



The Rotary Times

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Governor Dick's Drivel for May and June Editor's note—title is Dick's, not mine!

Rotary is a great organization and it is always changing. Change is inevitable because new leaders are chosen each year. Clubs and districts have new officers. There are new goals and new dreams. There are new opportunities and new challenges. But through it all the ideal of *Service Above Self* remains. In the next few weeks, new club and district officers will be off and running. And if all of us are set on making Rotary great, we have the job of pulling off the *Seamless Transition*. Go ahead and ask your incoming club president what you can do to be the most help to your club. Get active in District activities. If we all work together we can make Rotary year 2008-2009 the best one yet.

One thing that doesn't change in Rotary is the directions in which we focus our service. We appreciate the needs of youths. We devote time and resources to Youth Act, Interact, Rotaract, Youth Exchange, scholarships and thousands of other projects that help young people and children. We work hard to make our communities better. We uphold the idea that all worthy occupations should be honored and that everyone should be treated fairly. We recognize that we are all part of an international organization and that service in other countries is important too. And we know that we always have to take care of our club and our Rotary family.

Another thing that never changes is that Rotary always needs new members. There are lots of projects worth doing and the bigger the crew the more work that gets done. Maybe the easiest way to get new members is to just ask. Unless someone is asked, they will never have the opportunity to say "YES".

The need of The Rotary Foundation for resources is another thing that doesn't change from year to year. There is polio to eradicate and humanitarian work to be done all over the world. Group Study Exchanges need funding and so do scholarships. Matching Grants and District Simplified Grants need money too. It would be great if every Rotarian would support the Foundation every year with a contribution of seventy five cents or a dollar per day.

Marty and I want to thank everyone in District 5220 for the kindness you have shown us. We have truly been amazed at all the projects that clubs in this District do. We are impressed by the dedication of Rotarians. We have met so many really nice and helpful people. We have had fun.

Next year is upon us and Janine has great and wonderful plans for all of us in District 5220. Bring them on and HAPPY NEW YEAR.

**Yours in Rotary Service,
Dick and Marty Wyatt**

We'll Get the Job Done By Doing Good and Having Fun!

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