

Dear Rotarians of District 5170,

My name is Savita Vaidhyanathan. I am honored to serve as your District Governor for the 2022-2023 season, and humbled to serve alongside a fabulous team of District and Rotary International leaders:

- **Jennifer Jones**, President, Rotary International. Jennifer is the very first woman President of Rotary International! Her theme is "Imagine Rotary!"
- **Brad Howard**, aide to Jennifer Jones. Brad is a Past Rotary International Director and a member of our very own Rotary Club of Oakland Uptown.
- **Vicki Puliz**, Rotary International Director of our zone, Zone 26/27.
- **Hung Wei**, District Governor Elect and **Jill Duerig**, District Governor Nominee. This is the first time that three women in a row will serve as District Governor for our District 5170.
- **Past District Governors of District 5170** will be my Advisors.

I'll take this opportunity to highlight the four goals Rotary International has asked all Districts to prioritize. Save this slide as one of your zoom backgrounds!



During the challenging times of the last two years, our District has already made progress toward these goals through creative engagement of our members and pivoting nimbly to adapt to a new normal. That's thanks to you! Your tremendous efforts helped with Rotary's mission to provide service to others; promote integrity; and advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through our fellowship of business, professional, and community leaders.

Your passion, your expertise, your energy, and your time together help our District achieve so much in the world, locally and globally. **My humble request to all of you is to continue to pour more of yourselves into this most valuable recipe that is our secret sauce.** Rotary happens in *your* community at *your* club. I offer my congratulations to all the newly installed Presidents of our 62 clubs, who will no doubt lead you to even greater success with these goals. Presidents: Know that you have the support of my District Leadership Team:

- **Judy Wilson**, Chief of Staff
- **Kathy Coyle, Jill Duerig, Liza Lorenz, and Helene Davis**, Lieutenant Governors
- **Susan Valenta**, Past District Governor and Finance Committee Chair, and **Joe Goralka**, Treasurer. Rest assured that your Rotary dues will be put to work with the utmost care and diligence!
- **Orrin Mahoney**, Past District Governor and The Rotary Foundation Chair, and Team will ensure your charitable contributions to TRF will go to deserving causes.
- **Camilla Boolootian and Geeta Kadambi**, Membership Committee Chairs
- **Maggie Padovani**, Public Image Committee Chair. Maggie will also assist me in our multi-District public awareness campaign.
- **Mitty Chang**, Focus on the Future Committee Chair. Expect to see some fabulous ideas from Mitty!
- **Arley Marley**, Past District Governor, Webmaster and Visioning Chair.
- **Olivia Poe**, our District Administrator has all the answers.

We also have a wonderful team of **Assistant Governors** for Areas #1-10 (no #2) and very talented **Avenues of Service Chairs**. And, for the first time, we will have a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Committee.

Together, we envision a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change — across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves. Let's *Imagine an Inclusive Rotary* to help humanity everywhere!

Salud, Shubkamnayan, Slainte!

Savita Vaidhyanathan