



Brent's Briefs

Instead of a "normal" newsletter this month we are presenting a pictorial review of the District Conference, which was held May 18 and 19 at the Northpointe Conference Center in Columbus. I have received countless communications from those who attended, expressing how much fun they had and how inspired they were to see all that Rotary does.

We celebrated the great accomplishments of our clubs this Rotary year – and what an amazing year it was. Speakers shared about the countless service projects here at home, with a special emphasis on hunger and literacy efforts, that improved and left a strong Rotary imprint on our communities.

Internationally, we had many successful projects, from water wells to medical missions and others. Probably most notable was the Capitol Square's Muziki project, which continued and expanded our District's strong ties with the Rafiki orphanage in Nairobi, Kenya. We also celebrated New Generations and Vocational Service successes – adding Rotaract and young professionals clubs, and continued excellence in Youth Exchange, Interact, and Group Study Exchange, among others.

Past RI President Frank Devlyn of Mexico and Past RI Director Orscelik Balkan of Turkey, the personal representative of RI President Kalyan Banerjee, shared inspiring messages and proved themselves to be cordial ambassadors for Rotary.

But best of all was the Rotary fellowship. It was a joy to spend time with you, my Rotary friends, and I know other attendees enjoyed each other's company too. It once again reminded me how I treasure all of you, not only for what you do but for the people you are. I consider it an honor to be counted among you as Rotarians.

Words cannot adequately express Sylvia's and my thanks to those of you who attended and the many speakers and presenters who helped make the Conference a success. But special thanks has to go to Conference Chair Dave Coffman and his hardworking committee of Rotarians from my home club, Westerville, as well as the Olentangy and Whitehall Bexley clubs. They worked selflessly for over 2 years to bring us a fun and inspiring event. I applaud their perseverance and Service Above Self.

By the way, if you haven't yet attended a District Conference, let me strongly encourage you to attend next year's. One of our club presidents, who had never attended a Conference, attended and wrote me about how glad she was that she came and how excited it made her to be a Rotarian. My favorite comment she made was, "NOW I understand!"

The year is not over! I have encouraged our Presidents and our District team to finish strong. The Rotary year is 12 months and there is plenty we can do in this final month. So bring in a new member! Contribute to the Rotary Foundation! Get involved in a service project! Keep Reaching Within to Embrace Humanity!





CLUB AWARDS

GOVERNOR'S CITATION:

Bridgeport, Byesville, Circleville, Columbus Capitol Square, Delaware, Dublin A.M., Granville, Grove City, Hilliard, Lancaster, Lancaster-Sherman, Lewis Center/Polaris, Newark, West Lafayette, Westerville Sunrise, Whitehall-Bexley, Worthington A.M., Zanesville Daybreak

PRESIDENTIAL CITATION:

Barnesville, Gahanna, Granville, Grove City, Lancaster-Sherman, Olentangy, Reynoldsburg-Pickerington, West Lafayette, Westerville, Westerville Sunrise, Worthington A.M., Zanesville Daybreak

CHANGEMAKER AWARD (ROTARY CLUBS):

Dublin A.M., Lewis Center/Polaris, Mount Vernon, Portsmouth, Westerville, Worthington A.M.

CHANGEMAKER AWARD (ROTARACT CLUBS):

Chamberlain College (Westerville Sunrise Rotary), Columbus Young Professionals (Columbus Rotary), Marietta College (Marietta Rotary), The Ohio State University (Columbus), Ohio University Eastern/Belmont Technical College (St. Clairsville Sunrise Rotary), Otterbein University (Westerville Rotary), Shawnee State University (Portsmouth Rotary)

CHANGEMAKER AWARD (INTERACT CLUBS):

Athens High School (Athens Rotary), Bridgeport High School (Bridgeport Rotary), Dublin Coffman High School (Dublin A.M. Rotary), Dublin Jerome High School (Dublin A.M. Rotary), Dublin Scioto High School (Dublin A.M. Rotary), Fisher Catholic High School (Lancaster Rotary), Gahanna Lincoln High School (Gahanna Rotary), Hilliard Bradley High School (Hilliard Rotary), Hilliard Darby High School (Hilliard Rotary), Hilliard Davidson High School (Hilliard Rotary), Meadowbrook High School (Byesville Rotary), Olentangy Orange High School (Olentangy Rotary), Westerville Central High School (Westerville Sunrise Rotary), Westerville North High School (Westerville Sunrise Rotary), Westerville South High School (Westerville Sunrise Rotary)

HUNGER HERO AWARD:

Bridgeport, Cambridge, Columbus, Delaware, Dublin A.M., Lancaster-Sherman, Marietta, Newark, Olentangy, Portsmouth, West Lafayette, Westerville, Westerville Sunrise, Whitehall-Bexley, Worthington A.M., Zanesville, Zanesville Daybreak

LITERACY AWARD:

Athens, Columbus, Delaware, Dublin A.M., Gahanna, Gallipolis, Lancaster-Sherman, Marietta, Worthington A.M., Zanesville, Zanesville Daybreak

SIGNIFICANT ACHIEVEMENT:

Bridgeport (food drive), West Lafayette (fighting hunger), Westerville (holiday WARM), Westerville Sunrise (Field of Heroes), Zanesville Daybreak (literacy)





INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

CITATION FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE:

Mel Simon (Gallipolis Rotary)

COMMUNITY AND FAMILY SERVICE AWARD:

Amy Brown (Worthington A.M. Rotary), Jerry Converse (Columbus Rotary), Rick Ferrell (St. Clairsville Rotary), Jody Harris (Athens Rotary), Rosemary Hajost (Lancaster-Sherman Rotary), Kirk Horn (Columbus Capitol Square Rotary), Dan Markley (West Lafayette Rotary), Susan Robenalt (Dublin A.M. Rotary)

HUNGER HERO AWARD:

Ray Bostic (Columbus Rotary), William "Max" Factor (Zanesville Daybreak Rotary), Mark Hunter (Portsmouth Rotary), Scott Marier (Westerville Sunrise Rotary), Chuck Moore (Newark Rotary), Jim Mosaic (Worthington A.M.), Richard Riley (Bridgeport Rotary)

PUBLIC RELATIONS AWARD:

Eric Ayers (St. Clairsville Rotary), (Erin Corrigan (Columbus Capitol Square Rotary), Bryan Everitt (Lancaster-Sherman Rotary), Barbara Gizzo (Westerville Sunrise Rotary), Mary Jane Barnes Shackelford (Zanesville Daybreak Rotary)

ROTARY VOLUNTEER AWARD:

Jim Biven (Westerville Sunrise Rotary), Nick Blanchard (Mount Vernon Rotary), Vickie Bland (Bridgeport Rotary), Jaclyn Collins (Athens Rotary), William Grindle (Worthington A.M.), Amy Kaspar (Columbus Capitol Square Rotary), Bill Matthews (Columbus Rotary), Amy Snow (Dublin A.M. Rotary), Marilyn Steiner (Lancaster-Sherman Rotary)

DISTRICT LEADERS:

ADG Ty Ankrom, Doug Barno (Vocational Service), ADG Dennis Berrier, ADG Vickie Bland, PDG Dick Brixner, DGE Mike Brown, Sue Burness (PR), Tom Carlisi (Rotaract), Dana Charlton (Grants), Sandy Clary (PR), Dave Coffman (District Conference), Nelson Coleman (4 Way Test Speech Contest), Tara Craaybeek (Foundation), ADG Randy Davies, Terry Davis (International Service), Jean Droste (Scholarships), Kathy Gatterdam (Youth Exchange), IPDG Calvin Gebhart, PRID T.D. Griley, Steve Heiser (Membership), ADG Larry Jenkins (RYLA), ADG Lisa Kaltenecker, John Koetz (Youth Exchange), PDG Tom Kokensparger (Permanent Fund), Dave Kott (Annual Fund), ADG Bill Lehner, Walter Lundstrom (Youth Exchange), PDG David Lusty, DGN Bart Mahoney (Membership), Roe Mauro (RYLA), ADG William McCoach (Awards), Wendell McCurdy (District Conference), PDG Bob McGaughy, John Medeiros (International Service), Chuck Moore (Hunger Resources), ADG John Pattison, ADG Patricia L. Peoples, Sandy Pyle-Viers (Youth Exchange), Dave Roasa (Group Study Exchange), ADG Susan Robenalt, Judy Root (Youth Exchange), Mel Simon (International Service), C. Lee Smith (Interact), ADG Shawna Stump, Brad Tharp (Membership), Bill Tompos (District Assembly), Gary Vaughan (International Service), ADG Frances Veverka, PDG Roger Viers (New Generations), ADG Matthew R. Willis, Kris Wilson (District Secretary/Treasurer)



**District Governor Brent D. Rosenthal
Awards Ceremony Speech, May 18, 2012**

I have to confess to you that I sometimes worry that too much emphasis is placed on Polio Plus in Rotary. Now like all Rotarians I am very proud of what we have done to almost eliminate polio. And our doing so is truly one of the great accomplishments in the history of human kind. But I am also concerned that too often the polio tail wags the Rotary dog. Polio Plus – as great as it is - is only a small part of what Rotary does every day all over the world. And I think we need to tell all those stories about how we make the world a better place, create hope and opportunity, and change lives in so many ways. In fact, today's awards ceremony is not just designed to

recognize the many Rotarians in our District who live out Service Above Self in so many ways. As we honor these great Rotarians, let us also reflect on the many ways Rotary and Rotarians improve and change lives, create opportunity, and give hope to so many. And as we do, think also about the many people who have been beneficiaries of the work of these Rotarians.

But Rotary's battle against polio does, I believe, teach us some very important lessons about Rotary and life. I want to share with you both a story and my own personal musings about Polio Plus to illustrate these lessons.

First let me share with you an interesting story about an amazing Rotarian who helped to give birth to what became the Polio Plus campaign. There was a District Governor in the Philippines in the early 1980s named Sabino Santos, but everyone called him Benny. Benny was a physician. At that time the Philippines, like all of Asia, were polio endemic so one must assume that Benny saw first hand the ravages of polio, especially on children. Benny decided that his special project as DG would be to immunize the children of his District against polio. When then RI President Jim Bomar visited the Philippines,

Benny asked President Jim to help him administer oral polio vaccine to some children in a poor area. Interestingly, perhaps prophetically in light of what would become Rotary's leadership role in the world wide fight against polio, President Jim's theme for that Rotary year was, "Let Rotary Light the Way."

They conducted the immunization event and there were photographers there to capture the moment. The resulting photo of the neatly business suited Jim Bomar, and smiling Benny, in his typical Filipino loose white shirt, administering the drops was widely distributed throughout Rotary. That picture and Benny's smile, along with the story of Benny's goal, had an unusual impact on Rotary. It was in the minds of many when the thought developed that Rotary

not only could, but might, undertake to immunize the children of the world against polio.

Now we who have been in Rotary for less than 30+ years don't remember a time when Polio Plus did not exist as our signature project. We take for granted it has always been here. But there was such a time when it wasn't.

In fact Rotary was about 80 years old when Polio Plus began. We were the oldest and largest service organization, with an impeccable reputation. As I think back today toward what might have gone on when the RI board decided to take on Polio Plus I sometimes wonder if anyone on the board expressed this thought to the others: are you nuts? Sure smallpox had been eradicated in 1979, but that was the only time human effort had removed a disease from the earth. And smallpox was nowhere close to polio in its footprint and the challenges it presented to eradicate. Putting the prestige (and the money) of Rotary behind this seemingly impossible task would surely spell the ruin of Rotary when we failed, as was inevitable. But nobody was willing to accept that thinking. Instead, as Rotarians do all the time, we saw a need, determined we could meet it, and then set



about to commit all our resources and strength to making a dream reality.

About those lessons I mentioned earlier. I think there are 2 big ones.

First, one person can make a huge difference in Rotary. Benny Santos dared to dream. Other Rotarians picked up on that dream. Couple that with the energy, resources and love of Rotary and you have what will soon be the greatest public health accomplishment in the history of the world. And it remains today that one person can change the world through Rotary. As an individual, none of us can hope to have much of an impact on the world. As a Rotarian, we change the world everyday. I would like to quote for you the best Rotary speech I have ever heard. It was given by Westerville Rotarian Curtis Wilson on May 10, 2012, and it describes perfectly how one person can make a difference through Rotary. Curtis said:

"I dreamed of being able to help heal the sick around the world, but I am not a doctor. I dreamed of helping children around the world to learn how to read, but I am not a teacher. And I dreamed of helping to nurture and foster peace within our world, but I am not a politician. But now that I am a ROTARIAN, I can do all of these things through Rotary."

The second lesson is, that when we focus on the outcome and commit ourselves to making it happen, without letting the naysayers or "conventional wisdom" dissuade us, there is no telling what we can accomplish. If the Rotary board had let the difficulties rule their decision making process, millions of children today would be crippled or dead. Instead they are living full, active and productive lives thanks to Rotary.

We stand at the doorway of tomorrow's Rotary. Behind



us is a glorious past. Let it serve to inspire us, but not to shackle us. Let it not define or limit our future or our dreams. But let it always remind us of what we as Rotarians can do when we set our hearts on something. For, as we have learned with Polio Plus, if we can dream it, we can do it.

District Governor Brent D. Rosenthal Farewell Speech, May 19, 2012

Rotary International President's Representative and Past Director Orselik Balkan, Past President Frank Devlyn, Past District Governors, DGE Mike and Kim Brown, DGN Bart and Kathleen Mahoney, DGND Randy and Kristie Davies, Assistant Governors, Club Presidents, and especially all Rotarians and guests:

This evening marks the ceremonial finish of what has been for Sylvia and me an amazing, gratifying, occasionally trying, but always a very rewarding experience as your District Governor. Being given a birds-eye view of what our Rotarians do at home and around the world, seeing the efforts and love you put into your Rotary work, and seeing the extraordinary things that Rotarians do every day has changed and enriched my life. Most importantly, it has taught me more about Rotary and the hope we hold for the world than any speech or any Rotary convention or meeting ever could. I have come to realize just how important Rotary's work is to the world, how it is critical for building a world of peace, where people are healthy and well fed, where literacy and economic opportunity are available to all, and where children can lay down their heads at night without fear, in a warm bed and surrounded by loving family. Rotary may be the only organization in the world that can do all this and more. Rotary is indeed amazing and it is so because Rotarians – you - are amazing people.

Before I begin my formal remarks I want to recognize and thank some very important people without whom this year would not have happened. First of course is my loving wife Sylvia, whose wedding vows almost 32 years ago did not obligate her to be a District Governor's wife. Yet she enthusiastically and lovingly embraced the role. She accompanied me on visits, learned the regal wave, and helped put on District events like this one. And she endured my continual returning of Rotary emails from my iPhone or iPad at the dinner table. I cannot thank her enough or express in words my love for her and my gratitude for her love and support.

Three years ago when I was designated for this position two dear friends and great Rotarians,

Dave Coffman and Wendell McCurdy of the Rotary Club of Westerville approached me without my asking and volunteered to take on the role of District Conference committee chairs. They have worked tirelessly and sacrificially for these past 3 years to put on this event. And right at their side has been Bill Tompos who also took on the task of being chairman of the 2011 District

Assembly. Through their commitment to Rotary, our club and to me personally, Dave, Wendell, and Bill have shown me that the word "friend" is a verb as well as a noun. Mere words could not express sufficient thanks for all they did but would you please join me with in thanking them.

My Club, the Rotary Club of Westerville, and President Rock Lantz, have been

amazing in their support and encouragement of me over the past 3 years. I joined the club over 20 years ago, wanting to network to grow my law practice. Little did I realize I would make lifelong friends and be where I am today. As Westerville Rotarians, we are proud to be the home club of 3 of my predecessors, Art Schultz, Rich Siegel, and Morrie Briggs, but being the home club of a DG is no small task, and requires a whole club effort. As evidenced by their involvement on the District Conference Committee and during this event, they embraced the role with the commitment and "can do" spirit that is the hallmark of my club. I would like to publicly thank the Rotary Club of Westerville for all they have done for the District and for me **[have club members stand]**.

One Westerville Rotarian in particular deserves special thanks. Kris Wilson wore three hats for our District this year – District Secretary, Treasurer and Governor's Newsletter Editor. Each is a full job and she excelled in all of them. She sacrificed a lot of time and did her jobs with excellence and love. Kris, if the District had a



Most Valuable Player, you'd be her. Thank you for all you did.

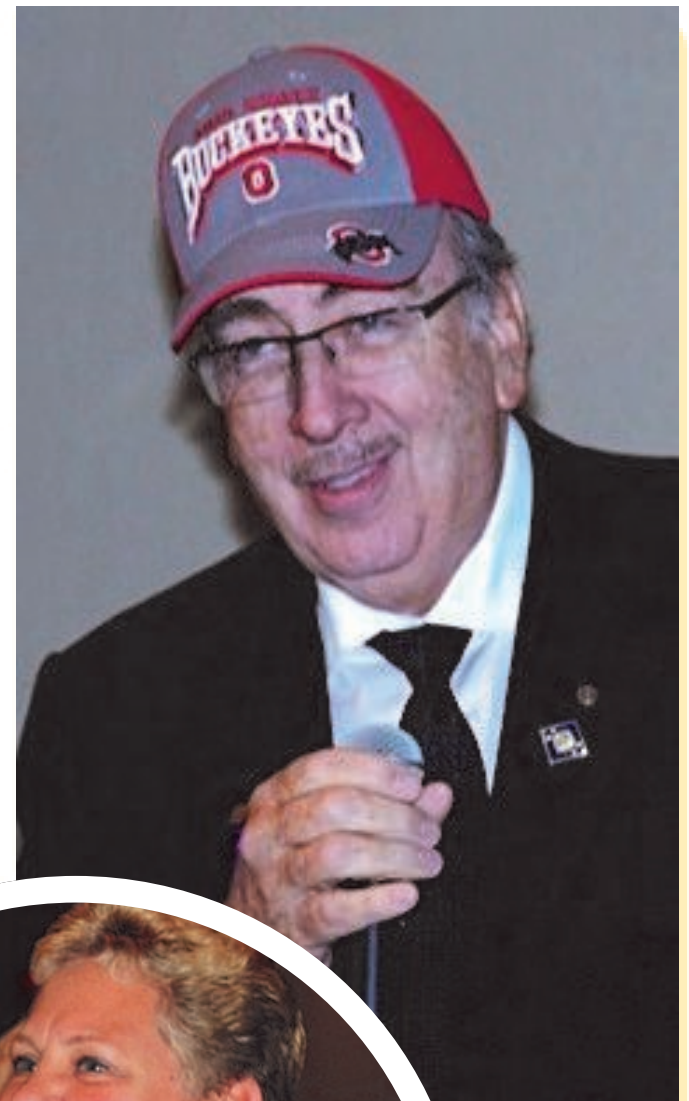
I could not ask for two better Rotarians and all around good guys to work with and to follow me than DGE Mike Brown and DGN Bart Mahoney. I simply could not have done this without them. Mike, Bart and I have worked as a team throughout the year, and they have been involved in everything I have done. They have been trusted advisors and a constant source of encouragement, feedback, and, when needed, an occasional dope slap. I only half jokingly say Mike has done so much in the District that he could be the first District Governor with less to do than he did before he took office. And Bart is right up there with him, having taken on the critical role of Membership Chair in addition to being DGN this year. Mike and Bart love Rotary and our District and have already contributed in immeasurable ways to our success this year, even visiting almost all of our clubs. They will assume their roles completely prepared and will take our District to new heights, and I know they will train and mentor DGND Randy Davies, who I am confident will also be a great leader for our District. Mike and Bart are more than Rotary colleagues, they are dear friends whom I hold in high regard and respect. Sylvia and I have treasured our time together with Mike and Kim and Bart and Kathleen and we are grateful for their friendship as well as their support.

At the beginning of the year, I told our Assistant Governors that Job 1 would be to support and strengthen our clubs and that they were the front line in that effort. Our Assistant Governors have devoted themselves selflessly to that task, and our clubs and our District are stronger for it as a result. Similarly our committee chairs in all Five Avenues of Service have dedicated themselves tirelessly to the work of Rotary. All our AGs and committee chairs are great Rotarians and I thank them for their excellent Service Above Self to our District.

I sometimes hear my colleagues in other Districts

complain about their Past District Governors interfering with and thwarting their efforts. I tell them I can't relate. Our PDGs have been the most encouraging and supporting fan club I have. We introduced a lot of changes this year, and they could have been expected to resist them. Instead they supported me and encouraged our efforts to help Rotary adapt to a changing world. I would like to thank all of them for their support and help. I would especially like to thank PDGs T.D. Griley, David Lusty, Roger Viers, Dick Brixner, Bob McGaughy and Peggy Murgatroyd who have been both mentors and friends.

My final and most important thanks go to the Presidents of our clubs, and all of the 3700+ Rotarians in District 6690. Presidents – it has been a great honor to serve you this year. Your enthusiasm for Rotary, your clubs, and your communities is inspiring. You heard me say over and over that the (continued)



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Club President is the most important person in Rotary. You make Rotary happen where it matters most and where all our great work gets done – at the club level. Now I challenge you – do not treat the completion of your term as President as an end, but as a beginning. Mentor your successors. Take on new projects in your club. Work with us on the District level. You are great Rotarians and you have a lot to offer Rotary and the world.

I had so many amazing experiences this year recounting them would be impossible. But I want to share with you two of the most memorable because they tell a lot about the hearts of Rotarians. The first involves a Rotarian I met on visit to a club in the eastern part of the state. This Rotarian was a Vietnam War vet, and had been disabled since the war. He had been living on fixed income because of his disability. The Club president told me that this member is a Sustaining Member of our Foundation, that is, he gives at least \$100 a year to our Foundation. As I thanked him for his sacrificial giving, he shook his head “no.” He then said, “Governor Brent no matter how little we think we have there are always people who have less and they need our help. I don’t mind doing without something I don’t really need if I can use the money to help others. I believe our duty as Rotarians is to give what we can to help those in need and I know our Foundation will use the money where it will do good.”

The second memorable event occurred when I visited the Rotaract Club at Shawnee State University in Portsmouth. I shared with the students a message that I hoped would be inspiring and encouraging. They politely stayed awake, which I took as a victory. Near the end of the meeting, one young man who had been sitting silently in the corner in the back asked if he could say something. I later learned from the President that this student had been coming for several weeks but had never said a word to anyone. This time he told his story, how prior to coming to school he lived in a homeless shelter in Portsmouth, how he got a scholarship, how he

walked from the shelter to the dorm with all his belongings in a few plastic bags on his back, and what conditions were like in the shelter. He spoke with his eyes downcast, but with strength and conviction. He told how some people are in the shelter because of drugs or alcohol, but many, like his family, because of loss of jobs, or other circumstances beyond their control. I listened to him totally stunned, as much for his courage in sharing his story with his



peers – a story most young people would be ashamed of - as for the substance of it. He then said he hoped the club would do something for those in the shelter who want help. Without hesitation the club

encouraged and supported him. Coincidentally they had already raised \$2000 for the shelter and decided then and there they

would do service projects there. I came away knowing that these Rotaractors are true Rotarians – they have hearts to serve and they “get” what we are about. Through Rotary they are learning first hand lessons that will shape the rest of their lives. I also came away knowing that our effort to make Rotary accessible to young people like them is the proper way to build and grow Rotary for the future.

Rotary is in the midst of significant change. This was not an easy year to lead a Rotary club or District because we have been challenged to change and grow Rotary to prepare it for the future. And we are changing in many ways – we are asking clubs to respect but if necessary rethink old traditions which aren’t central to our mission, that drive away members and turn away potential younger members; we are challenging them to think of members as customers and build the club around fulfilling the members’ desires and expectations, just like successful businesses do; we are encouraging them to get younger members into positions of leadership early; we

encourage them to understand that “service” includes things like networking and social events that members want; and we encouraged clubs to do a top to bottom review of the things they assumed were untouchable to determine which might be an impediment to growth.

Many of our clubs embraced these challenges, adding new events, dumping unpopular activities, even changing meeting times and locations. For many of our clubs this resulted in growth, and a discernible increase in energy, enthusiasm and service. I am proud to report to you that our District grew in membership this year for the first time in at least 7 years. But this is only the start. DGE Mike and DGN Bart have already committed to continue and expand on what we began this year. I am very confident that the future of our District is one of growth in numbers, service, and impact on our communities and the world. Rotary is alive, well, and flourishing in District 6690. But don’t mis-understand. Our efforts to grow Rotary are not a self-centered mission, nor are they aimed at self gratification. The world we serve needs a strong and active Rotary. Our need to grow as an organization is so that we can fulfill and grow our mission of Service Above Self to a world which desperately needs the help, hope, and opportunity only Rotary can provide.

If I were to identify a common theme I have tried to convey this year it would be my desire to challenge Rotarians to dream about a bigger impact on the world, and to communicate the amazing possibilities Rotary gives us to make those dreams real. I have tried to encourage Rotarians to use the resources of Rotary but to not let rule books, traditions, or naysayers deter us from our mission. And I have tried to help us all realize that Rotary stands for hope – hope for the hungry, the illiterate, the poverty stricken, the powerless, the homeless, the orphan.

America is sometimes called the Land of Hopes and Dreams. We have a hard time understanding what it means to not have hope of a better tomorrow. Yet hopelessness is a reality for a sizeable part of the world that we serve, including parts of our District.

But for Rotary. But for Rotary.

Because every day, in every corner of the world, we Rotarians work to bring hope. Rafiki is a great example of the hope we bring overseas, but we also bring hope right here in District 6690. I don’t know if you all remember the letter I read you on my visit from the Rotary scholarship recipient from here in our District who described her childhood of

poverty and how Rotary gave her opportunity for a new and better life. I will never forget the words she used to close her letter - she thanked Rotarians “for bringing hope where hope is scarce.”

The essence of Rotary are the acts of compassion, both large and small, that we do for those in need, not occasionally, but every day all around the world – a gift of a book, or an artificial limb; teaching a child to read, or repairing her heart; a meal at a food pantry, or a water well; building playgrounds, building orphanages, giving shelter to victims of natural disasters; vaccinating a child against polio, teaching peace to the children of warring countries. Truly in the words of our 2010-11 theme, we “build communities and bridge continents.” Most importantly, we build *people*, we Serve Above Self, we love. Together we reach within to find strengths and gifts we didn’t know we have to embrace all of humanity.

Rotary, especially being able to serve as your District Governor, has changed my life in many ways, but one of the most significant is that it has helped me see through the cynicism that runs rampant today, the cynicism that dulls hope.

I now see hope for a better tomorrow. Its name is Rotary.

I see hope for a polio free world. Its name is Rotary.

I see hope for a peaceful world. Its name is Rotary.

I see hope. Its name is Rotary.

Its face is your face. Its hands are your hands. Its heart is the heart beating within each and every one of us.

Together we, as Rotarians, are the agents of hope.

Through your Service Above Self, you change the lives of many more people than we will ever realize on this life. Our communities, our District and our world are all better because of Rotary and you. And they need Rotary and you and your embrace. Thank you for all you have done for and through Rotary this year – you truly did Reach Within to Embrace Humanity. Now I urge you: keep on reaching; keep on serving; keep on embracing.

Finally, I cannot find the words to adequately thank you for supporting and encouraging Sylvia and me and giving me one of the greatest experiences of my life. It has truly been an honor to serve as your District Governor. I pray God will pour out His richest blessings on each of you and your families, and upon Rotary in our District and around the world.



