

## WEEK 50 FOUNDATION MINUTE – APPRECIATION AND CELEBRATION

In the next few weeks, we honor Rotary’s annual transition tradition of “Changing of the Guard” events in our clubs. Under the restrictions of CoVid-19, many of our gatherings will be virtual – but they can still be fun and inclusive of all members and guests. Last Saturday and Sunday morning Rotary International’s Virtual Convention hosted its Plenary Sessions – witnessed by over 8,000 participants on each day – not including family members who tuned in too! So be creative, flexible and innovative as you celebrate your accomplishments of the last year and ring in the new. Anything seems possible in our new virtual world!

While the focus is often on club leaders, thanking the past leaders and installing the new officers, its also a chance to honor and thank the unsung heroes of our clubs – the Sargent-at-Arms, who in many clubs hasn’t given up the position in decades, those in the difficult to fill positions, who stay in the job year after year, and the members who stepped in to help when the incumbent was unable to do so. These are the true Rotarians who find Rotary service second nature – reliable, steadfast and often overlooked – Celebrate these members and give everyone a round of applause for a wonderful year.