

Rotary



District 5300

Thank you!

June 30, 2020

Final Thoughts



In this my final message as District Governor, I want to recognize all those that have worked to create the magic that led to the success of the class of 2019-2020. The clubs, the members, our beneficiaries, our families have all felt the impact of Rotary this year. While the end of the year was marked with challenges we could not have imagined, Rotary D5300 heeded the call to action and made lasting change. Our action this past year is a reflection of all those that came before us and the strength of character and values that lay within us all.

As we continue our Rotary journey together let us remember the lives of those we lost this year, our members from years past, and those struggling right now. We honor their life by continuing our good work, we honor their service by rolling up our sleeves and performing service ourselves. We honor their spirit by remembering to always be kind, to always ask "what can I do to help the Rotarian sitting next to me and serve those in most need as well?"

It is my hope you will remember the legacy of your clubs and your families. Imagine the legacy that you can create for generations to come. You are

2019 - 2020 Club Presidents Soar



It is official, the club Presidents for 2019-2020 soared. From the first day they took office to the last day of their term, the 2019-2020 Class of Presidents United People and Took Action. The picture above was taken at PETS 2019 just before you took office. At that time it was easy to see that you would have a great year. Your enthusiasm, determination, ideas, and vision jumped off the page and had everyone talking about how great your class is. You did not disappoint, your accomplishments are many including:

- \$432,987.54 raised for The Rotary Foundation
- 60 of 63 clubs qualified for District Grants
- 4 Global Scholars
- 1 Endorsement for Peace Fellow
- Ranked #2 in overall Membership at the Zone level
- 63 of 63 clubs qualified for the Rotary Citation - all with distinction - 6 with Platinum level distinction
- We participated with Rotary International in a pilot program "Together we Read"

Beyond the metrics, you had fun. You engaged with your members and your communities. You inspired all those around you. You connected the world and soared beyond all that was possible. We even had time machines! Thank you for your service, your kindness to my family and I; and, for welcoming the grand babies to your meetings. It is my hope that you remember the Legacy of your clubs and continue to work with the leadership in the club and the District to ensure each year is better than the one that preceded it. It was an honor to serve under your leadership!

Passing of the Baton

What can I possibly say about Immediate Past District Governor (for at least another 10 hours), John Chase. From the moment I became a DGD (District Governor Designate) you and Elizabeth shared tips and tools. I appreciate the countless hours we spent talking about continuity, membership, Foundation, public relations, and our families. I will always remember your advice to keep family at the forefront of all that we do. Although we all might know that to be true, it is easy to get side tracked with the work, the challenges, and the day-to-day activities. Your nudges and text messages out of the blue were one of the very best highlights of this year. Your humor and ability to remind me to just sometimes take a step back and laugh were the basis by which Moe and I sometimes laughed from the belly. I appreciate you and Elizabeth beyond measure and hope you always remember how great a Governor you were and how I could not have asked for a

the real magic behind Rotary. I have been blessed to have worked with you and to have served under your influence. Thank you for the love and support you have shown my family and I over the last several years - my heart runneth over. I look forward to seeing you all soon. If I have left anyone out from the thank you's below please know that it was not intentional. There were so many that helped make this year a great success.

I love you beyond measure and I am so so so very proud to know each and every one of you. Tell your stories and tell them often....

Hugs

Mama Lu



better IPDG. Thank you for everything and for always remembering family. It is fitting that your Rotary theme was *Be The Inspiration* - you certainly have been mine.

District Advisors - Sage Counsel



PDG Luciano De Sylva
Operations Advisor



PDG Miles Petroff
CA Club Advisor



PDG Larry Skaggs
NV Club Advisor



PDG Joe Ramos
Out of District Advisor

No Governor goes through their post without the sage guidance of the Advisors at their side. The 2019-2020 year was no different. From the moment I began my training through the final curtain, my top Advisors were providing history, background, and advice on all matters. They put up with my late nights (or do we call them early morning) hours, the calls to discuss matters when the whim would strike, and the debates when they wanted to just bang their head against the wall. I am forever grateful for their support, their wisdom and their cheerleading. When you see them at District events, be sure to stop them and chat them up. But also be sure to thank them for their tireless efforts behind the scenes this past year. Thank you Gents! I could not have done this without you.



I would like to also take this opportunity to thank PDG Jerry Tambe for serving as my District Budget & Finance Chair and PDG Luciano De Sylva for serving as my District Board of Directors Chair. Both these groups serve at the will of the clubs best interests; and, are formally in place to guide, counsel, and advise the District Governor. Each group is made up of the Governor line and District Administrator. Budget and Finance also includes our District Treasurer and Bookkeeper. Jerry led the Budget and Finance team through some tough decisions and helped support the credit back to clubs for a portion of the Jan-June 2020 district dues. PDG Luciano is pictured above. Thank you both for your support this past year! Many thanks to both teams for all your help.

District Leadership Continuity

The leadership team for D5300 made all things possible this year. Every Governor will tell you that the best possible outcome is to have a leadership team that leads. The team this year was no exception. The picture above was taken right before the start of the year. We had a leadership summit in Chino at the Boys Republic where we strategized based on the



Strategic Priorities of Rotary International. We were able to bring everyone together to mingle, find ways to work together for the betterment of the district. We talked about goals and how best to support the clubs. This group of highly effective and passionate Rotarians led everything from youth to health, peace to training, logistics to admin. The next time

you see them at a club meeting or a district event, be sure to stop them and just say "Thank you". They were the real power behind the District engine. To all of you - I say Thank you! Your efforts and work made my job easy and allowed me to focus on the clubs and how best to serve them. You were the wind beneath my wings and I am forever indebted to you for your service.

District Legal Council - Thomas Allison
 District Treasurer - Don Ralls and Philip Miles
 District Bookkeeper - Pat Hauducoeur
 Risk Management - PDG Gene Hernandez
 Resolutions Committee - PDG Tom Novotny
 Council on Legislation - PDG Sal Briguglio
 Quartermaster - Joe Vlietstra
 2022-23 Nominating Committee - PDG Luciano DeSylva
 Youth Protection - PDG Tom Novotny
 District Rose Parade Float - PDG Randy Pote
 District Data Administrator - Michael Soden
 Club and Member Support (District Admin) - PDG Tom Novotny
 District Analyst - Dwight Johnson
 District Foundation Chair - Honorable Susan Johnson
 Brand Coordinator - Zeb Welborn
 Membership Coordinator - DGN Betsy Barry
 International Service - PDG Advisor Dr. Sylvia Whitlock, Coordinators Sarah O'Brien and Hassan Kheradmandan
 District Coach - Mark Baragan CA, Linda Bertuzzi NV
 Health and Well Being - Yulanda Davis Quarrie
 Youth Services - Denise Wadsworth
 Presidents Advance - Linda Bertuzzi
 Garbis Peace Institute - PDG Garbis DerYeghian
 Global Grants - PDG Chehab ElAwar
 RLI - Dennis Franklin
 Grant Management team of Mike Soden, Mark Mariscal, and Christine Smith
 Master of Ceremony - Michael Driebe
 Shelter Box -
 4-Way Test: Ginny Hsiao, Miles Yoshisato, PDG Raghada Khoury, Rae Kearney, James Camburn
 Dan Stover: Valerie Gomez, Mike Link, Miles Yoshisato

I would like to give a special shout out to District Training and Club Development Chair - Michael Gordon. It was through Michaels strategic expertise, visionary style, and thoughtful planning that all District training elements were not only successful, but impactful. From District Assembly, to leadership and regional trainings, Presidents Advance, and even the cancelled District Conference 2020, Michael was working to ensure everyone had an experience to remember. He was always creating and developing platforms that added to the value proposition that makes Rotary great.

Thank you to my wonderful Leadership team who truly made all the difference!

Eyes and Ears of the District

The following individuals are part of the District Leadership team; however, they were also the eyes and ears for me. They were the ones I leaned on throughout the year to help keep momentum going. One of the things that I will remember the most is their team work and work ethic. It didn't matter the circumstance, their drive to ensure club success was second to none. These were the individuals that I communicated with nearly daily. They were always happy and always willing to lend a hand. They also helped me remember that Rome wasn't built in a day (although I would argue it was probably planned in a day - ha ha). They were the ones to pull the reigns in and remind me to slow down and smell the roses. I have to tell you, they were also the ones pulling the plug on the coffee and texting me in the wee hours gently nudging me to get some zzzz's. I cannot tell you how much I appreciate all the work you have done, your time with the clubs you served, and your work to help record the club efforts. Thank you for always joining with me in my happy dances. Let's not forget the plan you created after my infamous bull ride...I promise it was the influence of those Presidents of mine...they are an adventurous group! You are all wonderful and I definitely could not have done a thing without all of you. Most of all, thank you for your endless support. If you could see me now, I am doing one of those happy dances again! Bummer we didn't take a group photo.

CA Governor Aides: Karina Anderson and Chief Don Fernald
NV Governor Aide: Rebecca Collette
CA Chief of Staff/XAG - DGD Roger Gutierrez
NV Chief of Staff/XAG - Robert Bridel
AG Groups 1/2: Isaac Hung
AG Groups 3/4: Rosie Mares
AG Groups 5/6: David Speidel
AG Groups 7/8: John Andrews
AG Group 9: Dwight Johnson
AG Group 10: Charlene Melchers
AG Group 11: Keith Buchalter
AG Group 12: Rebecca Collette
AG Group 13: Todd Cook
AG Group 14: Michael Gordon

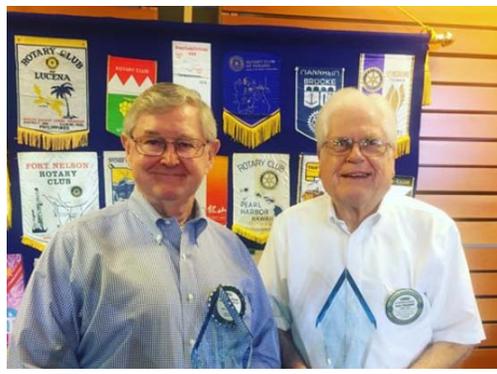
RYLA and TLC

What do you say to the TLC and RYLA Committees when they knock it out of the park year after year? There are simply no words to describe the appreciation and love I have for these committee members and staff. It takes countless hours of planning, logistics, rework, and discussion to create the magic that happens at these camps each year. While we were not able to conduct RYLA 2020 due to COVID-19 I would like everyone to know that this team never stopped trying to find a way to make it work. What I love most about this area is that I always thought I was an ops girl at heart. Then Rotary happened, it introduced me to things I had not had the opportunity to be in front of. It gave me experiences that expanded my mind and my reach. It brought me face-to-face with TLC and RYLA. From the first moment I stepped into the room I was hooked on the magic. I truly have no words and cannot thank you all enough for your hard work, your passion, and your sheer drive to make the camp perfect each and every time. Thank you, Thank you, Thank you!

TLC Chair: Tony Scheppmann
RYLA Chair: Celeste Kelley
John Chase: PDG TLC and RYLA Advisor
Meg Ryan
Erica Yang
Dora Ancona
Steve Murray
PDG Tom Novotny
Shelsea Scheppmann
Sean O'Donohue
Mike Soden
David Speidel
Karen Jones
Tom Hould
Larry Smith
Darren Krohn
Joe Vlietstra
Eric Threeton
Camp Cedar Crest

Shout Out

What are the odds that when you want to get two people in one picture, you are able to find it on the Internet? Well, apparently very good odds. I want to



give a special shout out to two gents that worked behind the scenes to work their magic. I have to tell you that it was not uncommon for the three of us to be up in the wee hours working away. Many times I would send an email request at 12, 1 and even 2 am to find a response coming back my direction within minutes.

Chris Datwyler, our district webmaster works hard to keep the website up to date which is not an easy task with all the moving parts that go on in our district. Chris, thank you for always answering my

calls for help - even when on a cruise and stranded trying to get back into the United States - you never missed a beat. Thank you for helping with the website, the District Foundation, and all things Rotary. As my father would say - You are a truly good man. I so appreciate your help this past year.

Bill Payne, my Global Scholar and Peace Fellow guru. Thank you for your ongoing guidance and help as I learned the process. Your patience and responsiveness to questions was appreciated. You stepped up and helped us achieve something great this year with 4 scholars and 1 endorsement for a Peace Fellow. We could not have done that without you. I know the Green Valley club also appreciates your help.

The two of you are what I would like to call Legacy Heroes. You create magic while the rest of us mere mortals envision it. Thank you so so so very much.

