

Rotary Opens Opportunities

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# Wanderings with Jo

## September 2020

District 5100 Rotarians

My District journey continues...

Since starting this newsletter, I have been evacuated from my home, and then returned to smoke and countywide devastation, and with a sense of urgency to focus on what we can do to assist others.

Our journey continues to get wilder; COVID-19, the pandemic, and now fires. It seems that the entire district is on fire, and Oregon was rated the state with the worst environmental health in the world due to smoke from the wildfires. Yet, while all this is happening, Rotarians are still focused on achieving their goals and supporting community efforts in the midst of the catastrophe.

### OUR FOCUS FOR 2020/2021

- \* [Increasing and growing membership](#)
- \* [Ridding The World of Polio - Africa has been declared Polio Free](#)
- \* [Educating and Training Our Rotarians](#)
- \* [Promoting Our Brand](#)

Clubs I have visited are focused on gaining additional members. Our Grow Rotary team is working diligently to identify possible areas for e-Clubs and to add new Rotary clubs on both the East and West sides of our District. [Dennis Long](#), our Membership Chair will welcome any suggestions you may have on increasing membership.

All of the clubs I've visited had a focus on growing the Foundation and are looking at special activities for the celebration of National Polio Awareness Day in October. Read the [article](#) on the continent of Africa becoming polio free. What are your club plans? Remember that engagement helps to retain membership, even though we are mostly meeting virtually. Talk to our District Foundation Chair [Tom Crozier](#) for ideas.

The Training, Learning and Development Team, led by Renee Brouse, has begun to prepare for our virtual training sessions (formerly DTA) and Pre-PETS and PETS, which will be conducted virtually for the first time. Rob Sachs is engaged with helping us all to gain additional knowledge of Rotary through [R.E.E.L.](#) Remember - Knowledge is Power.

We are increasing our use of social media to promote our brand. A dedicated group, led by Karin Holton and iPDG Diane Noriega are posting on our website to highlight D5100. I am using my Podcast, with the help of the District Conference Team, Claudia Yakos and Ryan Garcia of Pacific University. We hope that these efforts will help to attract additional members to support the focus of Rotary.

## OTHER WANDERINGS

In the midst of these activities, we held an education night to encourage those interested in taking the amazing journey toward becoming a District Governor. The Governor's Team shared what you can expect as you go forward. I am posting the duties/qualifications required of a District Governor [HERE](#), as I lost my connection before completing my presentation.

The Peace Committee lead, PDG Mike Caruso, reminds us that we celebrate "Peace" as one of the Seven Areas of focus for Rotary this month. I have also granted permission for District 5100 to become a part of President Holger Knaack's Intercountry Committee (ICC) Districts here in the United States. There will be a Peace Committee Zoom meeting on the 24th of September and you are invited to learn more (see Peace article below).

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) listening sessions have begun here in our District. Conversations started with highlighting actions that various Rotarians had taken to address matters surrounding DEI within their clubs. The District governance team decided that as leaders we needed to provide support to our clubs so we are working on formulating a task force that will address DEI Initiatives.

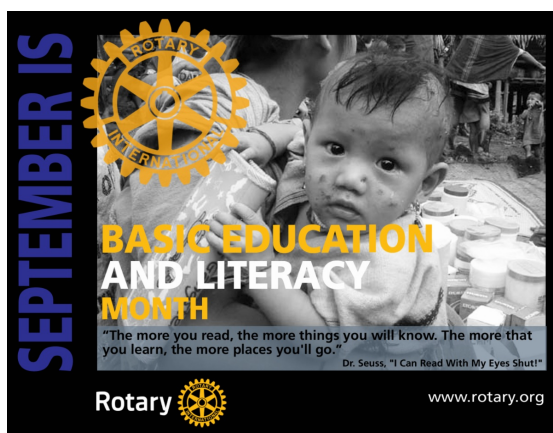
And now to address our current smoke, fire and relief needs. Clubs are seeking ways to support their communities with aid from our District and Rotary International. DGE Jim Boyle, Foundation Chair Tom Crozier and PDG Tom Markos are looking for ways to obtain help for these needs. We will keep you advised.

As you can see, we have many activities occurring as I wander. I know it will settle down as we continue to support our clubs and our District in the months ahead.

Stay safe and remember that Rotary Opens Opportunities.

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DG 2020-21

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## Event Calendar

**Oct. 10, 2020 Vibrant Club Training -Virtual**

**PrePETS, Virtual Training**  
Nov. 11 & Nov. 21, 2020 - Sessions 1 & 2  
Dec. 5 & Dec. 19, 2020 - Sessions 3 & 4  
Jan. 9 & Jan. 23, 2021 - Sessions 5 & 6

**Feb. 19-21, 2021, PETS, Double Tree Hotel, Seattle Airport**

**Apr. 10, 2021, Rotary Spring Training Event, Virtual - Position Specific**

**Apr. 17, 2021, Rotary Spring Training Event, Virtual - General Topics**

**Apr. 29-May 2, 2021, D5100 Conference, Vancouver Hilton, Vancouver, WA**  
**REGISTRATION IS OPEN! [CLICK HERE](#)**

**June 12-16, 2021, Rotary International Convention, Taipei, TAIWAN**



## Member Recognition

**AG Jeannine Murrell and Pamelajeane Myers** of the Rotary Club of Forest Grove earned a President's Volunteer Service Award.

Read a press release from [ShelterBox here](#). You can view an online feature posted by their club [here](#).

Congratulations **Jeannine** and **Pamelajeane** and thank you for your service!

L-R: Jeannine Murrell, John Schrag, Pamelajeane Myers

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