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El pasado martes, 10 de junio tuvimos el placer de juramentar al CR Gerry Cumpiano, Presidente y a la Directiva del Club Rotario de San Juan.

Su discurso a los allí presentes fue muy inspirador y pertinente y le pedí permiso para incluir el mismo en nuestras redes sociales. Esperamos que el mismo les sea de inspiración a toda la familia del Distrito 7000.

Hemos realizado una traducción del mismo que espero lleve el mismo mensaje. La traducción es nuestra. Ambos discursos están incluidos en nuestra página del Distrito, distritorotario7000.org.





San Juan Rotary Club

Speech delivered by Gerry Cumpiano, President on the occasion of his installation ceremonies as President on Tuesday, July 10, 2019.

“.....Today I would like to lay out my current vision for the direction of the club in the coming year. I say current because with your help in the next few months we will identify what makes our club tick, and the strategic steps required to take the club into the future, while providing the best possible experience for its members.

In trying to decide my goals for this year I decided to start with the question of “**Why Are We Rotarians.**” I believe we are Rotarians because we value the Rotary moto of service above self, but a very important also is, because we find the intellectual experiences, the contacts established, and the fellowship at and after our meetings to be very important. So, let’s address those two parts of or answer.

Let’s begin addressing Service, which will be our primary focus. We should provide our members **meaningful opportunities** to help, either by providing financial assistance or by providing hands on work on activities. In addressing these two ways of service we should focus on the largest possible IMPACT. Remember it’s not what we do but the result of the actions we undertake, therefore we will address how to increase our impact.

Let’s begin our talk about service by understanding the different avenues of service that we do have. Always remember the internet WWW it stands for what we need: Work, Wisdom and Wealth

Donors, (Wealth) and there are many generous ones here today. We give both to the Rotary Foundation, one of the most efficient ways of giving, and we give to the Club for projects that are closer to our hearts and home. And we can feel good giving because we know of the integrity of the Rotary process.





Service to the Community (Work)

Global and District Grants and Club Projects. This year in our club we expect to manage an investment of over a half million dollars in these Grants. We have money, available from Rotary International and clubs in the US. What we need now are Rotarians to actively manage these grants. Traditionally we have done these projects ourselves **Now** we will be seeking partnerships to be able to extend the reach we have. With the help of our District Governor we will work with other Clubs in the Island to take ownership or manage these projects. We will also work with Non-Rotary organizations in doing this.

Service to the Club (Wisdom)

There are many important functions in the club with which you can become involved. And I do urge you get involved. You can serve on the board, or on one of the many club committees.

Depending on your interest you can be on the Finance, Public Image communications, Membership, or a new one this year that is a short term but very important one the Committee for Strategic Planning. I want this group to be a think tank not just a form filling group.

How will we increase our impact?

1) Investing in Youth Leadership (The future of tomorrow)

I would like us to provide more value to the by including them more in our activities. Let's invite Rotoractors to Social Activities, round tables, board meetings, and on one to ones with Rotarians. There is much knowledge and good examples that we can transmit to them. Let's work on implement the new Rotary International initiative that allows Rotoractors to get training with Toastmasters.

2) I would like us to establish alliances with other organizations like business, professional, and women's groups, community-based organizations, the District and other clubs.





- 3) This would allow us to:
- i. Expand the impact of our projects and activities
 - ii. Recruit new members
 - iii. Bring more people to lunches to learn about who we are, and by having more people at the lunches we can attract better speakers.
- 4) Developing meaningful and plentiful projects that truly make a difference. I could easily digress here and speak for my whole period so we will cover this at a later date.

We have talked about Service Opportunities and Impact ,let’s address the Rotary Experience

- 1) We have begun to quantitatively measure how our members rate the different areas of the club’s operation. In the first round we have heard that three areas that need improvement. These are the sound system, the communications between the club and its members, and the food service options presented. We are working on addressing these items and will continue to poll our members to see if what we do is making an improvement.
- 2) Now we have to work on our club culture so we can find fun and fulfillment in our activities. A visiting Rotoractor had a T-shirt that said. Rotarian at work, with the word work crossed out and it said play. That’s the right idea.
- 3) We have to provide a business networking opportunity, especially for the younger crowd. Youth does social networking, well let’s teach them that Rotary was the original social network for good.
- 4) We also have to adapt the nature of the club to be more appealing to people from the outside. Some things that may be proposed may put us out of our comfort zone. Which is not always a bad thing.





We are going to have a great year! We will be proud of what we are doing with our donations, our service projects, and our well-run club. And we will work together with Rotoractors, Interactors, other Clubs, and other Non-Rotary organizations. We will take steps to improve the quality of our meetings, and we will measure the results. And we will do this while we enjoy the friendship of our fellow Rotarians and welcome new Rotarians to our organization.

So please look around the room at the team of people who are about to embark on this year's trip.

Gerry Cumpiano
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