

Biography – Cheryl Matt

District Governor Nominee Designate – 2020-2021

Cheryl Matt was born in Syracuse NY and lives in Fayetteville, NY. She attended State University College at Brockport where she received a BS degree, double majoring in biology and speech communication, and an MA in Communication, concentrating in the areas of Rhetoric, Communication and Public Address. Cheryl spent a 25 year career with the US Postal Service, where she held several Officer-in-Charge and management details where she was responsible for several hundred employees. Those details included Acting Postmaster of Syracuse, NY and Acting Plant Manager in Utica, NY. Her career Postmaster positions in the Postal Service included Canastota, Baldwinsville and Rome, NY. During her postal career, Cheryl completed additional college credits in management, leadership, ethics and employment law as well as an advanced leadership program and a processing and distribution management program through postal headquarters. While a postal manager, Cheryl was a Diversity Development trainer, an instructor in Corporate Messaging, and a certified interviewer. She received “Employee of the Year-1998” by the US Postal Service CNY East Diversity Team. She also received “The Benjamin” award from US Postal Service Headquarters Corporate Relations in 1998 “in appreciation of ... outstanding results in community outreach activities”.

Cheryl joined Rotary in 1994 and belonged to those Clubs located where she worked. She was a Board member and President-Elect in Canastota Rotary, President of Baldwinsville Rotary and Board member while in the Rome Rotary. After retiring in 2012, she joined the Rotary Club of Dewitt where she is the immediate Past-President and Membership Chair. She is also an Assistant Governor. Cheryl has completed the graduate level of Rotary Leadership Institute and is a Paul Harris plus 4.

Cheryl has been married to Mark Matt for 42 years. Mark retired from a career as the sales manager of a small software company. He has been a Rotarian for 15 years, previously a member of the Fayetteville-Manlius Club, where he was President. Mark currently belongs to the Rotary Club of Dewitt with Cheryl. Mark has completed level 3 of Rotary Leadership Institute and is a Paul Harris plus 4. He is the District 7150 Foundation Chair.

Mark and Cheryl have a son, Auggie, a professional firefighter who also owns a fire rescue training business, a daughter Sarah, a medical doctor who is VP of Strategy for a medical software company, and seven grandchildren. Besides Rotary, Mark and Cheryl are 30 year charter members of the CNY Chapter Izaak Walton League, a national conservation group that works for clean air, water, and soil. Cheryl is currently the chapter secretary and Mark is the treasurer. Cheryl is also a member of the Postmaster’s management association as well as a member of National Active and Retired Federal Employees (NARFE). Cheryl’s hobbies include wildlife photography and fishing.