



Message from DG Dawn deFuria

Greetings from Governor Dawn!

I hope the Rotary year has gotten off to a great start for you as it has for me!

It's an honor for me to serve District 7450 as Governor for the 2017-2018 year. I am so excited and I am ready to serve and be a "resource" for you and your clubs. I am the fourth woman Governor of our District and I am one of 103 women who are District Governors this year under the leadership of Rotary International President Ian Riseley from Australia.

I first want to thank everyone who attended our Governor's Installation on June 20th at the People's Light Theater. I want to give a special thank you to Rotary International Director-Elect (RIDE) Jeffry Cadorette for his participation as the Master of Ceremonies for the evening.

The venue was beautiful and there was a lot of energy and FUN in the room. We had many Past District Governors join us for the evening. PDG Sandy Costanzo, our first woman Governor was there with her husband Matt coming from Atlantic City. We recognized PDGs Lynmar Brock, Dr. Bob Poole, Hogie Hanson, McGill, Art Judson and Tom McCarthy for their many years of dedicated service to Rotary.

The Rotary Club of Longwood passed the "Home Club of the Governor" banner to the Rotary Club of Greater West Chester Sunrise, where it will reside for this Rotary year.

Train whistles were a big hit and I am hoping every President will use their whistle to end their meeting every week!

The last few months of the year as DGE were filled with a lot of planning and training opportunities. The 2017-2018 Presidents and the rest of my team are outstanding Rotarians that have been trained for the year and are ready to serve "Rotary Making a Difference." Their dedication and the time they have given to Rotary will ensure that the clubs in our District will have an amazing year as we "Get on Board with Rotary!!!"

It was terrific to see such a large number of D-7450 Rotarians in Atlanta for the International Convention this year. I believe we had 109 people join us for an exciting convention.

My hope is that those Rotarians and many more will join us in Toronto, Canada next June. The dates are June 23-June 27th. The theme is "Inspiration Around Every Corner."

I want to thank PDG Dave Haradon for his service this past year as our District Governor, leading with the theme of “Rotary Serving Humanity.”

By the time you receive this month’s edition of our revived newsletter, “The Ace Express” (The acronym I will be using this year is ACE, which stands for Appreciate, Congratulate and Educate), we will be getting ready for the Philadelphia 4th of July Parade. With the help of Philadelphia Rotary Club President Jeff Saperstein, we will have a trolley that we can ride on and the best news is that we will be on television! Thank you Jeff!

On July 12th, we will be having a meeting on starting a “Passport Club,” giving more flexibility to members to meet twice a month and still give back to our community. We will be meeting at Charlotte’s restaurant in Broomall. The cost is \$25.00. Sign up on DACdb and join us!

I also want to thank Stacey Ballard from the Upper Main Line Rotary Club for her winning bid to throw out the first ball to the Phillie Phanatic at the July 26th baseball game. Stacey bid \$2500 which will go to the End Polio Now initiative. With the Bill and Melinda Gates match, we will have \$7500 going to fight Polio! Please congratulate Stacey when you see her!.

The Phillies will be playing the Houston Astros. Let’s go out and have FUN and fellowship with our District Rotarians! Tickets are still available through Bronwyn Martin.

I look forward to working with all of you in the coming year. Please don’t hesitate to contact me with your questions or concerns.

Let’s not sit or stand on the sidelines in 2017-2018. Let’s “Get on Board with Rotary,” because
“ *Rotary is Making a Difference*”*whooooo whooooo!!!!*