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Dear Fellow Rotarians,

What is a Leader?

As I begin this month's message, let me assure you that I am not an expert on the topic of leadership, nor do I consider myself a great leader. However, there are a few things I have observed about leadership and leaders that I try to emulate and want to share with all of you as you ponder this question.

First, leadership is not easy! This is especially true in a time when the pace of change is accelerating at an ever-increasing rate. Being a leader means you take on the chal-

lenges of change head on, knowing full well that not everyone will not be happy and that you will encounter the nay-sayers. Leaders move forward!

Leadership is not just for the person at the top. Leaders come in all shapes and sizes and are at every level of an organization. They don't wait to be asked for help. They see the challenges of the organization and step forward to help those who are elected to leadership positions. Leaders know that the success of the organization depends on the contributions of many.

Leaders lead by example. Good leaders never ask members to do something they're not doing themselves. If you're a club leader, are you asking members to contribute to the Rotary Foundation or to work on fundraisers and projects without matching their efforts? Are you allowing everyone in the organization to observe what you're doing? Are you out front leading by example?

Leaders Inspire. The most important role leaders take on is that of inspiring others around them to step up and be better versions of themselves. This is the one trait I've observed in all great leaders. This is what makes people passionate about working with you. Do you inspire others by your actions?

No, Leadership isn't easy. For those of you in club leadership positions or those prepared to assume responsibility next year, I'm asking you to think about your leadership and actually do what your club has elected you to do: LEAD.

This new year I'm asking all of you to make a commitment to yourself to "Be the Inspiration" to everyone around you and lead your club to greatness, regardless of title or position within your club. Let's do this together!



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The New Year is the perfect occasion to appreciate all the good things that the past year has given you and all the good things that are yet to come. In the past 365 days you have experienced beautiful moments that wouldn't have been quite the same without all of the special people in your life and your Rotary family. Convey your warmest wishes and show your friends and family you put some extra thought into wishing them the happiest of New Years with the perfect sentiment. Cheers to successes. Cheers to failures. And cheers to those that helped you make your year what it was.

RI President's Dinner & Polio Fundraiser

January 25, 2019

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Rotary International
President's Dinner
&
Polio Plus
Fundraiser

REGISTER NOW
FRIDAY 1/25/19

Denver Marriott South
10345 Park Meadows Dr.
Lone Tree, CO 80124

6:00 PM cash bar
7:00 PM dinner
and program

\$65 per person includes dinner and program.
Please bring a check to make an additional
donation to End Polio Now.

Guest Speaker:
RI President Barry Rassin



Limited Seating - sold out the last 3 years.
Registration NOW OPEN at www.rotary5450.org
For more information contact Beverly Mendel -
office@rotary5450.org

See more information on next page

RI President's Dinner & Polio Plus Fundraiser

January 25, 2019

District 5450 invites you to hear Rotary International President Barry Rassin speak on the 2018-2019 Rotary Theme **"Be an Inspiration."** President Rassin will also give an update on polio eradication efforts.

The event will be a fundraiser for the **End Polio Now** campaign, and all net proceeds from the dinner and additional contributions will be matched \$2 to \$1 by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. Dress for the evening is business or cocktail attire.

Top 9 Polio Donors (between 12/15 & 1/15) Eligible to Win special items donated by Grant Wilkins prior to his death, and **Top 5 donors at the Dinner** (or online with registration) **win an additional Paul Harris Level.** [CLICK HERE FOR FULL DETAILS](#)

We are asking that everyone make an additional donation to EndPolio when you register for the dinner. You will be given individual and club credit for your donation. You can also make a donation to EndPolio at the dinner - *please bring cash or check with you to the dinner.*

Rooms at the Denver Marriott South are available for **\$99 per night** (plus tax). [Click Here to Reserve your Hotel Room](#)

Register NOW at www.Rotary5450.org

Upcoming District Events

- [Nominating Committee Interviews for DGND](#)
Jan 12, 2019
- [Rotary Leadership Institute - Cheyenne, WY](#)
Feb 22, 2019 5:00 PM – Feb 23, 2019 4:00 PM
Triumph High School
- [President Elect Training Seminar \(PETS\)](#)
Denver Renaissance Stapleton Hotel
Mar 01, 2019 4:00 PM –
Mar 03, 2019 12:00 PM
- [Spring District Assembly](#)
Laramie County Community College
Apr 06, 2019
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
- [District 5440 3rd Annual Foundation Dinner](#)
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Apr 06, 2019
5:00 PM - 9:00 PM
- [Rotary District 5440 Conference - 2019](#)
May 16, 2019 – May 18, 2019
- [Rotary International Convention](#)
June 1-5, 2019 Hamburg, Germany
- [Rotary Zone Institute](#)
Sep 05, 2019 8:00 AM – Sep 08, 2019 12:00 PM
Denver Marriott Tech Center Hotel
- [Rotary District 5440 Conference - 2020](#)
May 28, 2020 – May 30, 2020
- [Rotary District 5440 Conference - 2021](#)
May 20, 2021 5:00 PM – May 22, 2021 9:00 PM



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<https://rotary5440.org/>



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