

Rotary



District 6890

Governor's Message

By Nick Hall

The metaphor of Rotary leadership as a relay race is one we use often, as it so aptly expresses the nature of Rotary office. Yet Rotary leadership is not an individual, but a team sport. You and I, and all of your fellow leaders, enter this Rotary year together, as part of a team. We share the same goal: a world transformed by Rotary service, one project, one club, one community at a time. Barry Rassin, Rotary International President 2018-2019.

When being greeted by fellow Rotarians, I hear reference to 'my year' as district governor. But I disagree with this characterization. It is not my year, but rather our year. You have simply entrusted me to carry the baton during a brief segment of a relay race that began in 1905. Our club presidents are part of the continuum as they complete between now and next July their own stage of this ongoing global effort to make the world a better place. Indeed, the clubs form the foundation of Rotary without which no District, Zone or Rotary International officer could ever succeed. Yet despite geographical and political boundaries, we are all connected in space and time through our willingness to embrace the ideals of Rotary.

Every Rotarian has their personal reason for embarking on this important and noble journey, and every club president and officer has aspirations to achieve certain goals and objectives. As your District Governor, I do as well. However, let us not forget we are merely a brief segment on a timeline that stretches more than 100 years in the past and if we and our successors do our job, will extend into the indefinite future. Therefore, while it's important we achieve our immediate goals, we must be mindful of the need to set the stage for those who will follow. Having a club strategic plan would be a great way to start. Taking stock of what those who completed earlier segments envisioned is also a worthwhile endeavor, especially if they laid the groundwork for a goal, which may be all the easier to achieve because of their initial effort.

Recognize that just because a worthy goal could not be achieved in the past does not mean it can't be realized now. Times and circumstances change. Conversely, fundraisers and projects that succeeded in the past may need to be modified or even replaced for the same reason. Tradition is important, but so is understanding the paradox of success; the circumstances that led to success in the past will lead to failure in the future if one fails to recognize that the world is constantly changing.

Fellow Rotarians, let's work together and do our best to make 2018-2019 a huge and shared success!

BE THE INSPIRATION

Presidential message

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Assistant Governor



Barry Rassin

President 2018-19

July 2018

One year ago, your Rotary International Board of Directors adopted a new vision statement, reflecting our aspirations for our organization and its future. It reads, "Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change – across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves."

That simple sentence distills so much of what is essential about Rotary. We **unite**, because we know that we are far stronger together than we could ever be alone. We **take action**, because we are not dreamers, but doers. We **work to create lasting change** that will endure long after our involvement has ended – **across the globe** and **in our communities**. And perhaps most important of all, we work to create change **in ourselves** – not just building a better world around us, but becoming better people ourselves.

A quotation attributed to French writer Antoine de Saint-Exupéry goes: "If you want to build a boat, don't begin by collecting wood, cutting boards, or assigning tasks. Begin by awakening in the souls of your workers a longing for the vast and boundless sea." Each of us came to Rotary because we had a longing – to have an impact, to make a difference, to be part of something larger than ourselves. That desire, that vision for a better world and our role in building it, is what drives us in Rotary. It's what made us become members, it's what motivates us to serve, and it's what led me to choose our theme for this Rotary year: **Be the Inspiration**.

I want to see Rotary **Be the Inspiration** for our communities by doing work with a transformational impact. It's time to start moving forward, by removing the barriers that are holding us back. Let's make it easier to make adjustments in our clubs or start new clubs that suit different needs. Let's work to strengthen Rotaract and smooth the transition from Rotaract clubs into Rotary. Let's give all Rotarians the flexibility to serve in the ways that work best for them, so that every Rotarian finds enduring value in Rotary membership.

Truly sustainable service, the kind of service we strive for in Rotary, means looking at everything we do as part of a larger global ecology. This year, I ask all of you to **Be the Inspiration** for sustainable service by addressing the impact of environmental issues on our work. The environment plays a key role in all six of our areas of focus, and that role is only becoming greater as the impact of climate change unfolds. It's time to move past seeing the environment as somehow separate from those six areas. Clean air, water, and land are essential for healthy communities – and essential for the better, healthier future we strive for.

Be the Inspiration – and together we can, and we will, inspire the world

Preliminary Foundation Giving Report

By Tom C. Wagner



While the numbers are still changing and last-minute contributions continue to be tallied, it certainly looks like you have made a difference this past Rotary Year!

At this writing, the combined contributions of the clubs in District 6890 to The Rotary Foundation **Annual Fund** currently stand at **\$254,692**, more than a quarter of a million dollars! That's just under \$150 per capita. Congratulations are in order for the entire district.

But wait, there's more! You also contributed **\$26,206 to PolioPlus** which, when matched 2:1 by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation will **net \$78,618 for polio eradication** efforts around the world.

We will have more information soon with the final contribution amounts for the year but clearly you have done a great job.

Linda N
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District
Secretary
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District
Treasurer

On behalf of the Trustees of The Rotary Foundation, we thank you for your generosity and continued support!

DISTRICT GOVERNOR NOMINATION

Monday, July 9, 2018

District Governor 2021-2022 : Request for Nominations

Clubs are invited to nominate eligible candidates for governor-nominee. The governor-nominee will serve as District Governor 2021-2022. Clubs may submit qualified candidates from now until October 31, 2018. The following are the Status, Qualifications and Duties of District Governor:

Status:

The governor is an officer of RI nominated by the clubs of a district and elected by the convention of RI. The governor's term of office begins on 1 July and continues for one year or until a successor is elected and qualified.

Qualifications:

In addition to the qualifications of governor-nominee (below), a governor, at the time of taking office, must have completed seven years of membership in one or more clubs and have attended the governors-elect training seminar and International Assembly.

Duties:

The district governor's responsibilities can be found in Lead Your District: Governor (233). This manual is updated annually. In addition to fulfilling their responsibilities, district governors are expected to adhere to the Rotary Code of Ethics.

The governor-nominee must:

- 1) Be a regular member of a club in the district
- 2) Have full qualifications for membership in the strict application of the club membership provisions, and have a classification whose integrity is without question
- 3) Have served as president of a club for a full term or be a charter president of a club having served the full term from the date of the charter to 30 June, provided that this period is for at least six months
- 4) Demonstrate willingness, commitment, and ability, physically and otherwise, to fulfill the duties and responsibilities of the office of governor as provided in RI Bylaws section 15.090.
- 5) Demonstrate knowledge of the qualifications, duties, and responsibilities of governor as prescribed in the RI Bylaws, and submit to RI, through its general Secretary, a signed statement acknowledging a clear understanding of them. This statement shall also confirm that the Rotarian is qualified for the office of governor and willing and able to assume the duties and responsibilities of the office and to perform them faithfully

More information on the governor-nominee's responsibilities and assignments can be found in the Learning Center at learn.rotary.org.

Clubs who wish to submit the name of a candidate for consideration should, first, vote at a regular meeting to submit the name of the candidate, then complete and forward the District Governor-Nominee Application Form to Tom Wagner before 10/31/2016. The District Governor Nominee Application Form may be found on DACdb/Files or may be requested by emailing to info@rotary6890.org.