From the President

“You & I know how good we have become,

but we don’t have any idea of how good we could be.”

Change-of-Horses Banquet on June 25, 2013, marked the end of Southeast Tulsa Rotary’s 43rd year. Marked with a rich history of Service Above Self, our club’s reach is deep & sustains many initiatives. As our new motto says, “Serving Students, Our Community & the World with Heart.” The 2013-2014 Rotary year looks to continue the club’s legacy.

Equipped with a “Vision,” I feel privileged to lead. In Southeast Tulsa Rotary’s 44th year, we embark on a 5 year journey that reaches beyond the thing that is, into the conception of what we could be. Our club’s commitment to the “Vision” defines a shared commitment, provides long term direction, creates a framework to accomplish goals & objectives. . . while optimizing members talents & resources. I’m excited & ready-to-go!

As a quick review, here are a few of the initiatives the Southeast Tulsa Rotary’s “Vision” provided . . .

By the 2017-2018 Rotary year, Southeast Tulsa Rotary will . . .

* Have 75 members
* A Recruitment & Development Committee for Membership
* Flexible attendance options for younger members
* Roteract Club @ ORU
* Club has a Public Relations Director
* Communication to membership will utilizing all available channels
* Opportunity to participate in 3 family fellowships / year
* Food & clothing pantry @ Roy Clark Elementary
* Organized outreach to disadvantaged children in life skills, job readiness, mentoring, literacy and graduation celebrations
* FitFest has become awareness project year-round
* FitFest will raise $60,000 / year
* FitFest supports community medical clinics @ $10000.00/year
* 1500 dictionaries to Union Public School 3rd graders
* Have created a community advisory board to inform the Club of community needs
* Expanded Youth Exchange, to include scholarships for advanced studies
* Fund Roy Clark Music Program @ $7500.00/year
* 100% of Club are Paul Harris Fellows (through matching & other sponsorships)

I expect to accomplish a lot in my year as your President. Of course, your help is critical. Please don’t wait to be asked. Talk to me or any one of my Board Directors to get “buckled-in” for this exciting journey. As one famous Rotarian put it,

“Rotary is not an organization for retrospection. It is rather one whose worth & purpose

lie in **future activity** rather than past performance.”

* Paul Harris, Founder of Rotary International