



A message from the President.....

Happy New Year Fellow Rotarians!

I hope each of you were able to spend some quality time with your friends and family over the holiday season. The new year is often a time to reflect on the prior year and set goals for the coming months. January is the middle of our Rotary year and it only seems right to review some of the goals I set at the beginning of the year and review what we have accomplished so far.

A big challenge coming into the new year was to establish committees again. Much of the work was being completed by only a handful of Rotarian and others weren't given the opportunity to share their time and talents. I felt there were certain areas in which we should focus our energy as some Avenues of Service require more help than others. We were quickly able to establish small committees for Community Service, Club Service, and Vocational Services. There is also a committee established to assist with a new Community Event, but I need to let John Stoeckle take credit on that one!

Recently, a group of past presidents, along with Heather Stevens-Jones, met to establish a procedure for new members. This was presented at our last board meeting and was accepted with a few minor tweaks. Thank you very much to Joe Lindsey for organizing the meeting when I requested some help. We are optimistic that the process will be smoother and more structured going forward. This group of Rotarians will continue to meet about two times a year and will be known as the New Membership Committee.

Another big item of concern was our website. In December, the board also voted to move to the Club Runner Platform which is used by District as well as Rotary International. Over

the coming weeks, the current domain name and our club information will be migrated to the new platform. Included in the functionality is the ability to log in and look up Rotarian's contact information. The new platform also will allow us to have a more formal view on who are the chairs and members of each committee. We also will of course have an updated calendar to aid in communicating to our members about the weekly meetings and special events.

Apparently, December was a big month for making progress for the Rotary Club of Colonial Park! In addition to the New Member Process and the Website, the board also voted to proceed with a physical directory. I can hear some of you cheering as you read this! We are still working out all the details but I know how important this was to many of you and I wanted to share the good news.

Another accomplishment of the club so far this year was the refurbishing of the Bocce Courts and Shuffleboards at Koons Park with use of the District Matching Grant. Randy Sibert spearheaded this and deserves most of the credit for organizing these efforts. We will be hosting a community day on April 22nd from 1-3pm to welcome those in the community to learn more about the game.

In the coming months, I wish to complete the transition to Club Runner (sooner rather than later), continue to have each Rotarian serve on at least one committee, launch our new Community Event at Hero's Grove, and continue the move forward on much of the things we've worked on this year.

Cheers!

Melanie