*Sent to all Members*

July 15, 2024

Dear {%FName%},

Rotary Minutes are provided by District 6220 2024-25 District Governor Roger Utnehmer (Oot-name-er).

Please share at club meetings and post in newsletters and social media.

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“Attempting to assassinate a political leader is the most egregious act of incivility.

Saturday’s event in Butler, Pennsylvania reminds us of the role Rotary can play restoring civility to our civic discourse.

Building peace and resolving conflict combine to form one of Rotary International’s seven areas of focus. Today it appears to be the most in need of implementation.

Every club in Rotary can play a role. We can model civility by “disagreeing better.”

We can make Rotary safe places to have important conversations with respect and dignity.  News can be made with weekly programs by providing community leaders a safe forum to inform.

May those tempted to respond to the attack on former President Donald Trump with more hatred, animosity and inflammatory rhetoric be enlightened with a sense of forgiveness for the offender and compassion for all injured and killed.

And more importantly, may Rotary move forward committed to fostering peace and resolving conflict from our clubs and communities to our districts and our world.

This is a time to speak with civility and patience and practice forgiveness and restraint. As Ignatius of Loyola admonished young scholars, may we practice “precision of thought and economy of expression.”

This has been a Rotary Minute.

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