

Daniel Gerald

## District Governor's Message

Greetings to all 5160 Rotarians and friends!

I am so pleased to have been selected as the 2024-2025 Governor for District 5160. For me, Rotary has always been synonymous with family. Not just because so many of my own family members are Rotarians but because, like you, my club and district members are really like my family members. It is for this reason that I have selected our District's annual theme, "Rotary Connects Families."

As a family, I look forward to doing many things with my District family members. This includes promoting the District's Wheelchair project. Together, we will provide mobility and hope to those who need it most. My goal is for all District clubs to work together to raise the necessary funds to purchase 10 containers of wheelchairs that District Rotarians will then provide to countries in need as part of an international service project.

Another exciting opportunity will come in October when District 5160 Rotarians will have the opportunity to travel together to Evanston, Illinois, where our Fall Seminar of Learning will take place. From October 5-8, 2024, we will meet at Rotary Headquarters and engage in learning and fellowship.

I also look forward to seeing you at our District Conference/Family Reunion, scheduled for May 2-4, 2025, at the San Ramon Marriott! Conference plans are being finalized as this message. For details go to <http://d5160reconnects.org/>. Please be sure to register as soon as possible to lock in the early registration price — check your email for your personalized registration link that went out on March 18th. If you need the link resent, please let me know. Also, please make sure that you book your hotel reservation as soon as possible to get the best room rate.

In preparing for the upcoming year, I had the opportunity to talk with many of the Past District Governors of 5160 who have served before me, and their insight has been invaluable. Among the many pointers they have provided me has been that the best part of serving as Governor is the opportunity to visit each of the clubs. With that in mind, I look forward to seeing you soon when I travel throughout the district to visit the many clubs of 5160. I am mindful that each club, while unique in their own ways, all embody the Rotary spirit of Service Above Self. I cannot wait to see how each club demonstrates that value as I meet the Rotarians of each club.

Thank you again for this incredible opportunity that has been given to me. I look forward to working together to make this an incredible year!

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