Thank-You from Past-President Todd

Dear Rotarians,

It has been a pleasure and honor serving you in 2019-2020 as your Castro Valley Rotary President! As I reflect back over the year, we had a phenomenal year going in our club, up until Covid-19 ramped up in March. Our club was growing (over 20% in membership growth with great new additions and packed weekly meetings with great speakers—thank you Gary Howard), we were forming new partnerships around town with other groups and individuals, we modernized our technology and systems (Thank you Jim Negri), we raised a LOT of money for great causes (including the Breathing For Life Completion, Exoskeletal stroke recovery suit for Eden Hospital, and nearly \$35,000 in grants and donations to our community), we hosted many community events, and we had a lot of FUN doing so (including with our new mixers and food/wine evening). It was also great seeing a renewed Endowment board hard at work.

I remember coming in with a goal of getting Everybody around Castro Valley to know Who Rotary is and What Rotarians are.....and I believe we greatly accomplished this goal through weekly Forum posts and calendar updates, FaceBook/Zoom, and constant communication (thank you Bruce Johnson especially).

Like I said, it has been fun and a pleasure serving our club as president. I owe many thanks to our board (Gary H(PE), Dawn, Dwight (PDG), Ray, Heidi, Carol (aka awesome greeter), Michaela (Treasurer—thank you), Ajay (Secretary), Brian, Lytrel, and Charles. Thank you Bruce and the endowment board, Jim Negri for the countless hours behind the scenes, Cliff/Dwight for the strategic adjustments, and thank you to each of you for making our family so special! We definitely are not the "average Rotary Club out there" in a great way! It has also been a pleasure working closely with Gary Howard each step of the way which will take our progress from last year moving forward as we navigate the New Normal after the pandemic in a smooth way with continued great things ahead.

I would like to leave you with one request/challenge. To be a part of a Great club, we need your help in return making it Great....Please continue to keep Rotary top of mind and bring in new friends, while serving the club in Return with all the opportunities and work required by ALL members to keep us growing. We need YOU!!

All the best, and please reach out any time I can help serve you!

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- Is it Fair to all concerned?
- Will it Build Goodwill and Better Friendships?
- Will it be Beneficial to all concerned?Fare