

Dawn's Monday Message

This email is being sent to all Rotarians and Rotaractors in District 7730:

The question that I get asked a lot right now is would I recommend serving in District Leadership. Serving in leadership brings people in my life that I had no idea that I needed in my life. People that hold me to a higher level of service in this world. I learned a long time ago to listen to a calling that sparks an interest.

After serving as a Club President of the Jacksonville (NC) Rotary Club in 2011-12, I had no idea what that next step was or could be. But, I had the experience of a Rotary International Convention thanks to my Club. I had felt the global impact of Rotary sitting with 50,000+ Rotarians in a stadium in Birmingham, England listening to Jane Goodall, meeting people on trains with these stories of the impact and leverage of Rotarians. I am forever grateful to Past District Governor Vanessa as she invited me to the first District Emerging Leaders Cohort for our Zone 33/34 in Asheville in the Fall of 2014. There, I felt even more connected to the leadership of Rotary, what was required in service at different levels but also the work of Rotary. I listened to the keynotes focused on how we could partner to end human trafficking and fight to end exploiting children. And then the keynote where I heard the story of the importance of Rotary being an apolitical and nonreligious organization that brokered an understanding with the Taliban in Pakistan to allow children to be vaccinated.



This is the Rotary that I know beyond the Club. Everyone who serves beyond the Club gets to know the broader reach of Rotary as deeply as you choose. It is the why I have been to India twice with Past District Governor Nancy and other leadership in our District.

So YES!! Serve in leadership in Rotary and here is your sign that it is time ...

We have two opportunities immediately for Rotarians that know the business side of Rotary, are servant leaders called to serve more outside of your Club, want to engage in your area more, be challenged to grow in knowledge and service, spread the possibilities through Rotary and support the work of the Clubs and the District Governor and leadership. The two opportunities are the Assistant Governor for Area 8, which encompasses Lenoir and most of Jones County, and the Assistant Governor for Area 6, which encompasses Cumberland, Hoke, Robeson and parts of Columbus County. Ideally, someone will have served as a Club President as you will be advising Club Presidents and their leadership to connect them to what is needed to successfully engage membership, support the Rotary Foundation and strengthen Clubs. If you have interest, will you contact District Governor Elect Ellen Deaton by Friday, April 9th at redeaton@atmc.com or call (910) 233-6580. These are 3-year positions that will serve 2021-2024. We are thankful for the past service of Susan Reid (Liberty Point Rotary Club) and Paul Sugg (Kinston Rotary Club).

For opportunities to learn and connect:

- Virtual Secretary and Treasurer Training: All welcome regardless of Club position. CLICK HERE TO REGISTER
- Saturday, April 24th, Virtual, 9:00am ◆ 11:00am EST: District 7730 Assembly for all Rotarians and Rotaractors. <u>CLICK HERE TO REGISTER</u> (Program being finalized)
- Thursday May 14th through May 16th, Virtual, ♦ Collaboration through Relationship Building♦, Zone 33 Training(Zones are comprised of Districts, Districts are comprised of Clubs) To register: https://www.ascensionrotaract.com/presidentialconference (you will need to log in with your rotary.org log in as identified above)
- Sunday June 27th 5:00pm to 8:00pm (EST) in person with a virtual link for the program portion, District Leadership Installation, Sturgeon City Environmental Education Center, Jacksonville, NC, Cost is \$35.00 to attend in person. CLICK HERE TO REGISTER.

Thank you for all you are doing to continue in the suppression and eradication of COVID 19. Share your efforts as through your actions, others take action. Thank you for all you are doing for leadership in your own life and the lives of others in all you think, say and do.

Let ◆s Elevate Rotary

~ Dawn
Dawn Rochelle
District Governor 2020-21

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