

Christie Scheffer - Outgoing Presidents Remarks June 27, 2020

I want to thank you for a wonderful year and for allowing me to be your leader this past year. I have been richly blessed through our interactions and work together and it leaves me only more committed to continue our work together!

Working together we have been able to accomplish so much, despite the circumstances of COVID-19. Without much pause we switched to meeting by Zoom and continued to work together as a Club to make a difference, turning our focus to ways we could support local efforts in meeting needs in new circumstances. We did not lose our focus but continued to carry out our mission. And that is due to the efforts of you all.

I am proud of our Board and proud of our Club members. You each one have played an important role - bringing encouragement, inspiration, hard work, humor, feistiness. I think back on our Board meetings where we gathered together to do the work of our Club and the meetings were filled with laughter and good will! And frequent shushing of Rick.

I think you are an exceptional Board – people of integrity, clear vision, people of action with big hearts, willing to think of and try new things and finding real joy in working together.

I want to thank Elayne, Mary and Don for being willing to be the people I go to for advice, guidance and to problem solve. Their practical wisdom has made mine an easy year!

The world needs Rotary now more than ever - our compassion, our wisdom, our leadership, our service.

We continue to have important work to do together! We have been blessed in this Club with an extraordinary caliber of people: people of conviction, people of vision and a commitment to get the job done!

I have been honored to lead you and to serve alongside you. We have an extraordinary Club that is incredibly united in vision and passion for our mission.

As a special thank you to my Board I have donated funds to completely stock a medical clinic. In low-income countries, funds often aren't available to maintain facilities or replenish medicines that run out. People turn to drug peddlers in desperation, purchasing what they think is a 'life saving drug' that instead is an overdose or poison that brings death. This gift made in your name helps save children's lives by building or

renovating a local health clinic and equipping a dedicated healthcare worker with supplies to bring healing. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Eo-b7Wroz5s>.

This gift to the world is made in your name, thank you for serving.

At this time let's take a quick look at this past year: <https://youtu.be/8Drvir0A9BI>

Again, thank you. You made this possible. I look forward with excitement to this next year. Steven is going to do an outstanding job and Jennifer and Erin beyond him. Our Club is on good hands of leadership and our members. Let's continue to bring our compassion, our wisdom, our leadership, our service.
