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JULIE DOBSKI AS DISTRICT GOVERNOR FOR 6490 in 2019-2020



Rotary International District 6490 installed new leadership on June 30, 2019, at the Rotary District 6490 Installation and Gala which was held on the campus of Illinois State University at the Bone Student Center in Normal. Serving as district governor this year is Julie Dobski of Bloomington. Appreciation was given to past district governor, Arlene Pennie of Normal. Dobski will hold the office of district governor from July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020.



Dobski, a past president of Bloomington-Normal Sunrise Rotary, has served as a local businesswoman and philanthropist for more than 35 years. During her club presidency, Julie added 27 new members and 33 Paul Harris Fellows. Her club received the District 6490 Large Club of the Year Award, the Star Club designation, the Club Service Award, and the R I Presidential Citation. Julie was also named Rotary District 6490 Rotarian of the Year in 2015-2016. She is a member of the Paul Harris Society.

We are Rotary ... Why am I here?

By Julie L. Dobski DG

One of my favorite quotes comes from the late, great tennis player Arthur Ashe. Ashe cautions that "Success is a journey, not a destination. The doing is often more important than the outcome."

I'm excited to begin my journey as your District Governor. Believe me, there will be a lot of "doing." But there will also be a lot of listening. This year isn't about me, it's about you. And how I can help you.

For those of you who attended the Installation and Gala on June 30, thank you. It was great to see so many Rotarians, and future Rotarians, gathered in one room. I want this year to be a year of participation and engagement. Of trying new things, using new technologies, making new friends and meeting new goals.

My theme for this year is "We are Rotary ♦ Why am I here?" Before this year is over I hope you have all answered that question. And why am I here? I ♦m here because Rotarians are changing the world and I want to be part of the change. I want to join my neighbors and friends and business colleagues and make a difference. I am here because 17 years ago, someone asked me to a meeting. Someone asked me and it



changed my life.

Now I am asking you to join me on this journey and let's see what we can accomplish together.

NEW LEADERSHIP INSTALLED FOR DISTRICT 6490



Mike Stoa, Paris Rotary Club, is the district's newly installed district governor elect. Mike worked for a petrochemical company for almost 40 years and retired in February 2014. Mike's Rotary involvement began in 1995 and has continued into his retirement, increasing his understanding and involvement in Rotary with inspiration from the Rotary Motto: Service Above Self. He has served as his club's president, establishing an Interact Club with 29 members in its first year. An RLI graduate, Mike has served as Assistant Governor. He is a member of the District Governor Nominating Committee and the District Grants Committee. Mike also participated in the Visioning Processes for the Paris Rotary Club, other clubs, and the District.



Heather Stoa, Rotary Club of Decatur, is the district governor nominee and will serve in 2021-22. She has served her club in a variety of leadership positions and was club president in 2006-07. At the District level, Heather has been a member of the World Community Services/Global Grants Committee since 2011 and served as chair in 2016-17. She has been a Rotary Leadership Institute presenter, a member of the District Nominating Committee, and is the current District Grants Committee Chair. In 2009, Heather was named District 6490 Rotarian of the Year.



ASSISTANT GOVERNORS ARE READY TO SUPPORT YOUR CLUB

Twelve assistant governors, and their coordinator, were installed on June 30. The goal of each assistant governor is to serve as a resource for the clubs in her or his designated area.



Deb West, Bloomington

Assistant Governor Coordinator
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CONGRATULATIONS, CLUB PRESIDENTS!

44 presidents began their new year with their club on July 1, with many in attendance to celebrate at the June 30 Installation & Gala event. Congratulations to all!
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OUR GOALS 2019-2020

MEMBERSHIP

Membership chairs in each club
50 additional members, district-wide
Current and accurate information in DACdb for clubs and members
2 new, additional clubs in the district
Increase clubs awarded the 2019-2020 Presidential Citation
Rotaract involvement
President-elects and President-elect nominees attend Land of Lincoln President-Elect Training (LOLPET)

FOUNDATION GIVING

Presentations on foundation giving to all clubs
All clubs donate to The Rotary Foundation
Increase Polio Plus contributions by 5%
50 additional Rotary Direct participants
Contribute 10% Every Rotarian Every Year

PUBLIC AWARENESS

Junior high and middle schools adopt the 4-Way Test

YOUTH SERVICES

2 new, additional Interact clubs

DISTRICT EVENTS

DISTRICT 6490 CALENDAR 2019-2020

Be sure to check the Calendar at www.rotarydistrict6490.org, which includes the dates when DG Julie Dobski will be visiting your club. The calendar also includes links to register for not-to-be-missed events throughout the year!

2019

June 30	Installation & Gala	Normal
July 12-15	Central States Youth Exchange Conference	Grand Rapids, MI
September 1	District Grant Applications Due	
September 21	Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI)	Decatur
October 17	Past District Governor Pre-Conference Dinner	Bloomington
October 18-19	District Conference	Bloomington
October 24	<i>World Polio Day-How will you celebrate?</i>	
December 15	Past District Governor Holiday Dinner	Bloomington

2020

January 13-19	International Assembly	San Diego, CA
January	Mid-Year Meeting	Location TBD
March 20-22	Land of Lincoln President-Elect Training (LOL-PETS)	Effingham
March 27	Foundation Dinner	Champaign-Urbana
April	Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA)	TBA
April 24	District-wide Field Trip to RI in Evanston	
May 2	District Assembly	Location TBD
June 6-10	Rotary International Convention	Honolulu, Hawaii
June 28	Installation of 2020-2021 Leadership	Location TBD

DISTRICT GOVERNOR CLUB VISITS

Club Visits by the District Governor for July-August 2019

Mahomet	July 10, 2019	6:30 AM	Bridle Brook Assisted Living Ctr.
Eureka	July 16, 2019	12:00 PM	Eureka College, Cerf Ctr.
Dwight	July 17, 2019	12:00 PM	Dwight Country Club
Paris	July 22, 2019	12:00 PM	Human Resource Center
Pontiac	July 23, 2019	12:00 PM	Pontiac Family Kitchen
Robinson	July 24, 2019	12:00 PM	Best Western Motel
Savoy	July 25, 2019	12:00 PM	Windsor of Savoy
Bloomington-Normal Sunrise	July 30, 2019	6:30 AM	Eastland Suites
Casey	July 30, 2019	12:00 PM	Richards Farm Restaurant
Metamora-Germantown Hills	July 31, 2019	12:00 PM	Kouri's Grill & Bar
Hoopeston	August 6, 2019	5:00 PM	Carle Hoopeston Health Center
Rantoul	August 7, 2019	7:00 AM	St. Malachy School
Bloomington	August 8, 2019	12:00 PM	2nd Presbyterian Church
Danville-Sunrise	August 8, 2019	7:00 AM	Remax
Danville	August 12, 2019	12:00 PM	Old National Bank (2nd Floor)
Fairbury	August 13, 2019	12:00 PM	Dominy Memorial Library
Newton	August 20, 2019	12:00 PM	Parklanes
Monticello	August 21, 2019	12:00 PM	Monticello Community Building
Atlanta	August 27, 2019	12:00 PM	Country Aire Restaurant
Lincoln	August 28, 2019	12:00 PM	Lincoln College
Bloomington-Normal Daybreak	August 29, 2019	6:30 AM	Doubletree Hotel
Villa Grove	August 29, 2019	12:00 PM	Monical's Pizza

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