

## New Year's 2020-21

The leadership change in Rotary in our District brings a new personality but the five person G-team allows for continuity. The PDG, DG, DGE, DGN and DGD work together so we are not starting at square one each year. The team along with the nine AGs and the various District Chairs put together an Action Plan that will help the District work with the club to achieve their goals.



### A new area of focus - Environment

The Rotary Foundation Trustees and Rotary International Board of Directors have unanimously approved adding a new area of focus: **Supporting the Environment.**

More than \$18 million in Foundation global grant funding has been allocated to environment-related projects over the past five years. Creating a distinct area of focus to support the environment will give Rotary members even more ways to bring about positive change in the world and increase our impact. RI President Mark Maloney says that during his travels around the world as a Rotary senior leader he encountered many Rotary members and Rotaractors who advocated for the environment to be an area of focus.

Foundation Trustee Chair Gary C.K. Huang says that with the global population reaching near eight billion, protecting the environment is increasingly important. Grant applications for projects will be accepted July 1, 2021.



## Installations, inductions and club visits

The year may have begun on July 1 however installation of presidents and their boards began toward the end of June and carried on through to the middle of July. They were as varied as the personalities of the clubs and a couple even had new member inductions as well. The first installation was Squamish and their Zoom meeting was an afternoon tea where every member had tea and pastries which were also delivered to my home the day before. There were in person events at restaurants and pubs including New West Royal City, Vancouver Mountainview, Vancouver Centennial and Vancouver Arbutus and a backyard picnic with Burnaby Metrotown. Plus numerous clubs had Zoom installations that I was honoured to be asked to perform.

I have also had the pleasure of starting club visits with two done via Zoom, the Prince Rupert Club, who are celebrating their 100<sup>th</sup> year and Vancouver Cambie, a club on the rise and very excited about the upcoming Rotary year. Next in line is a trip to the Cariboo where Tanya and I will meet with clubs in 100 Mile House, Williams Lake and Quesnel.



### District Conference

And don't forget May 20-23, 2021 in Terrace where we will culminate a year of hard work with a not to be missed Conference which includes a visit to the Nisga'a Villages in the Nass Valley. For more info go to [celebraterotary.ca](http://celebraterotary.ca)