

JULY 12 MEETING PROGRAM

State of the Club Address by Kristi Bogle-Sherman, President 2022-2023

In her opening remarks as incoming president of Rotary Club of Longview, Kristi Bogle-Sherman reminded Club members that “We are a remarkable Rotary club! How do I know this?” she asked. “Because I learned as I attended training meetings this spring that we lead our District by almost every measure.”

“That’s happened,” Kristi said, “through decades of hard work by so many members. I am so honored to be your president this year and look forward to building on all of those past accomplishments.”

As a way to do that, Kristi introduced her three “pillars of impact” that she asked each Rotarian in the audience to consider when projects or activities are introduced: Time, Talent, and Treasure. “Ask yourself,” she suggested, “can I give any of these three things? No one can do everything, but each of us can probably do at least one. I think we will exponentially increase the scale of our impact if we agree to ask ourselves the question.”

“My overall goal for the year,” said Kristi, “is to decrease human suffering and make the world a better place for all of us.”

Three focus areas for the Club during Kristi’s year as President will be

- **ALICE (Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed) ... people in our community who are working but are unable to afford the basic necessities of housing, food, child care, health care and transportation**
- **GUATEMALA ... collaborating with other clubs to build on the ten-year relationship Rotary Club of Longview has established in the San Benito area to benefit local schools and health care facilities**
- **POLIO ... working harder to help Rotary International close the gap in polio eradication created by the pandemic, which disrupted childhood vaccination programs around the world and opened the door for 1000 known cases across nearly 30 countries**

A Club Assembly on August 30 will give Rotarians an opportunity to engage meaningfully in these focus areas and thereby increase the Club’s impact in the communities we serve.

Kristi closed by thanking the Club for its confidence and support.