



Janine's Message

June Greetings to all!

It is impossible to believe that this year of “Making Dreams Real” is about to come to an end. What a fantastic journey we have had. Jim and I thank you for your friendship as our paths have crossed these last twelve months. It is very easy to say what the highlight of this year was...our visits to your clubs! You welcomed us so warmly and shared your club’s “story” of all the wonderful things you do for your communities. We learned that many of the clubs in the District have expanded their involvement in international projects. This is great! After all, “international” is in our name.

RI President D.K. Lee asked that we concentrate on membership this year and many of you have done just that. We tried something new with the Membership Grants. Your response to this program was excellent. Clubs were so creative in their recruitment activities with the planning of special dinners, receptions, membership drives, partnering to have mixers, and more. It is so important to keep our clubs vital with the addition of new members and District 5220 has been doing it. We are one of the two Districts in our Zone showing a growth in membership. Let’s keep this momentum going next year.

I introduced “Rotarians at Work Day” to the District and you all jumped onboard! What a great way to promote Rotary while we perform Community Service. District 5220 listed 40+ projects on the RAW website. This is outstanding participation for the first year. Save the date for next year, the last Saturday in April. What a wonderful feeling to be part of “Service Above Self” around the world!



Something else new this year is the District’s on-line “Business Directory.” There is no better time to support fellow Rotarians with our business than now. The Directory is easy to find on the District’s web site. Next time you have a need for service at home or at your business, take a look in the Directory to see if there is a Rotarian to work with. What’s better than working with someone who believes in the Four Way Test?

We will soon be off to the RI Convention in Birmingham, England. What a great ending to a wonderful year. Meeting Rotarians from around the world is truly an awesome experience. The opening flag ceremony, where the flags of the countries with active Rotary clubs are presented, is always absolutely spectacular. The speakers will be topnotch. There will be fun and fellowship. Hey! This sounds like our very successful District Conference. Specials thanks to all of you who were able to attend this great event.

The Rotary journey that Jim and I had this year was the trip of a lifetime because of all you. Your hard work and dedication to Rotary has guaranteed a very successful year for District 5220. We cannot thank you enough for your support and friendship.

It has been an honor to serve as Governor of this fantastic District. I will be forever grateful for this opportunity to serve YOU, the individuals who truly do the work of Rotary.

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