Dear District 7230 Rotary Family,

We are on the threshold of a new Rotary year, facing the challenge of communities ravaged by COVID-19 and our obligation to meet demands for racial justice. The loss of life in our own clubs and seen in the data and video streaming daily across our screens is almost too much to contemplate. Many of us also worry about our businesses, careers, and retirement plans.

How then do we respond? Rotary can and must lead toward a healthier, more just, and economically promising future for all. As John Adams aptly said, “Every problem is an opportunity in disguise.” And as Rotary International President Elect Holger Knaack reminds us “Rotary Opens Opportunities.”

Where do we begin? As we start a new year, please join me in walking down the “Avenue of Service” toward more vibrant clubs. “Club Service” has never been more essential. On the next few slides, please meet some of my companions on this journey and our itinerary for the coming months - virtual though it may be.

May the road always rise to meet us!

Yours in Rotary Service, Mary