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Dear Kiwanians:

It is April 1, 2009 - Time for reflection, assessment, reenergizing and shifting gears!

My dear members, we have completed 6 months of the administrative year with lots of thanksgiving.

Amidst the world's turmoil, we as Kiwanians have stood steadfast knowing that now more than ever, we are needed to lend a hand and be there to make a difference to others. We have charted new courses and blazed new trails knowing that we needed new approaches to achieve our objectives. Give yourselves a BIG HUG.... You have done great!

And now.... It is time to refuel and reenergize to complete the second half of the administrative year. It will not happen on its own so I invite every Kiwanis Leader in our district to join me in the following exercise:

1. Identify a period of quiet time. Move away from everything and everyone. Take with you blank paper and writing tool, your favorite music and your favorite refreshment (*be careful now.....a clear head is required*).
2. As you take yourself to that quiet and positive place, imagine that it is now the end of the administrative year, you are at a function and someone is recapping the achievements of the year. Guess what, he/she is talking about you and **what has been achieved through your leadership**.
3. Make a list of the accomplishments that you would like to hear mentioned (*Your achieved goals for the year*).
4. Now that you have that list, examine each accomplishment on the list and determine how far you are in achieving each goal.
5. Compile a list of all incomplete goals.
6. Next – make a list of the necessary tasks to achieve each goal. (*Your action plan*).

7. Determine the steps you need to take to get your team to work towards achieving these goals.
8. You are now ready to share the goals with your team, get their inputs and commitment.
9. Together with your team members, strategize and firm up this action plan for the next six months.
10. Move full speed ahead!!!

*Remember fellow Kiwanians, "Vision without action is merely a dream, action without vision just passes the time, **vision with action can change the World.**" Here's to achieving excellence in service!*

During the month of March, I had the pleasure of visiting with the members of Division 26 as they came together in Suriname. This is a very exciting and fun loving bunch of Kiwanians who really know how to mix work with pleasure. (Well, what else do you expect with Cousin Hazel in the mix?). I thank LG Ursi and her team for making this visit such a memorable one.

I also had the opportunity to share in the 21st Annual Convention of the Key Club District of the Bahamas. Sharing with our young people can be a very invigorating experience. Thanks to District Administrator Melford Clarke for all the work being done in building these young leaders. Special thanks to all Kiwanis and Faculty Advisors for their invaluable support.... We love and appreciate you for what you do!

Well, it is time for club reports. Last month we published the ratings and some clubs were not mentioned. One of my sad events was when a member asked why her club was not listed.... The answer – there was no report. Presidents and Secretaries, please do not allow your members to be disappointed this time around by not submitting your club reports. They are depending on you to fly the flag of your club.

So my fellow Kiwanians, as we move into the 2nd half of the year, let us recommit to go the extra mile to make our Kiwanis Clubs strong and our members excited as we build our membership and touch lives.

With lots of love,

Sheron E. Cameron-Dunn

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