

## Induction Preamble

Amy, as you already know, Rotary itself is not a charity but it is often seen to be because its members undertake activities that are charitable. The members of the Rotary eClub of Latitude 38 are no different. We are collectively and individually involved in a range of projects and activities that can and do make a difference to the world we live in. Locally we have members working with young people to improve literacy and numeracy skills, we have members assisting the lonely and needy with basics such as food, transport, showers and accessing other community services, we have members working in gardens showing our commitment to the environment and we have members helping to build bridges with and for minority groups. Internationally we are doing much the same by opening doors to Cambodia and Vietnam. There we are helping children and villagers to break the poverty cycle by installing aquaponics systems to grow more nutritious crops, providing bikes to make school accessible, helping new mothers with basic resources to keep them and their babies healthy, assisting a medical centre and more. As a member of Latitude 38 you are encouraged to participate in and support these activities as you are able. You are also encouraged to connect with members of other Rotary clubs in your area to assist and support the community where you live and work. What you do and how you choose to exemplify Rotary is limited only by your imagination.

As well as connecting with the local community you should also connect with other members of the Rotary eClub of Latitude 38 which is your Rotary community. A weekly meeting is posted online for you to work through and share your thoughts. Members aim to post at least once a week. You should also share with fellow members what service activities you have been involved in during the week, any service opportunities you identify and just say hello. Technology and flexibility have opened doors for us to widen both our social and service opportunities and you are encouraged to use them to yours and the Club's advantage.

Amy, thank you for accepting the invitation from the members of the Rotary eClub of Latitude 38 to join us in worldwide friendship and service through Rotary. The invitation was extended to you because you have shown that your leadership

qualities are allied to those qualities of head and heart, which fit you to interpret and impart the message of Rotary to your fellow members.

The principles and practices of Rotary, the privileges and obligations of a Rotarian you already know well through your active membership of the Rotary Club of Drouin. We hope that you will give this Club the benefit of your previous Rotary experience to help strengthen the fellowship of this Club and to help us serve even more effectively. In this Club, all members are expected to carry out those Rotary duties allotted to them. You are also expected to assume leadership roles from time to time.

You have been appointed to the Community Service Committee under the Chairmanship of Brian and we look forward with confidence to your participation in and contribution to our Club's programmes, projects and activities. Much is expected from you in help and inspiration to enable us to better serve the community. Welcome to the Rotary eClub of Latitude 38 Amy. Members please join me in extending a warm welcome to Amy.