



Dear Rotarians:

It is a happy coincidence that each Rotary year starts for us at the beginning of a holiday week! It provides a short interval for many new Club leaders to take a deep breath before rolling out their ambitious plans and agendas for the year just begun. The same is certainly true at the District level, though I woke up early yesterday to a beautiful sunny morning, ready to get to work in a smooth transition from a fantastic year under the leadership of Governor Tim. Last year was fantastic in so many ways, and the boundless energy and enthusiasm of our 2019-20 Club Presidents gives me great assurance that, together, we will achieve new heights in the work of Rotary. Yes, we don't rest on our laurels!

This year marks the launch of our new strategic vision, "Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change – across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves."

We will increase our impact, expand our reach, enhance participant engagement and increase our ability to adapt.

- Grow and diversify our membership and participation
- Create new channels into Rotary
- Increase Rotary's openness and appeal
- Build awareness of our impact and brand

Our Rotary International President Mark Maloney has announced the theme for the year, "Rotary connects the World". We are constantly juggling our time between our commitments to our families, our work and our service to humanity. We do not have the luxury of being able to do just one thing well, isn't it? Let's be flexible and innovative in balancing and celebrating life.

I look forward to serving you as your District Governor. Together, we will strive to make this world a better place. Quoting Rabindranath Tagore "to where tireless striving stretches its arms towards perfection, and the world is led forward by ever widening thought and action", let us move forward.

Let's unite and take action!

Cheers in Rotary Service,

Ramesh Hariharan
District Governor