

August Message from DG Dawn



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Well, we're already through one month of the 2017-2018 Rotary year of "**Rotary: Making a Difference.**" The time has gone by so quickly and I am having a lot of FUN! I expect to have many "high points" in this year as District Governor and it began with the **Fourth of July Independence Day Parade in Philadelphia.**

The weather was spectacular and we had 16 Rotary clubs carry their banners in the parade. We rented a trolley and decorated the sides and the back with the Rotary Wheel. According to the news that evening, there were over **80,000 spectators** in attendance for the parade. What a feeling to hear people cheer for Rotary! Our goal was to promote Rotary Public Image and what a way we accomplished that.

The Broomall Rotary Club also had a float in the community parade promoting President Ian Riseley's goal of planting a tree for every member in the district, and the club gave away **30 trees**. What a start toward our countdown for planting trees in District 7450. We are promoting and advertising Rotary in our very own backyard. Congratulations **Rotary Club of Broomall!**

Rotary Night at the Phillies on July 26th was amazing, with the nephew of Stacey Ballard from the Rotary Club of The Upper Main Line, Charlie Baker, throwing out the first ball. What a Pitch! The weather was spectacular, the energy was high and the Philadelphia Phillies won the game against the first place Houston Astros, 9-0. Thanks to the generosity of Rotarians in our district and particularly Stacy, we raised over **\$9,400**. With the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation match, that gives **\$28,200** toward polio eradication....enough to **vaccinate 47,000 children!**

"Rotary is Making a Difference" because we are all **"Getting on Board."** August is **Membership Month**When a friend or an acquaintance asks you, "What is Rotary?", What do you say? I think at one time or another we've all experienced a loss for words or wondered what do we say to this person. How do we explain Rotary?

The answer in my view is: **Rotary** is a service organization with all like-minded people who want to help our world be a better place for our future generations. We keep coming back to **"Making a Difference"** in our world, in our communities and in our own lives. Go out and ask people to join Rotary.....what better time than **NOW**, to grow your membership. As Paul Harris was quoted as saying, **"The world is a changing place and we need to change with it."**

I have begun calling the Rotary clubs to schedule my official visits. I want to come when you would like if at all possible. Thank you to all the clubs that have scheduled their dates with me at this time. I am excited to visit your club and share our District Theme of **"Get on board with Rotary!"**

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