

# Rotary International President 2019-20



**Mark MALONEY**

Rotary Club of Decatur

Alabama USA

**Director, Rotary International, 1999-2001**  
**Trustee, The Rotary Foundation, 2004-2008**  
**Vice Chairman, The Rotary Foundation, 2006-2007, 2007-2008**

Mark is a member of the law firm of Blackburn, Maloney, and Schuppert LLC in Decatur, Alabama, practicing in the areas of taxation, estate planning, and agricultural law. A Rotarian since 1980, Mark is a Past President of the Rotary Club of Decatur and served as Governor of District 686 in 1989-90. Mark also served as a member of the Board of Directors of Rotary International in 1999-2001 and as the Aide to Jonathan Majiyagbe of Nigeria, the President of Rotary International for 2003-04. Mark was Vice Chairman of the 2004 Council on Legislation, Chairman of the 2010 Council on Legislation, and Parliamentarian and Trainer for the 2016 Council on Legislation. He served as a Trustee of the Rotary Foundation of Rotary International in 2004-08 and was the Vice Chairman of the Trustees in 2006-07 and 2007-08. Mark served four terms as Chairman of Rotary International's Operations Review Committee and was the Chairman of the 2014 Sydney Convention Committee and Vice Chairman of The Rotary Foundation's Future Vision Committee. Mark will serve as President of Rotary International in 2019-20. He is a recipient of the Citation for Meritorious Service and the Distinguished Service Award presented by the Trustees of The Rotary Foundation.

Mark's wife, Gay, is an attorney at the same firm and a charter member and Past President of the Rotary Club of Decatur Daybreak, Alabama. Both Mark and Gay are Paul Harris Fellows, Benefactors, and Major Donors of The Rotary Foundation and members of its Bequest Society. They have two daughters, one goddaughter, and two grandsons.

## ***THE OBJECT OF ROTARY***

*To encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and in particular to encourage and foster:*

*The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;*

*High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;*

*The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business and community life;*



## Letter from the RI President

When Gay and I began practicing law, we joined my father-in-law, Gilmer Blackburn, in his law firm. He had been practicing law in Decatur, Alabama, for more than 25 years and, in that time, had also served for six years as the mayor

of our city. One of the first things he taught us when we joined the firm — something he never stopped teaching, by word and by example — was the importance of paying what he referred to as our “civic rent.”

He considered paying your civic rent an obligation similar to paying your taxes or contributing to your place of worship. You benefit from being here, and those benefits are not free. You need to give something back for the privilege of being part of your community.

Organizations like Rotary allow us to pay our civic rent to our local and global communities. And when we join Rotary — when we work to keep the organization itself strong, when we give back through Rotary with our abilities, our time, and our resources — we are declaring that we know that our presence in this world carries with it the obligation to serve.

All of the service that Rotary does, all of the lives we change, all of the children in the world who will never, ever get polio — all of this happens because we, joining together through Rotary, are strong. Because Rotarians, with the family of Rotary, have risen to the challenge and with each passing year strive to make our world a better place.

As a global organization with over 1.2 million members, *Rotary Connects the World*. You help make that connection last and ensure both Rotary’s legacy and its future.

Kindest regards,

Mark Daniel Maloney  
Rotary International President, 2019-2020