

Message from District Governor Ken

This festive season will be unlike any other that I can remember but we must not get overwhelmed by the negativity that surrounds us.

Rotary in District 1210 is impressive and I am humbled by the resilience of our members and in particular for the support and dedication of Rotarians to our shared aims and objectives.

Our Rotary has achieved a great deal in these challenging times and a brief review of the latest ROTO will illustrate the outstanding contribution that our clubs are making. I have been impressed with the fun and fellowship that I have witnessed in my club visits. I really hope that we never forget that an important aspect of Rotary is having fun.

Internationally Rotary has achieved some great things, most importantly is getting Africa free of Polio. We have however seen an increase in the number of cases in Afghanistan and Pakistan which makes the need for continued support to the project essential. There has been a significant increase in the global grants for humanitarian projects awarded and in D1210 we have seen some excellent projects approved.

Unfortunately the contributions to Rotary Foundation have declined (understandably) but let's remember that this is Rotary's Charity and its only charity. We do need to continue to support its activities through our donations and with that in mind this year I am not sending the normal rotary Christmas cards but I am making a significant donation to Foundation.

The District Team have put in an exceptional effort over the past few months for which I am very grateful and clubs have responded well to the challenges that have been presented. Clearly this Rotary year is like no other but despite the challenges I have found it to be positive and stimulating. It is my hope that 2021 will be better but it can only be better if we, together, make it better and that requires all of us to continue with the positive attitude that has been displayed so far.

The District Team are as keen as ever to hear from you with your views so please continue to engage with them so that together we can make Rotary in District 1210 appropriate to the challenges that we face in the new normal when that arrives.

Doreen and I send our best wishes for the festive season and look forward to meeting as many of you as possible in the new year.