



**ROTARY:  
MAKING A  
DIFFERENCE**

**SANDI SAVA**

**2017 – 2018**

**Rotary Club of  
Sacramento Breakfast**



**Sandi Sava served as the 23<sup>rd</sup> District Governor in District 5180. She joined the Rotary club of Sacramento Breakfast in 1996 with the classification of “Law: Employment”. Her sponsor was Peggy Porter. Ian Riseley from Australia was the Rotary International President that year and his International Theme was “Rotary: Making a Difference.” Sandi chose “Reflect Back - Embrace the Future” for her District theme. Sandi’s major goals for her year were to embrace “Flexibility”, member retention, plant trees, increase women in Rotary and learn from our experienced Rotarians.**

**Sandi’s most memorable element of her year was observing the club presidents developing their leadership skills. Her club visit with the Passport Rotary Club made a lasting impression on her. She was amazed to see the club holding an action packed meeting with lots of fun, decorations, games, induction of new members plus a presentation of Paul Harris Recognitions. Of all the club projects in the district; she was most impressed with the Rotary Clubs planting trees in their communities. RI President Ian has asked all Rotary clubs around the world to perform a service project that involved planting trees. Sandi was extremely pleased to witness the clubs supporting such a cause.**

**Sandi’s District Conference was held at the Hyatt Regency in Incline Village, Nevada on May 11<sup>th</sup> thru 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018. The conference theme was “Time of Your Life”. Her RI President’s Representative was PDG Russell deFuria and DG Dawn deFuria, his partner from District 7450. Having a current DG classmate attend with her PDG husband to serve as a RI President’s representative was quite meaningful and a way to build better camaraderie among Districts. Sandi noted she was pleased with the high attendance and strong support for Clubs who lost members (by death). She felt the conference brought members very close. The Rotary Club of East Sacramento under the leadership of President Lewis Donhost was awarded the Governor’s Bell for Outstanding Club of the Year.**

**Beyond the District level; Sandi will serve as the General Chair for the 2020 Far West PETS.**

**Sandi stated the she only had one thing she would do if she had the opportunity to be a District Governor again. That single item was to spend more time with the clubs.**

**Sadly in March 2018, the district lost a great Rotarian in the passing of PDG Hal Shipley who was slotted to serve as President of the Pocket Greenhaven Club. Sandi was fortunate to have visited with Hal prior to his passing. Sandi shared with Hal that she became a true Rotarian while attending his District conference. She had always felt she was indebted to PDG Hal for giving her that opportunity and wanted to thank him for it.**

**Sandi has the following advice for future District Governors: “Build strong relationships with your club presidents.”**