

2024 Newsletter - May



Message from Chairman Robert A. Stuart, Jr.

DNA-RAG - Greetings - There is a lot happening and I will bring some points to your attention.

Notes from the Chair

Director Nominations - Request for **nominations** for the five Directors serving three-year terms has been issued and should be returned to Phil Lustig (phil.lustig3@gmail.com) by **May 8**. Nominations should include; nominee name, a brief bio, picture, club & district, email address, and phone number.

Regional Coordinators - The Board established that DNA-RAG would utilize the regional structure of RI's Cadre of Technical Advisors for development of Regions under the leadership of Regional and National Coordinators and teams. The Regions are:

Mexico, Central America, South America, and the Spanish-speaking Caribbean;
East Asia; Europe, the Middle East, North Africa, and Central Asia;
The United States, Canada, and the English-speaking Caribbean;
South Asia; South Pacific (the Philippines, Indonesia, Australia, and New Zealand);
and Sub-Saharan Africa

The Board has received recommendations for coordinators for the following regions and nations: South Asia; Southeast Asia; Taiwan; the Philippines; Africa; and Southeast US.

We are searching for individuals who are willing to serve as Regional and National Coordinators to build the global network and develop teams - RECOMMENDATIONS

AND VOLUNTEERS NEEDED.

Singapore Convention - We can always use **assistance** in staffing our **booth**. For more information and to volunteer, please contact **Phil Lustig, phil.lustig3@gmail.com.**

Annual meeting - scheduled for **June 17** at 8:00 PM US Eastern (UTC -04). More details will be sent out later this month.

Webinars - Board Member Jimmy Johnston is moving ahead with mapping out our first webinar with three subsequent webinars over the course of the next 8 to 12 months. The first, **READY? - DISASTER PREPAREDNESS WEBINAR - THE BASICS** - will be presented three times from June 15th to 20th. It will be presented at different times so members around the world can participate. Dates & times:

June 15, 3:00 PM EST, 7:00 PM UTC
June 18, 8:00 AM, EST, 12:00 UTC
June 20, 11:00 PM, EST, 4:00 AM UTC

Recent successes -

Established New Zealand DNA RAG Chapter.
Assisted with RI Zones 30-31 Disaster Response Advisory Committee.
Assisted through 501(c)3 with funding Nepali Women's Hospital.

The recent discussions with fellow Rotarians across the globe clearly indicate whether we are dealing with Tornadoes, Cyclones, Hurricanes, Floods, Tsunamis, Volcanos, Earthquakes, Wildfires, Mudslides -- we are dealing with disasters and devastation to people and property which tears at our heartstrings. If only we could do something. WE CAN!! PLEASE JOIN WITH US!! YOU MAKE ALL THE DIFFERENCE!!

Thanks for your continuing support!

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Bob Stuart

Chair
Disaster Network of Assistance - Rotary Action Group

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