

## WEEK 5 FOUNDATION MINUTE – LEGACY

This year, people worldwide have been confronted with their own mortality – as horrifying statistics bombard us daily about disease, CoVid cases, contagion and death. We can be fearful, careful, or stoic – or we can take action and plan for our future, our family’s future, and how we might be remembered should we succumb. As Rotarians, we claim to be People of Action, and peacemakers in a world of inequality of opportunity, food scarcity, disease and discord. We may feel helpless in the isolation and disruption of the CoVid crisis. But Rotary continues to aid those less fortunate through grants, while vaccinations are administered and communities are improved. How will we be remembered for our Rotary service?

John Lewis left a message to be shared at his funeral – a message of hope and a call to action. He will truly be remembered for reminding us not to tolerate injustice – and to act while we can to “build a nation and a world society at peace with itself.” Mr. Lewis urged us to “answer the highest calling of your heart, and stand up for what you truly believe.” Will our individual Rotary legacies reflect our Rotary service? How many children will we have saved from paralysis; how many students will be inspired to serve as peacemakers; how many people will have clean water because of our generosity; how many families will have food on their tables because of our Rotary service?

Now is the time to plan YOUR Rotary legacy – while time permits to plan, to share and to take action.