

Rotary



District 5300

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Rotary Opens Opportunities

By Philip Gregory Jones

Tuesday, June 29, 2021



Today is the last day of the 2020-2021 Rotary year with its theme "Rotary Opens Opportunities." Being District Governor in District 5300 was an opportunity that I will always cherish. Our District has many members who have dedicated themselves wholeheartedly to the ideal of "Service Above Self." Even in a year when the pandemic and the resulting shutdowns turned everything on its head, District 5300 Rotarians continued to live that ideal. Our clubs kept meeting and we all learned how to Zoom together. Our clubs surveyed their communities and developed new projects for the pandemic situation that met new needs they discovered. We all learned to pivot and to adapt so that fellowship, service, and fundraising could all continue. As I watched the club presentations at our District Conference, I was proud to serve with all of you in an organization that continued to change lives in spite of everything we faced.

In my club visits I asked you all to think about three specific opportunities that I see as important for our current time.

First, as individual Rotarians we need to take this opportunity to find our "Rotary Why." This means we need to remind ourselves of the reason why we joined Rotary. Don't let your Rotary experience be a passive one. One of the unique things about our organization is that it gives us many avenues to satisfy our passions for community service, international service, and fellowship. But, it is up to us to find those Opportunities and we must do that to stay engaged and enthusiastic about our time in Rotary.

Second, our clubs have a unique opportunity to redefine their relationships with their members and with their communities. Now that everything has changed, our clubs have the freedom to change, too. We must find ways to stay relevant to our members in a post-pandemic world. Members will be expecting different ways to connect and stay involved. We also must find ways to stay relevant in our communities. Many of the projects our clubs have done for years may no longer be what our communities most need. We must reassess our clubs' mission and change with the times.

Third, The Rotary Foundation is more important than ever. The mission of the Rotary Foundation is to enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace. We use our Foundation projects as the means to connect us with other people in our own communities and with other communities around the world. We are completing more projects through the Foundation than ever before, so it's important that we do not lose this opportunity to connect. We should make sure that funding the Foundation is a priority in our giving. The Foundation is also on the cusp of eradicating polio in our world.

Thank you to our District 5300 Leadership Team!

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Thank You District 5300 Leadership Team! In an organization dedicated to the ideal of Service Above Self, this extra measure of service enables us all to better serve our members and our communities.

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So far in 2021 we have had just two cases of the wild polio virus. We truly are "this close" to finally ending this disease.

Thank you all for the work that you do and for the way that you care. It was an honor to be your District Governor.

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