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ROTARY:
MAKING A
DIFFERENCE



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District Governor Robert Leger Takes Office!



DG Robert & First Lady Rosa share
the emotion and excitement of the
Installation Ceremony



Presidential Message, July 2017



Dear Fellow Rotarians,

There are as many reasons to come to Rotary as there are Rotarians – maybe even a few more. But each of us has stayed in Rotary because it adds something to our own lives. Through Rotary, we are Making a Difference in the world; and the more involved we become, the more of a difference Rotary makes to each of us. Rotary challenges us to become better people: to become ambitious in the ways that matter, to strive for higher goals, and to incorporate Service Above Self into our daily lives.

What kind of difference Rotary clubs and individual Rotarians make through their service will always be their own decision. As an organization, we are guided by the three strategic priorities our Board has set in our strategic plan: to support and strengthen our clubs, to focus and increase our humanitarian service, and to enhance Rotary's public image and awareness.

In the year ahead, our clubs will have the support of a greatly augmented array of online tools, including a refreshed Rotary.org, a simplified Rotary Foundation grant application process, an improved My Rotary experience, and a rebuilt Rotary Club Central. As we look to strengthen our clubs, two specific challenges stand out in our membership: our gender balance and our average age. To keep our clubs strong, we need to build a membership that reflects the communities we serve and that will continue to develop knowledgeable leaders for generations to come.

For many years, one idea has stood at the heart of all our service: sustainability. Sustainable service means our work continues to have a positive impact long after Rotary's direct involvement has ended. We don't dig wells and walk away; we make sure communities can maintain and repair those wells. If we build a clinic, we make sure that clinic has a way to keep running without ongoing support from us. And when it comes to polio, we aren't working to contain it; we're working to end it.

Eradicating polio is the ultimate in sustainable service. It is an investment that will yield not just a long-lasting but a permanent benefit, on a global scale. It is and must remain our No. 1 priority until the job is done.

For 112 years, Rotary has made a difference to more lives, in more ways, than we can ever count or will ever know. Today, each of us bears a torch, its flame lit by Paul Harris, that has been passed forward from generation to generation, in Rotary: Making a Difference.

Ian H.S. Riseley
President 2017-18

Chers amis rotariens,

Les raisons de notre adhésion au Rotary sont au moins aussi diverses que les membres eux-mêmes. Mais chacun d'entre nous y reste pour ce qu'il nous apporte. Grâce au Rotary, nous avons un impact réel dans le monde. Et le Rotary a également sur nous un impact, qui est démultiplié par l'intensité de notre engagement. Le Rotary nous pousse à devenir meilleurs : à devenir ambitieux pour des raisons honorables, à atteindre des objectifs toujours plus hauts et à intégrer le Service d'abord dans notre vie quotidienne.

L'impact que les clubs et leurs membres ont au travers de leurs actions ne dépend que d'eux. En tant qu'organisation, nous sommes guidés par les trois priorités stratégiques que notre conseil d'administration a définies : soutenir et renforcer les clubs, cibler et intensifier l'action humanitaire, et améliorer l'image du Rotary et sensibiliser le public.

Au cours de l'année à venir, nos clubs seront appuyés par une plus large palette d'outils en ligne, notamment le nouveau site rotary.org, un dossier simplifié de demande de subvention de la Fondation, une meilleure expérience du site Mon Rotary, et un Rotary Club Central qui a subi une refonte. Dans notre quête pour renforcer nos clubs, deux défis propres à l'effectif retiennent plus particulièrement notre attention : l'équilibre hommes-femmes et l'âge moyen. Pour que nos clubs restent forts, notre effectif doit refléter les communes qu'ils servent et s'attacher à former des dirigeants compétents pour les générations à venir.

Depuis longtemps, toutes nos actions suivent un fil conducteur : le principe de durabilité. Ce concept signifie que notre travail doit continuer à avoir un impact positif bien après la fin de l'intervention du Rotary. Notre objectif n'est pas de creuser des puits puis de partir. Nous nous assurons que les communautés bénéficiaires sont capables de les entretenir et de les réparer. Si nous construisons un dispensaire, nous veillons à ce qu'il puisse fonctionner de façon autonome. Et s'agissant de la poliomyélite, notre mission ne consiste pas à l'enrayer, mais à l'éradiquer.

L'éradication de la polio est l'exemple même d'une action durable. C'est un investissement qui générera des bénéfices non seulement sur le long terme, mais permanents et à l'échelle mondiale. Elle est, et doit rester, notre priorité N°1 jusqu'à l'accomplissement de la tâche.

Depuis 112 ans, le Rotary a eu un impact sur plus de vies, et de façons plus diverses, que nous ne pourrons jamais l'exprimer. Aujourd'hui, chacun d'entre nous porte une flamme, celle allumée par Paul Harris, qui est transmise de génération en génération. Le Rotary : Un impact réel.

Ian H.S. Riseley
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District Governor Message, July 2017



Dear Fellow Rotarians,

Every July 1, a Rotary Year ends and a new one begins. Around the world it is the change of leadership, the annual event where new leaders, men and women, take over at the level of the Clubs and also at the level of the highest spheres of our organization. Congratulations and our Best Wishes to the new Presidents as they take on the leadership of their club!

The International Theme for 2017-2018 is ROTARY: MAKING A DIFFERENCE. This year President Ian Riseley's goals are focused on three major priorities of the RI Strategic Plan: Support and Strengthen the Clubs, Focus and Increase Humanitarian Service, Enhance Rotary's Public Image and Awareness.

At the Rotary International Convention in Atlanta, President Ian reminds us that Rotary has also a role to play in protecting the environment. He has asked for every Rotary Club to plant at least one tree for each member sometimes between the beginning of the Rotary year on July 1st and Earth day which is April 22nd 2018. Together 1,200,000 Rotarians around the world can make a difference in our environment. District 7020 can do it and I count on you all to respond.

My vision for our District during my year as Governor 2017-2018 is to strengthen the clubs, ensure continuity and sustainability of the leadership in the clubs, which will make them stronger to serve better. Hence my theme: GROW STRONGER-SERVE BETTER. Growing stronger is not only growing in numbers but also developing and implementing training programs to increase Rotarians' knowledge of Rotary and develop more effective leaders.

Growing stronger both individually and, of course, as clubs will help Rotary grow. Growing stronger is also supporting our Foundation since giving will allow us to continue the fight against Polio and to serve even more by doing bigger projects that help more people and have a greater impact which allows to reinforce and strengthen the RI theme Rotary: Making A Difference.

Fellow Rotarians, we are beginning a new Rotary year and I ask you to join Rosa and I in making this year a special one in helping our Clubs Grow Stronger-Serve Better so we can continue with the satisfaction of knowing that we are part of Rotary: Making a Difference.

**J.M. Robert Léger
District Governor 2017-2018**

Chers Camarades Rotariens,

Chaque 1er juillet, une année Rotarienne prend fin et une nouvelle commence. Dans le monde entier, c'est le changement des dirigeants, l'événement annuel où les nouveaux leaders, hommes et femmes, prennent le maillet au niveau des Clubs et aussi au niveau des plus hautes sphères de notre organisation. Félicitations et nos Meilleurs Souhaits aux nouveaux Présidents vu qu'ils prennent le leadership de leur club.

Le thème international pour 2017-2018 est LE ROTARY: UN IMPACT REEL. Cette année, les objectifs du Président Ian Riseley sont axés sur trois grandes priorités du Plan Stratégique du RI: Soutenir et Renforcer les Clubs, Cibler et Intensifier l'Action Humanitaire, Améliorer l'Image Publique du Rotary et Sensibiliser le Public Lors de la Convention internationale du Rotary à Atlanta, le Président Ian nous rappelle que le Rotary a également un rôle à jouer dans la protection de l'environnement. Il a demandé à chaque Rotary Club de planter au moins un arbre pour chaque membre, n'importe quel moment entre le 1er juillet début de l'année du Rotary et le Jour de la Terre qui est le 22 avril 2018. Ensemble, 1 200 000 Rotariens dans le monde peuvent faire une différence dans notre environnement. Le District 7020 peut le faire et je compte sur vous tous pour répondre à cette demande.

Ma vision pour notre District au cours de mon année en tant que Gouverneur 2017-2018 est de renforcer les Clubs, d'assurer la continuité et la durabilité du leadership dans les clubs, ce qui les rendra plus forts pour mieux servir. D'où mon thème: SE RENFORCER

POUR MIEUX SERVIR. Se renforcer n'est pas seulement croître en nombre, mais aussi développer et mettre en oeuvre des programmes de formation pour accroître les connaissances des Rotariens sur le Rotary et avoir ainsi des leaders plus efficaces. Se renforcer individuellement et bien sûr des Clubs plus forts aideront à rendre plus solide le Rotary. Se renforcer c'est aussi supporter notre Fondation par les dons ce qui nous permettra de continuer le combat contre la Polio et mieux servir avec des projets ayant un impact plus important afin que nous puissions avoir la satisfaction de rendre fort le thème Le Rotary: Un Impact Réel.

Chers Camarades Rotariens, nous commençons une nouvelle année du Rotary et je vous demande de rejoindre Rosa et moi-même en faisant de cette année une année spéciale en aidant nos Clubs à Se Renforcer Pour Mieux Servir pour que nous puissions continuer avec la satisfaction de savoir que nous incarnons Le Rotary: Un Impact Réel.

**J.M. Robert Léger
District Governor 2017-2018**

DG Robert Leger Installation Ceremony

The Ceremony took place at Marriott Hotel in Port au Prince Haiti on July 1, 2017.

A cocktail was offered while people enjoyed fellowship among Rotarians , family members of District Governor Robert and many of his friends who came early to be part of this event. Over 350 people attended.

The Cardinal Chibly Langlois arrived from Rome on time to attend the event and to say the prayer at the beginning of the ceremony. The Prime Minister Dr. Jack Guy Lafontant , Past President of Rotary Club of Petion Ville and his wife Marie Nirva were present as well. The President of the Rotary Club of Les Cayes read the 4 Way Test.



A buffet with multiple food dishes , both Haitian and International, was offered, followed by very tasty deserts

It was a very special night for District Governor Robert and Rosa since his wish was to have every club represented and representatives from all 20 were there. Their daughter Rosanne and Her husband flew from Florida for the occasion. Their son Robert Jr with his wife Arielle and her family , as well as Regine his youngest daughter and her friend Steve, were there to witness this important event. His childhood and close friends did not miss this celebration and made sure to come and share with him this important moment.

The entertainment was very nice and special since a singer from DG's hometown, Les Cayes ,Esthel Fleurismond made the trip to Port au Prince to sing the National Anthem and sang a beautiful Haitian Song as well as a Congratulation song composed and dedicated to DG Robert. A wonderful group of dancers came and danced for the crowd in a very professional way sharing beautiful folklore dances.

Rotarians Rob Rylman from New York, Jean Marie Desrosier from RC of New Orleans representing Gift of Life and Cherazard Surpris, from Houston Texas, were present for this special occasion.

Wanting to show the continuity, the change of Rotary International Banners took place after DG Haresh passed the "Regalia" to incoming DG Robert, congratulating him and his wife Rosa and wishing them a successful year.

DG Robert then Gave Immediate Past District Governor Haresh a Plaque on behalf of the District 7020 and also Pinned DG Elect Delma with a DGE pin. It was clear to all that in Rotary, the leadership is known two years in advance and continuity takes place.

During the ceremony 12 Paul Harris Fellowed were pinned by PDG Haresh, PDG Amos, PDG Guy, and DGE Delma. DG Robert presented his Daughter Regine with a PH for her outstanding service to those less fortunate since she was in high school in Haiti and as a Certified Dietitian in Nashville Tennessee. He asked his daughter Rosanne and his son Robert Jr., both already Paul Harris, to pin her and give her the certificate.

In his speech, DG Robert not only talked about Rotary but showed a short video of a project of RC des Cayes Project "Boulmier" as an example of the work Rotary is doing in Haiti and around the world. A raffle was done as a World's Greatest Meal was raised for Polio Plus.

The Installation of our District Governor Robert was a very special moment for all present.



District Governor Robert with his beautiful family after the installation ceremony.





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The Rotaract Club Des Cayes, represented by their Past President, President and President Elect were part of the welcoming committee.

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