



JANINE'S MESSAGE

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Summer Greetings to the Rotarians in District 5220! So much has happened already in the first month of the new Rotary year. It's hard to imagine what the next eleven months hold in store.

District 5220's "Dream Team" is in place! This TEAM is made up of 2400+ of the best Rotarians in the Rotary world. We have 55 dedicated presidents who are working hard to insure a great year and are counting on the help of all their members to "Make Dreams Real".

RI President D.K. Lee has asked all Rotarians to continue our water and literacy projects, to continue to improve health and sanitation conditions around the world, and to do all this with an emphasis on reducing child mortality.

Membership is another focus of President Lee. His goal is for each club to increase their membership by 10% and for each district to charter two new clubs. We have our work cut out for us! Be sure to attend the Foundation/Membership Seminar on Saturday, August 23rd in Escalon where you will be given valuable information on membership development and retention along with learning about the new vision of the Rotary Foundation.

Good news on the END POLIO NOW campaign. We all know that the Rotary Foundation received a \$100 million Challenge Grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. As Jim and I visited clubs in July, we found that they are picking up the torch as well and are committing their \$1000 to the polio campaign.

Hot off the RI website is the announcement that Nigeria's President Umaru Musa Yar'Adua has pledged his continued commitment to eradicate polio in Nigeria, a country in which the virus continues to live. Jonathan Majiyagbe, chair of The Rotary Foundation, recently presented Rotary's Polio Eradication Champion Award to President Yar'Adua. Upon receiving the award, President Yar'Adua said, "the award has given me a great responsibility to do everything humanly possible to ensure that polio is finally and totally eradicated from Nigeria."

Under the President's leadership, Nigeria has pledged \$34 million to support the immunization of the children in his country. Yes, we will eradicate polio! To those clubs we visited in July, we have appreciated your hospitality and truly enjoyed your Rotary friendship. To those clubs we have not yet visited, we look forward to spending time with you! District 5220 cannot help but have a great year. Rotarians in cabinet positions are hard at work on the many projects and events we will have this year. At the club level the new leadership team is sharing their plans and vision for the year. Thank you EVERY-



ONE for all that you are doing to "Make Dreams Real!" In Rotary Service,

Janine & Jim McClanahan

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AUGUST IS MEMBERSHIP & EXTENSION MONTH
 SEPTEMBER IS NEW GENERATIONS MONTH