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My dear fellow Rotarians,

As I type this it is late Monday night and almost Tuesday morning.

I have spent my day seeing many patients who likely have COVID-19. Today my sister in law tested positive for the virus. I am grateful that you all have been patient with this situation and have adapted to zoom meetings and avoiding face to face get togethers.

As human beings we need social interaction and that is one of the great things about Rotary. These are challenging times we live in I applaud all of you for using virtual means to stay connected. Our lives may never be the same after this but the whole situation is a great testament to our human adaptability.

Hang in there everyone and hopefully we can join in some serious Rotary fellowship when a vaccine is in place and this virus is contained. Meanwhile stay healthy and hopeful. There will be brighter days ahead.

November is Rotary Foundation month. That reminds me.... I have two checks to write. One for October for Polio Plus and one for November for the Foundation. I challenge all of you do the same. November is also the month of Thanksgiving. I am grateful for a almost complete recovery from COVID-19. I am also grateful to the opportunity I have through my vocation to help others with the virus. I have been very busy since returning to work evaluating and treating those with COVID-19. The hospitals are full right now. I'm not sure that if I was sick now like I was 3-4 weeks ago there would be room for me today. I urge you all as we approach the time of family gatherings to do what you need to do to stay safe..

This weeks speaker is Brian Crouse with the Missouri Chamber of Commerce.

I look forward to seeing you all tomorrow on Zoom.

Please Stay vigilant. There is a tendency as we get tired of the isolation and constant threat of this virus to let our guard down. Keep wearing masks. Don't touch your face. Use good hand hygiene. Polio is a virus and so is COVID-19. If we can beat one we can beat them both. Don't let up, or give up.

See ya soon on Zoom!

Joe