

Dear Friends:

Traditionally in **March** in Rotary we celebrate the month of water supply and sanitation.

Water is a **fundamental human right**, according to the United Nations, in which, from Rotary, we have been working for many years to provide it to people so that this right **becomes a necessary reality** for the subsistence of millions of people around the world.

It is part of the Sustainable Development strategy and is number six of the agenda that aims to achieve it by 2030.

Rotary has been a forerunner, in its Avenues of Service, of what have subsequently been called the SDGs with the support of the UN. You always hear me boast of my pride as a Rotarian, of the best Organisation in the world, and also in a month like this you will allow me to continue to feel it when I see how, once again, Rotary is a forerunner of initiatives that are then followed, even led, by other organisations that we have involved in our service projects.

You will also allow me to remind you that **we are an example to society**, that Rotary is an **organisation structured to "do good in the world"**, as the motto of our **Rotary Foundation** has been for more than a hundred years.

In this example, **logic** and common sense must prevail to reflect our values of **Ethics, Service, Friendship, Fellowship, Commitment**, etc. to society. Far from inflated egos and amplified through the applause of people who, from a distance, are unable to see the shallow roots of these movements and the lack of content of the speeches applauded. Let us be **analytical and discerning people**, which is what characterises us, let us be the model of leadership that we proclaim to the world: **let us be true Rotarians**.

Our president **Holger Knaack** tells us in his March letter:

"I see no difference between a Rotary club and a Rotaract club, except perhaps for the average age. Many Rotarians still consider Rotaract as our youth organisation, but I see it differently. To me, they are part of us, and they are like us. To succeed together, we have to respect each other, see each other as equals. Let's see Rotaractors as they really are: students and young leaders, but also successful managers and entrepreneurs capable of planning, organising and managing a Rotary Institute, including discussion sessions in five languages, as they did in Berlin in 2014."

I tell you that for a long time I have always considered Rotaractors as "**young Rotarians with up-to-date ideas**" with real models of 21st Century Rotary leadership. Able to move the world with their new and imaginative lifeblood, as adaptive as the reality of a changing world where we should all be able to learn and be adaptive. Like Holger Knaack I had the opportunity to be in Berlin in 2014 and appreciate that work. **Rotaract and Rotary have always been, for me, the same thing**.

I am in love, I don't need to tell you this at this stage, with Rotary, for what represents our mission as committed people, as ethical people, as Rotarians. Take care and stay safe because without you none of this makes any sense.

We are **Rotarians**, we are **People of Action** who see how **Rotary Opens Opportunities**.

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Governor 2020-2021

