

President's Message November 28, 2018

President's Update

Welcome back from the Thanksgiving holiday. I hope you were able to spend it with those who are an important part of your life. I was fortunate to have my son, daughter-in-law and granddaughter visiting from California. Good friends and other family members joined us as well.

This afternoon I joined Martha, Bill and Nancy at Manor New Tech High School to celebrate the Presidential Citation with their Interact club. Linda, Tayo (club advisor) and the club members deserve many thanks for their hard work in achieving this award. There are 56 Interact clubs in our district but only 3 clubs received this year's award. This makes the recognition even more amazing given that the Manor New Tech High School Interact Club has just completed its first year. Wow!!!!!!

I hope you received my email concerning the change in our next board meeting. We are going to combine a board meeting with a holiday social on Tuesday, December 11. Joan and Kent have offered their condo for the get together. The address is 8207 Summer Side. You can take Mopac to Steck going west to Summer Side. We will meet at 6:15 pm. I would appreciate everyone bringing something to share. If you are planning on attending please let me know and what you might be bringing. I look forward to seeing you as we celebrate together. For those who cannot attend I will be sending out the Zoom information next week. If you have an agenda item please send it to me.

Club Activities and Dates

This month is Rotary Foundation Month and I hope you have been reading Gene's emails. The Rotary Foundation once again received the highest level of a 4 Star Rating from Charity Navigator, the major evaluator of charities. It is based on use of funds, governance, accountability and transparency. I hope you will consider a contribution before the end of the month.

It was exciting to read Larry's email concerning India being polio free since 2011. It gives us hope that this can happen in the few remaining countries where cases exist. It is also another reminder of how our Foundation funds are spent.

The District Rotary Foundation Dinner will be held on February 2, 2019. Additional information can be found at the District website. We are planning on having at least one club table.

This evening I will send out the updated request for volunteers at Pecan Springs Elementary School's Books for Me, December 3-8. Through BookSpring the project provides books for students. I have mentioned what a wonderful experience it is to

see the students choose books that they can take home permanently. If your schedule permits, consider volunteering.

Club Program

This week's program focuses on a 75-year Harvard study that followed adult development. It looked at what brought happiness and satisfaction to the participants in the study. As I listened to the talk by Dr. Robert Waldinger, the present director of the study, there were a few surprises. It reminded me of what might be most important to many of us. The title of the talk is "What Makes A Good Life? Lessons from the longest study on happiness."

https://www.ted.com/talks/robert_waldinger_what_makes_a_good_life_lessons_from_the_longest_study_on_happiness?referrer=playlist-the_most_popular_talks_of_all#t-670336

Enjoy your week
Carol