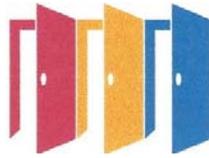




# Rotary



# Rotary Opens Opportunities

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Dear Rotarians and friends of District 6000,

The plans I envisioned after my education at the International Assembly in January did not include the effects of a pandemic. This has led to modifying and adapting almost hourly. I'm sure that your Rotary life has been altered too. Meeting virtually has given me more opportunities to meet with clubs in the District, with my Governor classmates in our Zone; and I have also "zoomed in" on International meetings. It is safe to say that I have mastered appropriate Rotary attire from the waist up.

This year's theme is Rotary Opens Opportunities. Rotary International's President Holgar Knaack has an inspiring vision for 2020-2021. He has said that COVID19 is another opportunity for Rotary to support the world.

**PolioPlus** - We are so close to ridding the world of the Polio virus. As we have seen with COVID19 the virus is only a "plane ride away". Our contributions to the PolioPlus campaign must continue so that one day in the near future the Polio virus is eliminated.

Holgar's **Strategic Plan** for 2020-2021 entails using technology, expanding our reach, and adapting. Rotary must have the ability to adapt. This spring our clubs have had to make accommodations with the pandemic altering our normal schedules. This has given us opportunities to adapt by using online and virtual meetings. Some of us have become very proficient at this adaptation. We have found that this "new normal" can be beneficial in a variety of aspects.

Rotary International is encouraging innovative club models such as: satellite clubs, cause-based clubs, Passport clubs, E-clubs, or Rotaract clubs. Adjusting meeting times and the use of technology will attract new members. We must create a culture where creativity and flexibility for change are valued and demonstrated. Rotary needs to be known as an organization that uses technology to connect: connecting with local members, our District 6000 leadership, and fellow Rotarians around the world.

**Sukup Safe T Home & GoServ Global** - This year I would like to provide an opportunity for District 6000 clubs to partner with Sukup Safe T Home and GoServ Global. These two organizations combine to distribute the Sukup Safe T Home around the world. Sukup Safe T Homes which are earthquake resistant and withstand hurricane winds up to 145 m.p.h. have **saved lives**. Currently these permanent homes are bringing protection to families in Peru, Haiti, Uganda, and Kenya. This is one way clubs in 6000 can work together to make a global difference.

**Rotary Stories** - This year's District Conference will be held over two weekends in April. Fellow Rotarians will share their stories of service. I believe this format will increase District 6000's outreach and reduce costs. We hope that you can find time to join us and share fellowship surrounding District 6000 service opportunities.

This year is our opportunity to make Rotary membership fun and memorable.

Proud to be a Rotarian,

Steve Dakin

