

1 February 2023

Greetings Rotarians and Rotaractors,



It's our birthday and "we're going to party like it's our birthday. As we celebrate another milestone in Rotary's history, the excitement in the District continues. One hundred eighteen (118) years of serving humanity calls for a celebration. I join you, your clubs, Rotarians and Rotaractors across the District celebrating Rotary International 118th Anniversary and World Peace and Understanding Day on February 23, 2023. I cannot wait to see the innovative ideas and creativity we usher in the day with and share with the world.

Across the District we yearn for peace in the world. Our hope is that the actions we are taking contributes and eventually lead to world peace. There are "Infinite Possibilities" for us as we engage the international community as well as participate in the Rotary Foundation programs to impact our community and the world. There is so much to do, be assured your club's efforts are getting us closer to achieving Rotary's goals.

We have done quite a bit during the first half of the Rotary Year. As your District Governor, I am well pleased with our progress thus far. The District Awards Committee is having fun. Another category of award has been added for those clubs who exceed the requirements, our super achievers. You will be pleasantly surprised with the "Blue Diamond" Award, a rare find. Let us finish the year District 7020 strong. "Imagine Rotary"!

I leave you not only celebrating and promoting peace, but getting ready for District 7020 PETS, Assembly and Conference on St. Croix 2-6 May 2023. The uniqueness of our venues require capitalizing on and maximizing the training opportunities. Therefore, the cost of registration includes breakfast and lunch which accounts for a slightly higher registration fee. The Conference Committee eagerly awaits your presence so that we can extend our Crucian hospitality. We look forward to seeing you soon.

Yours in Rotary Service,

Deborah Y. Howell District Governor