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Jennifer Jones is Rotary International's president for 2022-23, a groundbreaking selection making her the first woman to hold that office in the service organization's 117-year existence.

Jones, whose confirmation comes at a unique time in history, is inspired by how the organization and its global members continue to adapt, connect, and serve their communities. Jones says she wants to harness this moment of change to develop metric-driven goals that challenge us to innovate, educate and communicate opportunities that reflect today's realities.

"This is a once-in-a-lifetime event," proclaims District Governor Don Casper. "The first woman Rotary International President gracing our district and community with her boundless energy and inspiring message." Guests will have the unique opportunity to hear directly from RI President Jones at the District 5330 Foundation Gala where she will be the keynote speaker.

A press conference for invited VIPs and the media will be held at 3 pm on October 8th at the Westin Mission Hills Resort in Rancho Mirage. Please email dgjudy2425@gmail.com for more details.

Rotarians and community members alike are welcome to attend the historic Foundation Gala. Registration is online at <https://district5330.org/gala-landing/>. The evening will include a cocktail reception, silent auction, opportunity drawings, dinner, presentation by RI President Jennifer Jones, and after party. Attire is black tie optional. Reception begins at 5:30 pm, dinner will be from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm, and the after party will be from 9:00 pm to 11:00 pm.

Net proceeds will fund the following three areas of focus:

- **Desmond Tutu Desks**

Globally recognized, and in partnership with the United Nations Special Envoy for Education, the Tutu desk provides the answer to the classroom desk shortage crisis experienced in schools in developing countries. This favorite project of RI President Jennifer Jones offers children their very own workstation

creating immediate, high-impact, and positive change in an instant, under any learning conditions.

- **Eradicating Polio**

Since Rotary started the fight against polio, we've reduced the number of polio cases by 99.9% and reached more than 2.5 billion children with the vaccine. There are fewer polio cases today than ever before, but we will not stop until we reach zero.

- **Food Security in the Coachella Valley**

Food insecurity has serious impacts on an individual's well-being, which may result in poor school attendance and performance, lowered workplace productivity, and physical

and mental health problems. Individuals struggling with food insecurity must make tough decisions that no one should face. No family should have to decide between buying groceries or paying rent, no senior should have to choose between food and medicine, and no parent should have to skip a meal in order for their children to eat.

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Rotary is a global network of 1.2 million neighbors, friends, leaders, and problem-solvers who see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change – across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves. Solving real problems takes real commitment and vision. Since 1905 Rotary's people of action have used their passion, energy, and intelligence to act.

Rotary District 5330 is comprised of 62 clubs with over 1900 business leaders and community members that are committed to Service Above Self. For more information visit <https://district5330.org/>



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