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A Message From Our District Governor

January is Rotary Awareness Month, our traditional month for increased public promotion of our activities. One way to do this is to publicize what we do and why we do it. Newspaper ads and inserts as well as radio and billboard public service announcements serve to raise awareness in the minds of the members of our community. But, Rotarians themselves are still the best advertisements for Rotary. Our actions will promote Rotary among our own Rotarians, friends, and families.

This issue is largely devoted to the recent trip by 32 Rotarians from District 5220 who visited Kenya and Project Hope in December and January. What better way to promote Rotary than to see what these Rotarians saw and did, first-hand, with the boys at Agape, the street kids in Kisumu, and the teenage mothers at TEMAK? Read about a project to rebuild a street stand so a woman could earn a meager living and take care of her 27 orphaned grandchildren. See the work being done and the lives being changed – not only those to whom the help was given, but those of the givers as well. Who could help being changed? The hopelessness that has been changed to hope, the poverty we've helped alleviate, and the joy returned to the lives of children are all rewards beyond any most of us will ever know. For, as Rotarians have learned, the act of giving is reward itself.

So, share this issue with everyone you know –leave it on the coffee table at home, take it to work, to church, wherever potential Rotarians may be. You don't know who it might affect.

David Gallagher

Centennial District Governor



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