



John Vandewalle
District 5710 Governor 2010-2011

Dear Presidents in District 5710 for 2010-11,

We are looking forward to you receiving the batons from your predecessors and taking Rotary to a whole new dimension. It is never too early.

We have many challenges as part of a rapidly changing world where we are not even sure what the new rules are. In Rotary we will also be going through change as The Future Vision program is introduced.

One of the major challenges for our district and the US is in the area of membership. Let us look at the membership erosion we are experiencing in district 5710. It is very easy for any of us to predict the next few years as far as membership is concerned unless something rather drastic is done.

So what can we do to cause a point of inflection and create a new upward direction?

The answer is in The Leadership, not The Leader.

As The Leader your best influence will be through the leadership model you perpetuate throughout our district for “me”.

- Creating a clear picture of why “me” should belong**
- Assigning “me” goals and responsibilities**
- Holding “me” accountable**
- Celebrating with “me” for my contributions**

Our leader Ray Klingensmith has asked us to look at Rotary in a different way and try some new ideas.

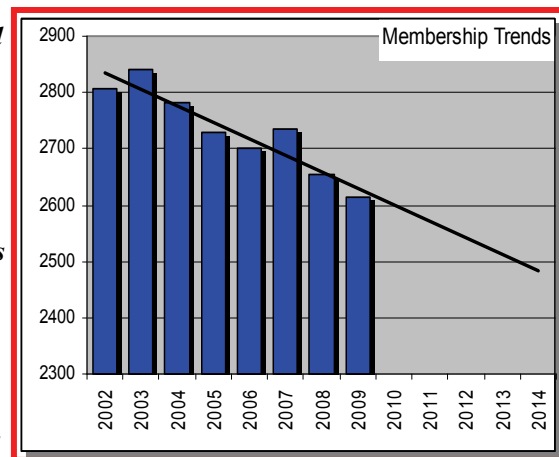
He is asking us to be innovative and reinvent Rotary. By addressing your leadership model you will be answering the call of our President Ray.

We wish you and all those dear to you, a very successful year in Rotary where you will make a huge difference once again.

Your servant Leader, John

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- Principal, iNTouch Consulting, LLC
- Serial entrepreneur – Founder and Principal of several businesses including iNTouch Consulting, Intouch Solutions, Blue Apple Trends, Ascend Books, Tier 3 Development and Living Arts Space
- President of American Operations, Quintiles
- Founder and CEO, Teva Marion Partners (now Teva Neuroscience)
- Vice President, Global Business Planning, Hoechst Marion Rousell with responsibility for Latin American and South East Asian operations as well as International Total Quality Management



- Vice President, International Business, Marion Merrell Dow
- Director of Marketing, Europe, Middle East and Africa, Merrell Dow
- Vice President of Research and Development, Mer-National Laboratories, South Africa
- Vice President of Research and Development, Shering Plough, South Africa
- Physician in South Africa with hospital and private practice experience including work in E.R., Diabetes and Hypertension clinics and teaching appointment for 4th Year medical students
- Lecturer in the departments of Anatomy and Physiology for 2nd year medical students
- Biotechnologist for The Lipid Disorders Clinic at University of Witwatersrand
- Math and Science high school teacher at Studywell College, Johannesburg
- Owner of Woodpecker Cabinet Makers

John has also devoted much of his time to volunteering in the community and sitting on various for-profit and not-for-profit boards including:

- The Dean's Advisory Board, Rockhurst University's School of Management
- The Overland Park South Rotary Club (past President)
- Mercy and Truth Missions
- Camp Quality
- K C Hopps
- The Epilepsy Foundation
- The Multiple Sclerosis Society

John is married to Jane and has 2 children, Catherine who works in Chicago for Accenture and Claire who works for The Peace Corp in Helena, Montana.

He has been a member of The Overland Park South Rotary Club since 2000, was President in 2007 and recently went on a water sanitation project to Guatemala.