

We are starting our wonderful winter holiday season and I am so thankful for many things this year: Russ (my husband), my children ,Nicole, Rich (Nicole's husband), Yvonne, my wonderful grandson William, my family; and my ROTARY family ...

Wow what a "journey" its been since July 1st.

I am having the best time visiting the Rotary Clubs of District 7450 and I thank each and every one of you for making me feel welcome. hope you are able to sense the passion and excitement have for Rotary through my message.

As I visit the Rotary Clubs, I start my message by putting on a train conductor's hat and blow a train whistle and say "Welcome Aboard the ACE Express." that happens, I get a lot of chuckles and smiles in the audience.

One of my goals is to have Fun being a Rotarian.

Life is too short and we are all busy and have a lot of stress in our lives.

Let's go to our Rotary meeting and leave that stress outside the door for that one-hour meeting and you will feel like a new person afterwards because you are serving others and you see the difference your Club is making in your Community.

You are hearing my story and my challenge to everyone is go out and tell YOUR story about why you are a Rotarian.

What I have witnessed as I travel around the District is that we have many different types of Rotary Clubs. We have small Clubs, larger Clubs, Clubs struggling for membership and thriving Clubs.

But, what I can say is that every Rotary Club in our District is relevant in its community.

You are "Making A Difference" no matter if your work is a small or a large contribution. for a job well done!

I am honored to be the District Governor for the 2017-2018 Rotary year and I am especially proud to be a ROTARIAN.

I am hearing and seeing that our Rotary Clubs are changing lives!! are half way through this Rotary year.

Don't stop. Let's make this year the most amazing year ever in your Rotary Club and your community.

I wish each and everyone of you a Happy Holiday season and a Happy New Year.

Thank you for being a Rotarian.

— DG Dawn deFuria