

Rotary Club President Nominee Statements, 2020 :
Michelle Shermer & Dan Rodgers

Michelle -

A Rotary president knows that in order to be successful, the real magic happens when every member has the chance to shine, because the best way to transform our communities and world is together.

As a nominee for Wenatchee Rotary President in 2023-24, I can only hope that I will be as successful in supporting others as those before me. Whether it's patience, persistence or passion, every past president brings their own unique skills to center stage - I hope that my enthusiasm, experience as a board and committee member, and community leader will serve our club's best interest and continue that 100-year tradition of strong leadership from Wenatchee.

While serving on the Centennial Committee, I saw that in the face of adversity, Rotarians are the first to ask "what is possible" instead of what isn't. On the Membership committee, I learned the power of the direct ask. On the Auction committee, I found that embracing the unfamiliar of cold calling for donations often leads to the most growth. And, while writing the occasional press release, I've had the opportunity to share the pride I feel for Rotary with others.

Rotary elevates us all with service above self, and I'm interested in following my Rotary path to wherever those higher levels of service may lead in the future to bring our voices together all over the world. Rotary has the power to change the world and will always be the place where real stars shine - you!

Dan -

I joined Rotary in 1997 for reasons much like many of you did. It was an opportunity to meet new business people and have great conversations with like minded people. Rotary over delivered my expectations for the better. Oh, I've meet many people and had great conversations, but what I really received was far better. I've made lasting friendships, had wonderful experiences and increased the size of my family through Rotary exchange (they become one of your own). I even changed careers 15 years ago with the influence of friends I made in Rotary. I've been inspired by Rotarians and I've expanded my view and understandings of others through our presentations and activities from visitors and fellow Rotarians. Rotary is making the world and our community a better place. It's been an honor to be a part of Rotary past and I look forward to being a part of Rotary future.