



**The District Governor Official Visit
Sonja (and Dave) Glass
2023-24**



District 6330 stretches from Lion's Head, Ontario in the north, Algonac Michigan in the south Flushing Michigan in the west and Thornbury-Clarksburg, Ontario in the east, covering 138,690 square kilometers. It has 56 Rotary clubs, 4 Rotaract clubs and 9 Interact clubs.

Both the Rotary International (RI) president and the District Governor (DG) positions change annually. However, the District Governor's job is not just a single year commitment. We begin preparation two years ahead and often remain active as valued district executives and mentors for many years following. Once a year, the District Governor (DG) is required to make an official visit to each Club in the District.

The purpose of the visit is to:

- Give the DG the opportunity to listen to the members of your club and gain a better understanding of how your club is doing
- Discuss RI President's priorities and highlight important initiatives of Rotary
- Discuss District 6330 priorities and goals
- Motivate club members to participate in club and district activities and service projects
- Recognize outstanding club projects and the work of individual Rotarians
- Discuss important club matters with club leaders

The District Governor is a guest of your club when making an official visit. In preparation for the DG visit, please consider the following:

- Plan for the entire Board to meet with the DG for one hour, prior to or following your club meeting. This is a good time to discuss your club's progress on your goals and service initiatives
- Send the Governor an agenda for their time with you, including any special recognitions you would like the Governor to present
- Make sure your contact information including cell phone and club address are correct in Club Runner
- Advise the Governor if there are customs and traditions unique to your Club that must be observed during the visit
- Keep your Assistant Governor in the loop and informed. He/she may attend the Board of Directors meeting with the Governor and any other events he/she is invited to attend
- Assign the President-Elect or other Club Officer to meet and accompany the District Governor before and after the meeting and introduce the DG to as many of the club members as time will permit
- Plan for the DG to be the only program for the day and plan to allow 20-25 minutes for the presentation. No other business is conducted during the "Official Visit"
- Allow additional time for other presentations you would like the Governor to make e.g., induct new members, present Major Donor recognition, award Paul Harris Fellows, Paul Harris Society members, Bequest Society members, etc. Please let the DG know in advance that you want to include this
- At your discretion, you may consider a donation to the Rotary Foundation's Annual Fund in honor of the District Governor

If you are planning on a meal while Sonja (and Dave) are visiting, please note that neither of them eat red meat.