

**Important District Meetings To Bring To Your Attention**

By Pat and Skip Doyle



This past week's meetings reminded us of two things. One, we only have four months left as your district governors. And two, those four months are packed with district events and the meetings needed to plan them.

The meeting we would like to bring to your attention today is the Council Meeting with our past district governors, held last Thursday. Nine PDGs met with us, District Governor-Nominee Steve Sager and District Governor-Nominee-Designate Pam Anastasi. Our past district governors don't get a lot of mention and some might say they don't get a lot of attention, either. Finding an appropriate role in the years following a term as governor can be a challenge.

PDGs have knowledge, connections, training, experience - and lots of good ideas.  The challenge is translating that passion into action. Or, to quote a Rotary Zone 24/32 publication, having a PDG means having a "proactive, dynamic guide rather than past district governor."

Rotary International spends a great deal of time and money training those of us in the district-governor track. The training we were exposed to at Zone Institutes and the International Assembly was of the highest caliber and we are sure RI expects us to continue to put this training to use for the good of our district, our zone and RI.

The PDGs we met with last Thursday evening represented 27 years of training and action. We thank them for sharing their guidance and wisdom. Many of the readers of this Governor's Message are newer members who have not had the privilege of meeting many of our PDGs. For this reason, we will be adding a column similar to <eet the Presidents, called meet the Past District Governors.  PDG Carol Toomey's interview is below.

Shown, front, left to right, are PDGs **Ed Hall, Val Callahan**, and **Roger Frost**

Shown back, left to right, are PDGs **Klaus Hachfeld,  Carol Toomey, Carl Kalisczski, Jim Fusco, Ed King** and **Bob Cassidy**

**QuadCon Call**

Interactors from all over the District 7910 are getting excited about the**Youth Conference** to be held as part of the **Multi District Conference** - QuadCon, for short - this **April**in  **Providence**. Check [Quadcon web page](http://www.rotaryconference2017.org/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_self) for updates.

**Four important things to know:**

**1.**The weekly **submission deadline** for the Newsletter is **Friday.** As usual, **text** content must be submitted in **Word** format, and **image**content, in either **JPEG** or **PDF** format. Continue to **submit your content** to Immediate Past District Governor/Newsletter Editor **Jim Fusco** at jim.fusco2@gmail.com.

**2. Rotary Youth Leadership Awards**: The **RYLA Club Pack** has been updated and posted on [RYLA7910.org](http://ryla7910.org/). When you download it, you will notice changes from last year. Please read the material carefully and direct your questions to**Christine Pinney**, chair of the **RYLA Committee,**who may be reached at christine@christinepinney.com. The RYLA season has begun and the RYLA Committee is working to make RYLA 2017 the "best RYLA ever." (See RYLA article, right-hand column.)

**3. Club Planning Worksheet:**To**download**the **Club Planning Worksheet,**[click here](http://clubrunner.blob.core.windows.net/00000050053/en-ca/files/homepage/club-planning-awards-form-version-110-9-21-2016-excel-format/Club-Planning---Awards-Form---Version-110---9-21-2016---Excel-Format.xlsx.)**.**This worksheet is made available to clubs so they can gauge their progress in achieving the goals they set last July.  This month is a good time to review the worksheet and see how far you have come and how much farther you need to go as a club. You may surprise yourselves and realize that you are well on the way to earning district recognition. We recommend the club president appoint the president-elect to be the "champion" of the Worksheet, and to use it as a guide for the club, and to report monthly to the club's membership and board on the club's progress.

**4.** As your **district governors**, we have **resolved** to:

* **Revisit**as many clubs as possible in the next few months.
* Help our clubs **achieve the goals** they set in July
* Do all we can to **build membership** in the district
* Plan a grand event to celebrate our **Million Dollar Foundation Journey**
* "Move the ball forward," in harmony, with District Governor-Elect**Karin Gaffney,**District Governor-Nominee **Steve Sager** and District Governor-Nominee-Designate **Pamela Anastasi**
* Celebrate all of this at our **Multi-District Conference** this April in in Providence

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