

# from the Governor's Gavel

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## Happy New Year!

I am so excited to be serving as your 2009-2010 Governor for this Florida District of Kiwanis. The leadership team of Lt. Governors, District Chairs, and Club Leadership Education trainers has been busy preparing for the upcoming year. We know it will be an awesome year.

My vision for the upcoming year is that we will get excited about Kiwanis and have fun being a Kiwanian. I want us to “Celebrate What’s Great” about Kiwanis and continue “Making a Difference”.

I hope you are familiar with the Starfish Story. It’s about an old man walking down the beach picking up starfish and throwing them back into the ocean so they wouldn’t perish. A youth following behind asked the old man why he was bothering as there were so many starfish and how could such a simple effort make a difference. The old man bent down, picked up another, and replied, “It makes a difference to this one” and returned it to the ocean.

This year I am encouraging you to continue “Making a Difference” by becoming a Kiwanis STAR.

**S**trive to live the Objects of Kiwanis.

**T**ell everyone about Kiwanis.

**A**ctively support Service Leadership Programs and  
Young Child Priority One Projects.

**R**ecruit and retain quality members!

In addition, for fun, we have planned a Kiwanis cruise to the Eastern Caribbean, March 27-April 3, 2010. Please make plans to join Bob and me as we celebrate being Kiwanians.

It’s going to be an exciting, memorable year. I thank you and look forward to this opportunity to serve you. Let the celebration begin.

