

Dear Friends:

Traditionally in June we celebrate the month of **Rotary Fellowships**.

The **first Fellowship was formed in 1928** by Rotarians from different clubs with the purpose of learning Esperanto. If we think about this, learning a language that was intended to become a means of communicating internationally, we realize where the spirit of our organization comes from: **the globalization of Rotary values**.

We have arrived at a point where the actions and service projects that push us forward everyday to provide these values to society need both **our conviction** and **our commitment**.

Our organization has to maintain the **youthful spirit** which links us to the changes in the world. Our work is followed closely and it is essential to continue with the pattern of **absolute transparency**, total commitment, to keep **Rotary standing tall in the twenty first century**. Change has formed part of our DNA right from the very start of our foundation. Rotary has always adapted and been capable of knowing how to steer its course.

We are very choosy about the people who join us. **Ethics** is not just a word, it **is a way of life**. **The personal and the professional go together, united, in Rotary**. There are no acts that are limited to a Rotarian life. It is a life attitude, an inseparable Rotarian style. This requirement starts with ourselves, with our club colleagues, with the people who represent us in the District and at International level. **Rotary is an example to society**, a mirror in which it is reflected. The way we can feel proud to belong to the best organization in the world.

It is essential to recognize **the importance of the Club** as the element from which Rotary is constructed, the only reason that we exist as Rotarians, as Presidents, as Governors. Without the Club none of this would exist, **without you Rotary would not exist** and as a consequence all of the actions we are capable of generating would **not be this transformative energy that moves the world**.

**We are making historic agreements for our Rotary in Spain. We have been able to put aside personalities to cement future actions for our organization**. We will continue this route of transparency and commitment to society. Rotary must continue to shine like a universal star and for this it is essential that every one of us contributes our energy.

I encourage you to carry on working until the last day and then go back and do it all again. As Governors **we are "finite beings" and we are nothing without each one of you**. I am very grateful to know you are reading my words. Every line comes from the heart, from the strength of knowing that I am not alone and knowing that each second of work has an aim: **To be of service to your Club and to each and every one of the Rotarians**.

This year we have managed to overcome fear. **We have been capable of growing in the face of adversity**. We have been scared, we weren't frightened, but we have overcome and we have understood that our neighbours needed us. **We have been even more than what was expected of us**. We have not done it to look good or to meet a challenge, we have done it because, as Rotarians, **that is our obligation and our commitment**. That is a feeling that remains and reassures with this work. We do not understand that things could be any other way nor do we wait for them to happen. We looked for the opportunity and worked at it. Without doubt a good reason to feel that **pride of belonging to Rotary**.

I embrace you in that feeling of friendship and camaraderie which makes us happy. **Rotary is the happiness which we add to our lives with a feeling of gratitude for allowing ourselves to be of service**.

**I enjoy my privilege and invite you to enjoy Rotary with me.**

**My heartfelt thanks.**

**We are Rotarians, we are people of action who see how Rotary creates opportunities.**

**Ricardo J. Molina**

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