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District Governor's Monthly Newsletter

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And Now The New Rotary Year Begins

Hi everyone I need to give a special thank you to Robyn Yates for the great job she did in leading our district in the 2018-2019 Rotary year. It has been marked by many highlights; however, to me, the most exciting was the District Conference in Collie and the Great Head Shave that raised over \$100,000 for Polio Plus - this equates to over \$300,000 from our District in 2018-19 after taking into account the 2 for 1 by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

This year I would like to focus on our theme "Rotary Connects the World" and "Rotary Foundation".



District Governor Wayne (Suzanne) Milnes and RI President Mark (Gay) Maloney

Rotary Clubs and members do amazing work in our Communities locally, nationally and internationally and yet we are the quiet achievers, with few outside our Rotary circle knowing what we do and how we do it. I request all members of Rotary to promote to the public at every opportunity.

The Rotary Foundation is our Charity and provides funds for our Rotary projects both locally and internationally. I ask Rotary Clubs and members of Rotary to support the Foundation as much as possible to assist and ensure our great work continues.

I have been asked if Suzanne is supporting a project this year and I am very pleased to advise that Suzanne shares my passion for the Rotary Foundation and has requested if possible a donation to the Foundation instead of gifts as we visit clubs.

Suzanne and I had our first road trip to Kalgoorlie and Esperance last week and had an excellent time meeting the members of all five clubs and enjoying the fellowship. The projects we learned about were amazing and really connected with their communities.

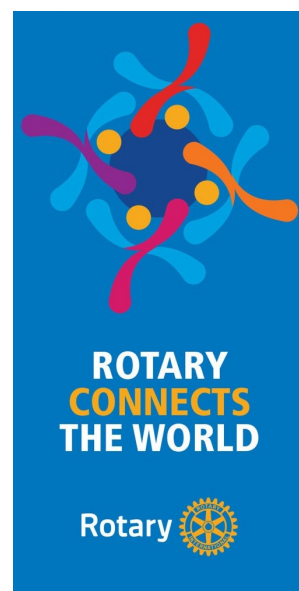
Which leaves me to this newsletter.

Going forward we would like to produce the newsletter on a monthly basis with the following information:

- Rotary and District Governor update;
- Stories and photos from Clubs about their key project to share within our District;
- Photo and short details of new members to our Clubs so they are introduced to the District; and
- Conference updates.

With your help we can make 2019-2020 another great year for our district. Suzanne and I are excited and proud to be given this chance to work with the many members of Rotary in our great district.

Wayne Milnes
District Governor 2019-20





PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE

Mark Daniel Maloney
Rotary International President 2019-20

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I love to travel! I even enjoy the mundane process of getting from here to there. But last year, my wife, Gay, and I had one of those experiences that would strain the optimism of even the most cheerful traveler. We found ourselves with six hours to wait, at an airport where we were not scheduled to be, on a day we had not planned still to be traveling, having woken up that morning at a hotel unknown to us the night before. It was one of those days.

As we waited at John F. Kennedy International Airport in New York City, Gay and I took a walk to people watch. We went from one end of the terminal to the other and back, looking at every gate, every destination, every group of people waiting for their flights.

Each gate was its own island of humanity. When we walked down the center of the concourse, we were in New York, moving along with everyone in one river. But when you veered off into those seats, you left that current and landed on an island. You were already in Delhi or Paris or Tel Aviv.

As we started our walk, I thought: "All these different people, all these different countries, all in one place. This is like Rotary!" But as we walked past gate after gate, I realized something. It was not like Rotary at all. Because everyone in that river was heading for an island. And every island stayed an island. The people heading to Taipei might be talking to one another, but they were not talking to the people heading to Cairo or Lagos.

Contrast that with Rotary. Rotary allows us to connect with one another, in deep and meaningful ways, across our differences. It connects us with people we would never otherwise have met, who are more like us than we ever could have known. It connects us with our communities, to professional opportunities, and to the people who need our help.

Connection is what makes the experience of Rotary so very different from walking along that concourse at JFK Airport. In Rotary, none of us is an island. All of us are in Rotary together, whoever we are, wherever we are from, whatever language we speak or traditions we follow. We are all connected to one another — part of our communities and members not only of our clubs, but also of the global community to which we all belong.

This connection is what lies at the heart of the Rotary experience. It is what brings us to Rotary. It is why we stay. Please join your fellow Rotarians on this journey as Rotary Connects the World.

WHAT'S NEW

Download the updated **Rotaract Handbook** for tools and resources to help you organize, certify, and manage the Rotaract club you sponsor.

Rotary and the Institute for Economics and Peace have developed presentations you can use to help your club or district conduct a Positive Peace workshop in your community. Download a **club** or **district** presentation and a **club** or **district** facilitator's guide to assist you in leading a discussion on Positive Peace.

Register for the 2020 Rotary International Convention, which will be held 6-10 June in Honolulu, Hawaii, USA, and save.

WHAT'S NEXT

AUGUST

Membership & New Club Development Month

- **August 01** - Nominations are open for the **Rotaract Outstanding Project Award**. The award recognizes Rotaract clubs that are making sustainable impact in one of Rotary's areas of focus through their innovative community or international service projects.
- **August 15** - Last day to report **Rotary Citation** achievements for Interact clubs.

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ROTARY AND DISTRICT NEWS & EVENTS



L-R clockwise: Great Fundraiser By RC Boulder; Congratulations PP Chris Thomas, PHF; Tree Planted in 2017-18 in Esperance; always time for BBQ and Drink - Lucky Bay Esperance

CLUB CHARTER ANNIVERSARIES

Rotary Club of Kalgoorlie, 04 July

Rotary Club of Bunbury, 10 July





Celebrate Membership Month

August is Membership Month, which means it's time to celebrate your Rotary club, your members, and the good you do in your community and around the world.

There are many ways to join in the celebration, but here are a few activities to get you started:

Say it loud, say it proud! Let everyone in your social network know that you are a proud member by changing your Twitter and Facebook profile to the [I'm a Proud Member](#), [I'm a Proud Rotaractor](#), or [I'm a Proud Interactor](#) graphic. Copy and save the graphic as your profile picture for August.

Watch and share. Download RI President Gary C.K. Huang's video on membership from [Rotary's Vimeo page](#). Watch it at your next meeting or club event to highlight the vital role membership plays in maintaining a strong and active club.

Exchange ideas. Do you have successful membership strategies that have worked well in your community? Share them on the [Membership Best Practices Discussion Group](#).

We Are Rotary. Using the hashtag #WeAreRotary, [post photos](#) to Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, or Vine of your club members at work in your community or abroad to show how Rotary makes a positive impact in the world.

It's Now or Never. Join us on August 13 at 10:00 Chicago time (UTC-5) for our [Membership: It's Now or Never](#) webinar. It will feature international membership expert Nikki Walker discussing innovative ways of thinking about membership.

Making a difference. Rotary clubs are known for the high-impact service projects they undertake locally and globally. Share stories about your service projects and how they improve lives on [Rotary Showcase](#). Be sure to follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#) to see what Rotary members around the world are doing to celebrate Membership Month.

What does Rotary mean to you? Rotary members have pushed polio to the brink of eradication, delivered clean water to those in need, improved their local communities, provided scholarships to the next generation of peacemakers, and continued to do good in the world.