

Message from Rotary International Director Mário César Martins de camargo to the leaders of areas 23 and 24

Fellow Rotary leaders in areas 23 and 24;

On March 18, the board of directors took, on the recommendation of President Mark Maloney, a dreadful decision to cancel the Honolulu convention of management 2019-2020.

Besides unprecedented in rotary's history, cancellation will cause tremendous damage to our institution's coffers. Fortunately, by careful management of the funds, rotary has a special reserve fund that will support and honor rotary's commitments to its partners.

It was a unanimous decision, 19 votes in favor, and zero against.

Rotary Matters, but the most important thing is the lives and health of our members, our greatest heritage.

Internal Information of the meeting: President Holger Knaack, in a gesture of rotary chivalry, an example of what should happen between the agencies, offered that the Honolulu convective be held within his rotary year, 2020-2021, in September or October. President Mark gently turned down the offer due to lack of hotel availability in Honolulu for the period. He was devastated, as you can imagine, but this is the time when true leaders think about their organization, and the people who make up it, more than their own dreams.

Rotary is bigger than a convention. And also bigger than a conference.

Once the convention is cancelled, what to do with the conferences?

I searched with the 17 directors about what's happening in their areas. I got some returns, and basically it's all about three alternatives:

- 1) simple cancellation of conferences, for obvious reasons to avoid agglomerations in the next 60 or 90 days, especially in our dominant age group, over 60 years;
- 2) transfer of conference 2019-2020 to the following year, within management 2020-2021, as president holger knaack suggested to President Mark Maloney. Of course, you will have to count on the approval of the 2020-2021 Governor, which will definitely connect the two

agencies, and will open opportunities to promote continuity, so strongly defended, but not always practiced in the rotary

3) a double conference in 2020-2021 with part of the 2020-2021 conference space assigned to management managers 2019-2020, sharing the conduct of the conference between the two governor, teams, slogans, goals. It would be like simulating a biennial conference, but with annual management Difficult for those who think of " my year of governor ", but perfectly within the Rotary Spirit of " give yourself before thinking of you ".

At the same time, together with two other directors, the possibility of the rotary foundation allows the to be awarded for the purchase of inputs and breathers to help in the effort to treat the patients in serious condition. This equipment will surely lack in our hospitals, and could mean a difference between life and death, as Italian hospitals prove in the news.

It is in difficult times that rotary reveals itself. Proof of this is that during the war we helped to create UNESCO, and immediately after, we form the largest ngo in the un establishment in San Francisco. It is by facing waters that the good admiral is known. And the good institutions.

I hope I have helped my 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 in this difficult decision-making by offering them the three scenarios above. The final decision is for the leaders of the two agencies

The time is union, and our group will strengthen from this episode.

Hugs,

Mario Caesar Martins of camargo

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