song: "And so I'm offering this simple phrase, to kids from one to ninety-two, although it's been said many times, many ways, **MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU.**"

Floyd and Betty Lou

