

Happy Canada Day and welcome to a new Rotary Year!

I am honoured to serve as your District Governor for 2018-2019. As Rotarians, we are united in the belief that we can make a positive difference in our communities with our acts of service.

With our capable and talented membership, I am confident that our District clubs have many success stories to share about the value of Rotary.

Many District members attended the Rotary International Convention in Toronto, where we were inspired by the speakers, new ideas were shared, projects explored and members of our District who hosted breakout sessions and House of Friendships displays were celebrated.

Our District board, including our committee chairs, club presidents and executive have prepared for the year ahead. Our District Strategic Plan will focus on continuing successful projects, examining areas that need to be refined, promoting new initiatives (including new membership strategies), confirming club foundation visits, developing a public image campaign, enhancing youth programs and developing more leadership learning opportunities.

A goal that particularly inspires me is to establish a new incentive and direction for our District to become a recognized Peacebuilder District within Rotary International. Thank you to those clubs and individuals who have already contributed to the Peacebuilder Fund.

One of the highlights of my Governor year will be to visit each one of our clubs to meet our members, learn first-hand of the amazing projects and participate in community events.

We have a talented District team committed to supporting our club presidents and general membership to ensure that 2018-2019 will be an outstanding year of Rotary Service Above Self. Together we are stronger!

My thanks to all those District members who have already registered for our District Conference October 18-20, 2018. With outstanding speakers and interesting breakout sessions, our District Conference will provide tremendous opportunities to connect with District members to share and collaborate on projects and to connect in fellowship.

As Rotarians, each action of service begins like a ripple across the water. As we work together, the ripples gather into powerful waves that improve, create and transform the lives of others in our communities and beyond our borders.

Stand with me and each other as we unite to BE THE INSPIRATION for our communities and the world.

It is from diverse acts of courage and belief that human history is shaped. Each time a man/woman stands up for an ideal or acts to improve the lot of others ... he/she sends forth a tiny ripple of hope and those ripples of hope build a current which can sweep down the mightiest of walls. -- Robert F. Kennedy

Sincerely,
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