

Inspire – December 2018

Governor Ingrid's Notes



As we embrace this festive season, I'm sending my best wishes to our Rotary families across our District. May our hearts be touched with the beauty of the season, the love and connections with family and friends, and the moments of joy and contentment that come with knowing we have made a positive difference in our communities by sharing peace and love!

District Governor Nominee Designate

With great pleasure, I announce that our District 5370 Nominating Committee has selected Dr. Donna Barrett as District Governor Nominee Designate for 2021- 2022. Donna is past-president of the Rotary Club of Edmonton Sunrise and is District Leadership Development Chair. Welcome to the District Governor Team!

Membership

Our focus on supporting and strengthening our clubs to grow membership is showing positive results! After several years of steady decline, we have a slight increase in District membership.

Club presidents and secretaries, please ensure to reach out to members who have not attended meetings nor service projects to re-engage them in your club, instead of removing them from your membership list. This time of the season and the beginning of a new calendar year is a great time to reconnect and to be reminded of the value of service through Rotary.

Please check the list of clubs that have re-engaged or attracted members. Congratulations to Rotary Clubs of Dawson Creek and Edmonton West who lead the way with eight new members! Clubs that have grown their membership by three or more since July 1 are Dawson Creek Sunrise, Edmonton South, Edmonton Strathcona, Slave Lake, Yellowknife, Parkland After Dark, Lloydminster Border City, Fort St. John, Camrose, Fort Nelson, Fort McMurray, Morinville, The Battlefords and Whitecourt. Keep up the momentum! We have many reasons to be proud of Rotary's work.

Rotary Foundation

Support for our District Peacebuilder Fund continues to grow! We are over \$21,000. Many thanks to all clubs and individuals supporting this important initiative, and the Rotary Clubs of The Battlefords and Grande Prairie for the most recent donations. The Rotary Foundation will send donor receipts.

Thank you to our Paul Harris Fellows who support the Foundation with a gift of \$1,000 each Rotary year and two members who have recently reached the major donor status of \$10,000.

Thank you to all those who regularly support our Annual Fund and the Polio Plus funds. Let's have spectacular attendance at the Oil Kings hockey game on February 18, 2019, where \$7 from every ticket will support End Polio Campaign.

Special Recognition

Dr. Doug MacDougall of the Rotary Club of Edmonton West is celebrating his 100th birthday on December 26, 2018. Doug joined the club in 1959. He was an active member until last year! Please join me in congratulating Doug on this remarkable birthday and best wishes for many happy healthy years to come!

FOR IT IS IN GIVING THAT WE RECEIVE -- Giovanni di Bernardone (Francis of Assisi)

Peace and Joy,

Ingrid

