

COULD YOU BE OUR NEXT DISTRICT GOVERNOR ?

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Every Great Rotary Year Begins With A Leader Who Says Yes!

The district governor is Rotary International's regional officer — the one Rotarian charged with leading, motivating, and supporting the 40+ clubs of southeastern Pennsylvania. The governor visits every club, champions our causes, strengthens membership, and helps our clubs accomplish more together than any one club could alone. It is a demanding role. It is also a joyful one — and among the most rewarding in all of Rotary.

District 7450's nominating committee is now searching for our next governor. This flyer describes what the role asks of you, what it gives back, and why you — yes, you — should consider it.

Do You Qualify?

You may be closer than you think. Rotary International asks that a governor-nominee has been a Rotarian for at least **seven years** by the time of taking office and has served as a **club president**. Selection happens about three years ahead, which gives you time to learn and grow into the role before your year begins.

Only one candidate per club is allowed.

Section 12.030.3. Club Suggestions for Governor. *The governor shall invite clubs to submit their suggestions for nominations for governor. The invitation is to be made at least two months before suggestions are due to the nominating committee. The suggestions shall be submitted by a resolution naming the suggested candidate adopted at a regular club meeting and certified by the secretary. A club shall only suggest one of its own members. (RI Manual of Procedure 2025 edition)*

Passionate about growing Rotary? Special consideration offered in 2026!

We seek a person who will grow our district's membership. If you are passionate about growing Rotary, the committee is willing to offer **special consideration** — even if you have not yet served as club president — and will review your Rotary credentials as they are today. If chosen as a finalist, we will apply for a **waiver from the RI President** to consider your nomination as our next district governor. The decision rests with the RI President, but we can try.

The Qualities That Make a Great Governor

An inspirational communicator. The governor visits every club in the district and speaks constantly — at installations, fundraisers, training events, and the district conference. Rotarians are volunteers; no one can be ordered to do anything. Persuasion, warmth, and genuine enthusiasm are the only levers a governor has, and the best governors use them to make members feel their service matters.

A servant leader. The role is about supporting club presidents and members, not commanding them. The best governors ask “what does your club need?” rather than pushing a personal agenda, and they measure success by how their clubs thrive.

A diplomat. Governors mediate club disputes, build bridges between members and clubs, and encourage struggling clubs — bringing people together around common ground and shared purpose. Patience, tact, and a steady hand are essential.

A builder of continuity. A one-year term tempts leaders to chase short-term wins. Great governors think beyond “my year”: they build on their predecessors' work, pursue multi-year district goals, and set up their successors to

succeed.

A student of Rotary. Clubs look to the governor as a resource. Fluency in The Rotary Foundation, district and global grants, membership tools, youth programs, and RI policy lets a governor open doors clubs didn't know existed.

The Work Behind the Role: Organizational Skill

Make no mistake — the governorship is an executive job. In a single year the governor leads a district team of assistant governors, committee chairs, a secretary, and a treasurer; manages a district budget and provides fiscal oversight; plans and delivers the district conference; runs training programs for incoming club presidents and officers; and files the reports Rotary International requires.

None of this requires genius — it requires discipline. Successful governors are people who delegate well, run efficient meetings, keep a calendar under control, and follow through on commitments. If you have led a business, a practice, a nonprofit board, or a large project, you already have the core skills. The district's leadership team and past governors stand ready to support you in the rest.

The Commitment: Stamina, Time, and Family Support

We owe you honesty: the governorship is close to a full-time volunteer commitment for one year. Expect evening and weekend commitments — often several in a week — plus district events, zone meetings, and a steady stream of calls and email. The year is preceded by two years of preparation as governor-nominee and governor-elect, including zone-level training seminars and Rotary's International Assembly.

That is why stamina and energy matter as much as skill — and why having a good support system matters most of all. Nearly every past governor will tell you the same two things: they could not have done it without their support systems, and the year was over before they knew it. Talk with your family before you put your name forward; then bring them along for the ride. They will meet wonderful people in every corner of the district and beyond.

Recognizing the need to make the role accessible to working professionals and those with young families, Rotary has made it easier to serve as governor by offering more flexibility in everything from holding multi-club visits to non-traditional conferences. If you're interested in serving as governor but are unsure about how to make it work with your other commitments, know that there's a way to figure it out. Past District Governors would be happy to talk to you about their experiences.

What You'll Gain

Friendships throughout our Rotary District and throughout the world. You will attend training events at the International Assembly with Governors Elect from 140 countries and later attend the deeply inspiring Rotary International Convention with further training only for District Governors. You will receive leadership training that rivals any executive program. You will have a front-row seat to the impact our clubs make, from fantastic community service impact projects to life-changing international youth exchange experiences, and you will feel the deep satisfaction of leaving the district stronger than you found it. As our past governors will tell you: it is a wonderful honor to serve, and the year flies by.



Scan for Application or go to www.RotaryDistrict7450.org

Email signed application, signed club resolution and any supporting Rotary resume and letters of support to: streitwieser@me.com by December 1st, 2026. Candidate interviews will be held on the morning of December 12, 2026 at the Longwood Gardens Small Auditorium. Candidates are encouraged to be accompanied by one supporting club member.

Ready to explore the journey? Let's talk.

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