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A Message From Our District Governor

The designation by Rotary of December as Family Month is a natural choice. We can all readily embrace the idea as we traditionally gather with our own families for the Holidays. But Rotary had more than that in mind.

Here we use the term Family to include not only our relatives but also the Rotarians we know who form our Club, our District, and the approximately 31,700 Rotary clubs around the world. We also include in that group all of the beneficiaries of the humanitarian and educational programs of The Rotary Foundation.

Recently two of the 140 Peace and Conflict Resolution Scholars of the Rotary Foundation visited District 5220. Professor Sheila Arado and Dr Renia Corocoto, both from the Philippines, study at UC Berkeley under this post-graduate program. We welcomed them as part of our Family at the recent Paul Harris Society Founders Dinner. Their studies will help repatriate youth combatants and spread the methods of peace and conflict resolution to the youth of their land.

Our Ambassadorial Scholars and GSE teams reach into other parts of the world to draw us closer together. Our friends, both Rotarians and non-Rotarians, in Romania, Kenya, Honduras, Nepal, and so many other locations around the world who assist and participate in our humanitarian programs are all part of our extended Family.



PRIP Jim Lacy, Diane Gallagher, DG Dave Gallagher

Let's not forget also those exceptional youth groups called Rotaract, Interact, and Youthact. These young people do a lot to add to the pleasures of our Family while they do good things for their local and world communities.

We are grateful, too, for the members of our local community who do not belong to Rotary, but lend their support to our efforts in so many ways. Individuals, companies, and other non-profit organizations who give money or time, or who form partnerships with our district and clubs are also welcomed to our Family. We embrace them for the betterment of our lives, and for the lives of all of those whom we collectively touch.

David Gallagher

Centennial District Governor

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