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Greetings Rotarians and Rotaractors, I am delighted to greet you at minus eleven months. July is in the history books, and it was great. I was blessed to be installed on 1 July and many of your festivities and celebrations for installations and handover were memorable. We have witnessed from simple ceremonies to more elegant representative of the leader and club's culture. This was evidence of our diverse cultures and how we embrace our differences. We even installed the Assistant Governors and District Leaders as an expression of our appreciation and understanding of the importance of the team.

We now eagerly anticipate what August brings as we explore our membership retention, recruitment, and engagement efforts. The District Governor challenge for August is on. I am eager to see the innovative approaches our clubs and members have to offer. Understand your District Governor loves winning, but never at the expense of those we love. I implore you to take care of the members we currently have, and I guarantee we will get more members.

I begin my "Stroll through the District" Governor visits beginning with my home islands in August. I will be visiting USVI South (St. Croix) and the next week USVI North (St. Thomas and St. John). I believe our bonds should not be broken and I will begin at the point I intend to end with the District Conference, coming full circle. Every month through December I will be visiting clubs. With God's grace I hope to see you soon.

I am looking forward to witness Rotary's influence and impact in the region. It is time to tell our story. When others see the great work we are doing and the benefit to our community, we subtly enlist them to be a part of the Rotary movement. Be proud, be people of action and let the world see our good works.

Thank you for your support!

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Deborah Y Howell".

Deborah Y Howell
District Governor 2022-2023