

DG Welcome to the New Rotary year.

I think I should start my New Year welcome by saying, all Rotarians owe Robert Morphet a large thankyou for his stewardship of District 1040 over the past year, at times I know it was not easy, and I am sure he is now looking forward to his well earned hoilday. I am sure he and as all past District Governors tell me, has had an experience that he and they would not have missed.

Over the past year Robert has kept me in the loop, and shared with me the issues he was able to do, meaning that I hope, I am as prepared as possible. I will try to continue the same process for my sucesor Manjo.

Margaret and I started our journey almost 3 years ago, becoming part of the 2018/19 DG team, and in many ways are entering the final furlong, hopefully being fully prepared for what the year will throw at us. We have had a fantastic journey, including many training sessions with the other 24 DG and partners within RIBI, meeting many inspiring people on the journey, that brought us to the start of the Governor year via Riga, Florida and San Diego. We have met many people, who truley have changed peoples lives and the world.

We made many lifelong friends.

I can honestly say, that as a club Rotarian, I did not fully understand the importance of Rotary Internationally or RIBI in theses isles, nor the true impact we as Rotarians can have to the world in which we live.

I am truly honoured to be your Governor for 2018/2019, I joined Rotary some 19 years ago, because I wanted to give something back, I wanted to be of service, this journey has shown us, that to use a past theme “we can make a difference,”

but in order to do that, we need to lead and “ be the inspiration “
not just to Rotarians but within the communities we serve.

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