

2024 Newsletter - September



Message from Chairman Robert A. Stuart, Jr.

DNA-RAG - Greetings - There is a lot happening and I will bring some points to your attention.

Notes from the Chair

Entering into the new Rotary year, we can reflect on DNA-RAG's past impact and look forward to continuing to reach out and increase impact. One avenue of outreach is our Board designating coordinators located across the globe to form structures to prepare, train, respond, rehabilitate, restore and rebuild our communities. Rotary begins and ends in the individual Rotarians, Clubs, and District communities of which each of us and our fellow Rotarians are an integral part. We recently had our first Coordinator Forum to share ideas and provide focus to our coordinators' purpose, responsibilities, and plans for the future. It was scheduled for an hour and ran close to two. I look forward to sharing more on the Coordinator Forum in the future.

In June, we held our 2024 Disaster Preparedness Webinar. In case you missed it, we recorded it, and it is available on our website at [Preparedness Webinars | DNA-RAG](#). Having experienced a successful first Webinar, we look forward to another in the coming months and will send out information on it to our members.

As A Rotarian from Zone 30-31, it was my pleasure to sit with RI Director Beth Stubb's Zone Advisory Committee for Disaster Response which spent a year training zone/district leaders in the need for disaster training and response structures across 34

districts. A year in the making, the committee developed training materials and a Disaster Response Guide. The committee shared this with DNA-RAG and Disaster Aid USA (members of the committee share membership in DNA-RAG and Disaster Aid). The guide is a product of the Zones – it has not been submitted to RI and no approval by RI has been sought or issued. It is an outstanding product of committed Rotarians within the Zones for use within their areas but can be shared and used by other Rotarians in other Zones\Districts as an example of topics to be addressed and potential structures that might be set up. We extend our appreciation for their willingness to share the product of their hard work. The Disaster Response Guide is a work in progress and you can download the latest copy on our website at [RI Zone 30/31 Disaster Planning and Response Guide | DNA-RAG.](#)

Finally, if you missed our Annual Meeting on June 17, it is available at [Mission-Bylaws, Annual Meetings, 990 | DNA-RAG.](#)

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