

Dear Doves,

I am so happy to be working together with you—thank you for electing me as your President for 2013. We have a great team of new Board members and will also have the expertise of our previous Board members as advisors, so you can expect some good things to happen with DOVES this year.

The way that I will coordinate and direct our DOVE activities is based on my perception of DOVES. Have you ever sat quietly and watched a group of DOVES working together or eating together? Try it. It's fun! What I have observed in doing watching DOVES is that we are almost always:

Impatient (!!!)

Action-oriented

Eager to learn

Eager to serve

Creative

Highly sociable

Ready to eat 24/7

Based on these traits, you can expect me to:

Keep my communications with you short and sweet—not waste your time

Make sure that we as Board members provide you with concrete, action-oriented programs, tips and information

Offer you a feast of training opportunities.

Help you prepare to serve and help you find service opportunities

Listen to you

Create opportunities for you to make new friends, connect with current DOVE friends, and have fun

Chow down with you any time, any place

I especially like that last part.

What can I/we expect of you? Will you share your ideas for moving DOVES forward? Will you help us make good things happen, even in small ways? I want to hear your voice. Email me at President@dovebof.org, call me at 214-850-4577, or message me on Facebook. If you're not on Facebook yet, please join. I know—you hate having to use Facebook. So do I. But it has become an important way to keep in touch with one another, so let's bite the bullet and use Facebook.

I look forward to flying into 2013 with you and making this a great year for DOVES. We'll start by offering you a strong slate of training classes at Quartzsite--watch for our listing soon. Thanks for being part of our team. Let's roll!

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