

DELORES EDWARDS HARDING TO LEAD ROTARY DISTRICT IN 2023-24

By Governor Jimmie Gorski

The District 7620 Nominating Committee has selected Delores Edwards Harding of the Baltimore Rotary Club to lead District 7620 in 2023-2024. Delores will work closely over the coming years with current Governor Dr. Jimmie Gorski, and incoming Governors Dr. Geetha Jayaram (2021-2022) and Dr. Sean McAlister (2022-2023).



Delores earned her Bachelor's Degree in Spanish, with a concentration in Foreign Affairs from the University of Virginia in Charlottesville, VA. She has also earned a Master's Degree in Student Development in Higher Education (Educational Leadership), and a Juris Doctor Degree from the American University in Washington, DC.

As an entrepreneur and consultant, Delores has coordinated organizational leadership retreats and is adept at working with Executive-level leadership of non-profit organizations and churches in Virginia and Maryland. Her professional experience has been noteworthy in the arena of organizational conflict management, resolving internal and external organizational conflicts.

As a small business owner in Maryland, Delores provides direct sales to men and women in the skin care and color cosmetics industry.

As a Founding Member of the Greater Baltimore Leadership Association (GBLA) of the Greater Baltimore Urban League, Delores has spent over twenty years mentoring Young Professionals between the ages of 21-40 and has served as a role model for leadership for both the current and past administrations of GBLA.

Delores is a Diamond Life Member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated. She has been involved in providing public service through her sorority for over twenty-five years in Northern Virginia and Maryland.

For over twenty years, Delores has been a member of several Baptist Churches, where she served as a Steward (Trustee) and volunteer. She was a mentor and advocate for children in the church, and she was an advisor to the Pastor and members of the congregation.

Delores was married to James in September, 2019, in Howard County, Maryland, where they currently reside. In her free time, Delores enjoys animals and long walks in natural surroundings. She also enjoys listening to motivational and spiritual messages, and reading books on leadership and entrepreneurship. According to Delores, her life's call is to be of service to others, to walk humbly, and to uplift others with her faith.

On behalf of District 7620, I thank all the Rotarians involved in the District Governor Selection process. Please join me in welcoming our new DGN-D Delores Edwards Harding. (Please see her bio below)

Yours in Rotary,

Jimmie

Delores Edwards Harding Bio

A Rotarian since 2006, District Governor Nominee-Designate (DGN-D) Delores presently serves as an Area Governor for six Area 2 Clubs. Delores is a member of the Board of Directors for her home club and has held several leadership roles including the following: Club President 2017-2018, President-Elect, Invocation Committee Chair, Membership Chair, and Director of the Student Scholarship Fund. In addition to her various leadership roles, Delores is an engaged club member and has served on several club committees: Youth Service, International Service, and Community and Vocational Service.

As a lawyer, Delores formerly served as the Executive Director of the Maryland Legal Services Program within the Maryland Department of Human Resources (DHR). As part of DHR's Executive Leadership Team, Delores was responsible for managing the provision of contracted legal services to indigent adults involved in Adult Public Guardianship cases, and to vulnerable children involved in Children in Need of Assistance and Termination of Parental Rights (CINA/TPR) cases statewide. Prior to this position, Delores served as a child advocate and represented children in foster care for the Maryland Legal Aid Bureau, in the firm's Child Advocacy Unit. She provided a voice for children who were abused and/or neglected by their parents in Baltimore City.



[Above] Aberdeen Rotary Club President Teresa Stout and Rotarian Gary Barnoff presented an oversized check for \$10,000 to Sara Garbarino, Senior Director of Resource Development for The Arc Northern Chesapeake Region.

[Below] Aberdeen Rotary Club President Teresa Stout was thrilled to present a check to fellow Rotarian Derek DeWitt, Executive Director of Boys & Girls Clubs of Harford and Cecil Counties, in the amount of \$25,000. Rotarian Dave Lynch, Vice President of Ferrell Fuel Co., Inc, also presented a check from Ferrell Fuel to Derek in the amount of \$10,000.

