Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) outbreak – What we are doing as D5110

Rotary like every organization is monitoring the global spread of the COVID-19 outbreak. As your District leadership we have been in close contact with Rotary International and with information being released from the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and World Health Organization (WHO). In an effort to help inform our members we will be providing ongoing updates of the information as we learn from others. The President of the US Chamber of Commerce earlier this week communicated to their members to be “Be prudent, be prepared, and don’t overreact.” This sounds like good advice for all of us.

So where are we;

1) We have established a communication network with Rotary International (RI) to receive updates on RI programs such as the upcoming International Convention in Hawaii. They have staff in communication with the CDC and WHO on a daily basis. RI has indicated they are still on target for the International Convention in Hawaii June 6th.

2) We are reviewing the various district programs and events we currently have underway including our Youth Exchange (both inbound and outbound), RYLA, Grants, Rotaract/Interact, District Trainings and even the District Celebration to better understand what impacts a greater spread might create so we are prepared. In the case of our youth exchange we are in communication with the families of all the students to help provide information they may need to make decisions on their family members safety.

3) We are in communication with our fellow District Governors in the West to share our ongoing efforts and communication networks. Some of you may have heard that District 5030 in Seattle just cancelled their District Conference. This was scheduled for early April and all of their clubs are in the Seattle proper proximity including Kirkland the site of the recent hot spot. At this time, it is the only conference we are aware of that has cancelled.

4) Our District Celebration is set for May 1-3 in Eugene. We are at this time still planning to hold this event with the District Club Training Assembly the day before. Our Quarterly Grants Meeting is set for Florence April 4th and RLI is in Bend on March 21st. We are in discussions with each of these committees to help monitor any needs if the virus outbreak changes.

5) Our Group Friendship Exchange just departed to the Philippines and PDG Dell Gray will keep us informed on their journey.

As we learn more, we will keep our members posted. If you should have any questions, please feel free to email me at DGRick1920@gmail.com