

My Thoughts In Closing,

After my recent return from the International RI convention in Houston I wanted to share some thoughts about this Rotary Theme year "Serve To Change Lives". It has truly been a joy to be your District Governor. The value provided to me by each one of you, just as a result of your efforts, is immeasurable. My path this year has been one of the unknown and unexpected. As one initiative would seem to become clear and head toward resolution, another opportunity or need for action would develop. As I have indicated throughout my DG year, I am not a reader but rather a visual person. So let me take you into my closing thoughts on and about everything we are doing or have yet to do.

During the Rotary International Conference in Houston, one of the keynote speakers talked about a book where they explored the idea of the alphabet does not end in "Z" - there is a need for something after that. As this extraordinary rotary year winds to a close the letter "Z" has taken on new meeting to me, personally. There is always something new around the corner! I also think about the monetary donations and the work and efforts we have put forth, no matter how large or how small, to provide change. While we have made a great impact on the lives of others this year, that is not the last donation of funds or even effort and work to create change we will need to complete. There still more to do to create the world of "Imagine Rotary". Please join me in continuing to move us all forward to a world of safety, understanding and PEACE. Remember there is truly something after "Z" and there is always more to do!

Be Well,

JB

Happy Trails! Remember, they don't end - especially when you don't have a horse!