

Dear friends:

This is no time for regrets or apologies in the action, or inaction, that clubs have had. Time has been just as complicated for everyone and the reaction has been different.

There are those who have really considered that **Rotary Opens Opportunities** and have not stopped working and inventing ways to collaborate with their neighbours, and other organisations and associations, on **projects that have improved the lives of people** who expected from us precisely that: **our help**.

I am proud of all those who have been able to find a way to adapt their vocation of **service** to needs and have done so by **inventing opportunities** and not seeking excuses. I am proud, as Governor of this District, of each and every one of you Rotarians, who make up all the clubs to which you join to **serve** and I have learned with you to respect each other's rhythms, to accept the particularity of each club, and every Rotary way of doing.

I am proud of this global organization we call Rotary of which this District is a small part **capable** of helping to improve, while becoming better ourselves, the inhabitants of this prodigious planet.

I am here to show you my gratitude, not to make any kind of speech, I want you all **wishing to overcome what seemed insurmountable**, to contribute where it seemed impossible, to work orderly where you could not, to smile in moments of sadness, to hide your fear to give confidence to others: you are wonderful people who one day decided **to give your best** in the service of others.

We still have an extraordinary **period of enthusiasm and work ahead of us to** bring about that **great change** we've wanted to bring to our Rotary. We are just in the middle of our time, but not of our way, we must continue with **steady step to reach the goal** and prepare a **project for the future** in benefit of those that will come after us.

Our President **Holger Knaack** tells us in his January letter:

"We want to enrich and enliven our clubs with new discussions and ideas. But how do we **attract diverse professionals**, from different backgrounds, ages and experiences, who are all driven by a strong sense of integrity as we are?"

Let me say that **you should meet** in a virtual or face-to-face way, depending on the circumstances of each place, **talk about what kind of Club you** have now, what kind of Club you wish to have in the future and what would be the way and programming to do so. It is important to adapt to the new times, to the new leadership, to the new ideas, to the moment that will make us feel life differently to what we did a few months ago. Find out who we want our travel companions to be without giving up our essential principles: **Friendship, Camraderie, and Ethics** in our lives, in our company, in our way of looking forward to the future.

With such clubs we will have valid people, fresh ideas, **ethical professionals** to generate the opportunity to **select the best** to work with us and together get the enthusiasm to welcome **the 21st century Rotary**. This is the opportunity.

Dear Rotarians, I wish you **Happy New Year 2021** full of that **enthusiasm** and **hope** that we are undoubtedly able to generate on our part and with our strength for everyone.

We are **Rotarians**, we are **people of Action** who witness how **Rotary Opens Opportunities**.

Ricardo J. Molina

Governor 2020-2021