

Hello Folks,

As your District Governor, you and the other members of our communities have challenged me to take the steps required to make us better Rotarians and better Community Ambassadors. Through this effort, by all of us, we have achieved positive results in this Rotary year to “Serve To Change Lives”!

With the last eleven months behind us, here are some of the achievements we have accomplished.

- We have successfully held our first Independent President & Officer Elect Training Sessions (POETS) in March. This allowed for great opportunities to network with like-minded individuals and make significant strides in reducing the time and cost burdens for our District 7870 Clubs.
- We have rolled out District 7870’s first digital handbook & directory that has live links to allow the use of your smart device to email or call other District 7870 Club leaders.
- Our District Governor Track has made significant strides in improving the visibility of our District in the eyes of Rotary International and the global rotary community.
- We have experienced increased Rotary International Foundation giving by District 7870 Rotarians, which has been acknowledged and noticed on many levels at both the Rotary headquarters in Evanston and by our District Leadership Team.
- We have adapted more quickly to the new ways we interact and communicate than previously I would have ever though thought possible. As result, we have become more comfortable with gains in technology that are with us from now and into the future. One proof of this achievement is the creation of impactful Zoom and hybrid club and district meetings.
- We have been successful in promoting women in leadership positions,
- We have an increased focus on creating satellite clubs and other nontraditional Rotary Clubs.



President Shekhar Mehta’s theme for 2021/22 “**Serve To Change Lives**” is the logical lead-up to Jennifer Jones’s theme “**Imagine Rotary**”. The world conditions have truly led Rotary to Serve To Change Lives and to Imagine Rotary in becoming more agile and able to effect change more quickly. Our District Team continues to re-evaluate our actions and decisions. We will need to continue to adapt regarding interaction with other members and other clubs on a personal level, which may mean different things to each of us. I am proud to be a District 7870 Rotarian.

Be Well,

DG John Bob