



### ***Dr. Geetha Jayaram***

***District Governor Elect (DGE)  
Rotary Club of Howard West  
Ellicott City, MD, USA  
District 7620***

Dr. Geetha Jayaram is the District Governor for District 7620 for 21-22. A past Rotaractor and recipient of a 2005-06 Rotary Grant for University Teachers, she is a Professor of Psychiatry at the Johns Hopkins Schools of Medicine, Public Health and Nursing. In 1997, with the Rotary Clubs of Columbia, & Howard West, Dr. Jayaram founded the Maanasi Clinic in Mugalur, Karnataka, India. She has volunteered for National Immunization Days for eradicating polio in India several times.

She started two Rotaract clubs and her current Rotary club of Howard West; increased membership in Rotary; taught as facilitator for the Rotary Leadership institute; lectured at many Rotary District Conferences and Zone institutes throughout North America, Asia and Europe.

She has procured at least 20 grants for domestic and international Rotary work amounting to several million dollars since 2002

Among her Rotary honors are:

- Charter member Rotaract Club of Bangalore, 1968
- President of The Columbia Rotary Club & Best President for District with seven awards
- District Conference Emcee 2010
- Service Above Self Award 2012
- Honored by the WHO in 2013 for a low-cost model for psychiatric care in low-and-middle-income countries



- Global Alumnus Service to Humanity Award for Zone 33 in 2012, 2013, and winner for Rotary International 2014 given to one person in the world
- Honored by the World Bank in 2018 at the International Women's Day celebration

Professional honors:

- Best Doctor by peers in Baltimore and Washington DC for 14 years
- Past President of the Association of Women Psychiatrists
- Past President of the American Association of Psychiatric Administrators
- Scientific Program Chair x2 for the American Psychiatric Association of 37000 members (chaired meetings for 21000 and 27000 attendees)
- Elected Chair of the Global Caucus of the American Psychiatric Association (to name a few)



## Speaker Bios

Rotary impact: Her major sustained humanitarian project for 22 years: Project Maanasi can be viewed at [www.ProjectMaanasi.org](http://www.ProjectMaanasi.org)

She initiated the clinic's development, supplying it with medications, training health care staff and village caseworkers, teaching medical students, residents, nurses, junior faculty and raising funds for 22 years. The work is highly successful and sustained with local leadership and efforts.

The model has been replicated in all of Lithuania and now in Kenya (3 countries impacting millions of households: 212 villages in India, all of Lithuania, 300,000 persons in Bungoma County, Kenya). She started the Rotary Action Group on Mental Health initiatives with others: [www.ragonmentalhealth.org](http://www.ragonmentalhealth.org) which now includes members from more than 30 countries.

- She has hosted GSE students from 12 countries. She is a member of CADRE of Rotary.
- She is a Major Donor and Paul Harris Fellow x5

### Other select honors:

- Winner of the Kun Po Soo Award for her contributions to Asian American Psychiatry from the American Psychiatric Association 2017
- Distinguished Life Fellow, American Psychiatric Association
- Elected to the American College of Psychiatrists 2017
- Winner of the American Psychiatric Association's Administrative Psychiatry Award 2018
- Elected to the Distinguished Teachers Society of the Johns Hopkins University (only five of all physicians in the University selected)