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JIMMIE GORSKI INSTALLED AS DISTRICT GOVERNOR

Remarks by District Governor Jimmie Gorski

As the torch is passed each year in Rotary from the departing District Governor to the new district leader, we have a formal ceremony complete with pledges and speeches to commemorate the occasion. I did not expect when I was selected to be District Governor for 2020-2021 that my situation would be different, but different it has been. I never expected a global health issue like COVID-19 to be dead ahead for my year.

expand our reach by creating satellite clubs and new Rotaract Clubs. Furthermore, he has challenged us to engage our members, new and old, and to meet and continue to meet their expectations. In our Rotary Zone, many of our Districts have adopted the message penned by my friend and colleague, District Governor Harry Henderson. "Not One Member Lost, Not if we have anything to think, say, or do about it." In short, our members are precious to us during the pandemic AND when it ends,



Rotary Opens Opportunities, our theme for the year was quickly realized by the new group of District Governors in our Zone and in Zones throughout the world. We adapted through necessity to virtual platforms for our club and committee meetings. We made adjustments to our fundraisers and service projects, and we began to see that surprisingly such changes often increased our member participation and even in some cases helped us to grow membership. We began to see that our opportunities to grow and to serve in Rotary have never been greater.

Our new RI President, Holger Knaack, has asked each District to work actively to create new, innovative models for clubs and to

and they should be treated with kindness, respect, and consideration.

It is my desire as District Governor to help clubs grow in spite of situations created by the pandemic and to address needs across our district.

Of great concern in our district is the issue of hunger. There are programs in our district to help remedy the problem of hunger among the homeless, among children, in urban as well as rural areas, where families have difficulty traveling to food pantries or other facilities. With many finding themselves suddenly unemployed, I am asking clubs, with their Area Governors

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