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Message from Chairman Robert A. Stuart, jr.



With every week that passes, we learn of another major disaster. Rotarians have always exhibited their compassion and humanity by reaching out in immediate response to help those in need. Rotary Clubs and Districts have been present in these areas before the disaster hit, during the disaster itself and immediately following. Rotary Clubs and Districts will be there in the long term after the disaster and can make a major impact on the long-term recovery and rebuilding process.

The Disaster Network of Assistance DNA RAG attempts to provide day by day communication on disasters that might affect Rotarians any place upon on our planet. We attempt to provide information on the disasters and then allow local Rotarians to share their needs assessments, response programs, projects, methods, and funding options, so others can assist.

We hope to provide workshops to help Rotarians, Rotary Clubs, Rotary Districts and Rotary Zones, establish disaster committees and working plans, anticipating disasters without knowing the exact nature, timing, or scope of what may be confronted, in anticipation of any type of disaster. We look to develop coordination among all affected Rotary Clubs and Districts involved. We look to communicate not only to the Rotary world but to all those concerned, the extent of our efforts and success. We seek to develop a global membership with the ability to share and provide expertise in disaster relief and long-term recovery and rebuilding, through our fellow Rotarians. We want to become a bridge to stimulating the long term recovery and the rebuilding of communities hit by disaster.

Thank you for becoming a Member and for staying involved!

Bob Stuart
DNA RAG chair

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Message from Outgoing Chairman Dr. Leigh Readdy



2017-18 has been a very busy year for our RAG. There are so many major disasters around the world it is hard to even keep them listed. One thing has become increasingly clear to your leadership team: **WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

Our membership must grow and we need active participation in many ways. Certainly one of these is to tell your other Rotary friends that they should check into what is available with regard to RAG's and Fellowships. These bring additional value to Rotary membership.

Also Rotaractors should be encouraged to join DNA-RAG, and we should continue to promote joint membership between our DNA-RAG and ROAR (the Fellowship for Rotarian Ham operators) as they can help us get the information and communication that is so desperately needed from disaster sites.

Ideally we should have at least one DNA-RAG member in each club in a district and there should be some redundancy with multiple members serving as back up for the primary contact and responsibility for the clubs disaster preparedness and response.

We have been preparing a set of "templates" on how to get ready that we will be providing to all of our members so that they can comment on potential improvements so that we can distribute a final updated version for distribution to clubs and districts.

There will be good opportunities for Global Grant projects for next and future years.

ANNUAL MEETING OF DNA-RAG:

Our Annual Meeting was held on 24 June 2017, at 13:30-15:00 in Room 803A of the RI Convention in Toronto.

YIRS,

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Dr. Leigh A. Readdy

Chair DNA-RAG 2017-2018



DNA-RAG Leadership ¹

Robert A. Stuart, Jr., Chairman

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¹: Summary Rotary Biographies for each Member will be provided in a separate document.



Disaster Network of Assistance
Rotarian Action Group

How Do I Join the DNA-RAG

If you want to help, please join the DNA-RAG!

To join go to: www.dna-rag.com/membership

Membership dues are \$25.00 USD per year
or sign up for five years for only \$100.00 USD.

Your support is greatly appreciated!

The Disaster Network of Assistance Rotarian Action Group is not an agency of,
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Is the DNA-RAG on Social Media ?

*If you wish to be regularly updated and informed about Disasters, Preparation,
Training and Communication, please follow us online:*

Website: go to <http://www.dna-rag.com/>

Facebook: 'Like' us at <https://www.facebook.com/DNA.RAG>

LinkedIn: 'Join' us at: <https://www.linkedin.com/grp/home?gid=8383737>