

Rotary Opens Opportunities

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Wanderings with Jo

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My fellow Rotarians:

I made it home from my travels and I am looking forward to a choice of travel to a few clubs nearby.

While on my visits, I witnessed new member inductions, updates on local and global projects, and great demonstrations of the support of World Polio Day.

The enthusiasm observed helped me to see that we are well ahead of, and focused on, our goal achievements. In Beaverton, two new Rotarians were inducted; in Hillsboro, President Donna shared with me news of their work with children in their local community. The RC of West Linn, and President Nancy, shared stories on the work they were doing refurbishing wheel chairs in Guatemala. Their involvement has been put on hold since the COVID-19 virus began. They are also involved in local projects that help to support the community and raise funds to support their club.

During my Sherwood Rotary visit, we were able to introduce our newest DGDN, Renee Brouse and listen to a spirited session with President Chuck. Renee was welcomed with a beautiful bouquet of flowers. With South Salem, we heard of their international partnerships in Scotland and Turkey, and of their local fun and fundraising through, "The Bite and Brew". The Astoria club participates in community actions with roadside clean-ups and joining with other organizations in the community to further promote our motto of "Doing Good in the World".

I also visited my home club, Oregon City, and was so pleased to hear of the many activities that they are engaged in. They are serving the community by helping to feed the hungry, through The Father's Heart Street Ministry organization. They are also co-sponsors of the Shower Project for the Homeless. More to come on this project. The community involvement and activity of the club is impressive. I had to apologize to them as I lost the final minutes of my connection. But I will return to finish up with them.

These are just a few of the many Rotary actions occurring in our District, and I will continue to

highlight the myriad activities that are happening in the District throughout the year.

Two items that we are particularly focused on are the support of Disaster Relief through the funds received from The Rotary Foundation. Please see the recap from Tom Markos and Susan Winterbourne. This is how your donated funds, given through TRF, help us to be able to support these activities. I urge each of you to contribute if you can. Speak to your Foundation representative and help us out. November is **Foundation Month** and the Every Rotarian Every Year (EREY) program is a great way to start contributing.

Our Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) group will be looking to get our task force leaders selected. Please watch for more information coming shortly.


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NOVEMBER IS

ROTARY FOUNDATION MONTH

"Much of the trouble in the world today is not so much the noise of the bad as it is the silence of the good."
Past RI President W. Jack Davis 1977-78

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TAKE ACTION: Join Rotary, Get Involved



The graphic features a man in a plaid shirt interacting with a group of children in a rural setting. A large yellow gear with the Rotary International logo is overlaid on the right side.

**Monthly resources
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Event Calendar

PrePETS, Virtual Training

Nov. 21, 2020 - Session 2
Dec. 5 & Dec. 19, 2020 - Sessions 3 & 4
Jan. 16, 2021 - Session 5
Mar. 6, 2021 - Session 6

Feb. 19-21, 2021, PETS,
Virtual - details coming soon

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,
VIRTUAL - MORE INFO. TO COME

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

'Grow Rotary' District Committee

District 5100 is facing a challenge and we would like to share it with all of you. We have reviewed the last 15 years of membership and discovered the District has lost one Rotary club per year over that time frame. This phenomenon has been a consistent fact dating back to the early 2000's and is primarily the reason why the membership within District 5100 has declined. Basically, we have dropped from 4000 members 15 years ago to approximately 3300 members today.

So, this year, we decided to launch a new initiative focusing on growth opportunities within our geographic area of District 5100 and we created a 'Grow Rotary' Committee. The 'Grow Rotary' Committee has 8 members including iPDG Diane Noriega and PDG Kristi Halvorson, current Governor line representatives Steve Williams and Jim Boyle, cross pollinating with the Membership Committee that includes Dennis Long and Raven Russell who participate in both committees, and a couple of Assistant Governors, Susanne Holmberg and Dennis Curtis, who have been instrumental in starting different types of Rotary clubs in the past.

The primary objective is to start new Rotary clubs where no Rotary clubs exist. We currently have interest in starting clubs in Sandy and Happy Valley. If you have friends, family or know former Rotarians who might be interested in joining these clubs as charter members, please contact iPDG [Diane Noriega](#) for Sandy, [Dennis Curtis](#) for Happy Valley and [Jim Boyle](#) for all other opportunities.

Thank you so much for your commitment in helping us launch this initiative.

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