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## Last Chance: Give to the Foundation

The Rotary 2019-20 year is almost over, and this is my final appeal. For those who wish to give to the Rotary Foundation, here is an instructional video on how you can make your donation and help make lasting change across the globe and in our communities. Obviously, our contributions are down drastically this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic that has created an economic downturn that we are seeing across the state and our nation. However, you might still wish to give, and I am hoping you will. Click on the link below.

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## Aloha! District 6170

By Robert Jaye Thompson

Well, this is the final day of my tenure as District Governor and the final day for all of the club presidents for this Rotary year. Despite the hardships that have greatly affected our operation as a district, we have just about finished our course. Had the Rotary International Convention been able to convene in Honolulu, Hawaii, we would have been greeted with the word, "Aloha." At the time of our departure, we would have heard the same word, "Aloha."

Now, I say to everyone, "Aloha" for this Rotary year that is coming to a close. I have learned much as I have traveled the long journey to the position of governor. It started over three years ago, and I gladly embraced the task. However, nothing that I heard in all the instruction or read in any of the manuals prepared me for the circumstances that we find ourselves in now. We are not struggling against apathy but against social restrictions and economic challenges that we never anticipated. None of us was ready for the onslaught of COVID-19 and the effect that its incursion has brought. It has kept us scratching our heads and searching for solutions to keep us engaged in the work of our great organization. To the burden of leadership as governor while we continue our search, I say "Aloha."

Nonetheless, we have not given up hope of meeting together again. When Rotary planned its efforts to eradicate the world of polio, many probably felt the same way. There were some doubters who said that it will never happen. We have not given up the fight to make the eradication of polio a reality. We are still in the fight and engaged in the battle, even though we have already had 72 new cases reported thus far this calendar year. Those new cases have occurred in only two nations: Afghanistan and Pakistan. That in itself is a victory, but the war is not over. We cannot give up now in our quest to connect the world. No, we have merely been given opportunities that we never anticipated or envisioned. To the lack of the application of creativity in our approach to the struggle, I say "Aloha."

We have the opportunity to emerge from this pandemic as a stronger organization offering those who are seeking a way and a place where lasting change can occur. None of us could see the social unrest brought about by the death of one insignificant man. His demise has given rise to renewed efforts to make the values of Rotary an everyday practice for those who don't even know what they are. As we apply the Four way Test to all the things that we think, say, and do, we become more conscious of the need for personal change and active engagement is the promotion of peace. The core values of our organization, fellowship, integrity, diversity, service, and leadership, are vital to assuaging the anxiety that has become part of our world. To complacency in the face of unfairness and inequity, I say "Aloha."



David J. Mason  
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As we move forward together with our eyes fixed upon a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change, I maintain my commitment to doing what I can to provide clean water and promote sanitation where it has not been in the past. I pledge to continue my quest to help mothers and children in the quest for healthy lives. It is also my promise to seek ways in which I can assist with our quest for disease prevention. I am not the greatest of economists, and I don't have a lot of this world's goods; but I will do my part to aid in the recovery of economic wellbeing in our communities. While many struggle with illiteracy, I will also lend my abilities to improve their plight in this important area of life. I will keep my eyes and ears open, fixed upon the need for peace in a world marred by continual conflict. I am certain that I will not be alone in my quest to create lasting change across the globe, in our communities, and in myself. To the world we once knew, I say "Aloha."

I don't have to be the district governor to make a difference. We are all part of the whole. Like in a flock of high flying geese, the leadership must change as we continue our trek toward a better world. I will not fall out of the formation. No, I promise to stay with the flock and aid with our travel to a better place where all can share in the blessing that is there. I say Aloha to the lead, and Aloha to following once again. Service above self was and remains my commitment. Aloha!!!

## Celebration Put on Hold

By Robert Jaye Thompson

We will plan later to celebrate the accomplishments of our clubs this year. Our clubs will be appropriately recognized at a later time for the many good things that have been accomplished. Keep your eyes and ears open for the announcement.

## Rotary Club of Camden Adds An Interact Club

Friday, June 5, 2020

The Rotary Club of Camden received the following congratulatory message from the Interact Team at Rotary International today. The message gives guidance for all of our clubs engaged with or thinking about engaging with Interact in our district. Congratulations, RC of Camden and Welcome Interact Club of Harmony Grove!

Congratulations on sponsoring the Interact Club of **Harmony Grove!**

To help you celebrate with your Interact club, we've attached a congratulatory letter and your official Certificate of Organization. Print and sign this certificate to present to your Interact club at your chartering celebration, joint meeting, or another special event. Create your own customized identification cards for Interact club members with our [Interact membership card template](#). Print them from home together with your Certificate of Organization, or order them from one of Rotary's licensed vendors when you purchase club banners, member pins, or other items for your club.

**As a sponsor club, it's your responsibility to keep the connection between Interact and Rotary strong.** Clubs must update the contact information of an Interact club adviser annually in My Rotary to maintain the club's active status and to continue receiving resources from Rotary International. [How to Update Rotaract and Interact Club Information](#)

*For reporting purposes, always use the Interact club's name as registered in RI records, (Harmony Grove) (club ID 221594), not variations of a locally used name.*

Find many other resources on our [Interact Clubs Guide for Our Members page](#).

We wish you much success as you work together to inspire positive change in your community.

July 11th

**Rotary District 6170 Governor Installation of Jamie Higgins**

July 29th

**DG Official Visit - Fordyce**

July 28th

**DG Official Visit - Dermott**