

## WEEK 8 FOUNDATION MINUTE – COURAGE TO CHANGE

Nearly 100 years ago, Reinhold Neibuhr penned words that ring as true today as they did in the 1930's – and as helpful in these uncertain times as they were over 90 years ago for those who are troubled, or who want to help make a difference. Neibuhr's message urged us to "accept what we cannot change.... And to have the courage to change the things we can." Isn't that what Rotarians do?

In recent months, change has been thrust upon us – clubs meet virtually, fundraisers go on-line, messaging to large groups of people becomes possible with the click of a mouse – and Zoom meetings actually bring us together, sharing our home spaces with each other. This has been disconcerting for many, who hold tightly to the way we used to do things – and difficult for those who have not been able to jump on the virtual bandwagon. So how do we enable everyone to benefit from this cyber revolution?

We all need to think outside the box – get out of our own comfort zones – try something new and be willing to change to make things better for our neighbors – our neighborhoods and the broader world. Let's use this opportunity to "reach out and touch someone" virtually, or by phone, connect, and be Rotary agents of change in this changing world.