



Deborah L. Williams, DG 2021-22



The DGND that was selected is Deborah L. Williams, from the Rotary Club of FishHawk Riverview. She was immediately asked to move forward one year and serve as DGN. And to her enormous credit, three days after being selected, Deborah had her bags packed and arrived in Atlanta, Georgia for the Zone 33/34 Leadership Summit and District Governor Training. She was immediately embraced by her District Governor Nominee Classmates from both zones and made fast friends, which she will no doubt cherish for a lifetime.

Deborah is a native of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and graduated from Pennsylvania State University with a degree in Law Enforcement and Corrections and also a Masters of Science degree in Administration of Criminal Justice. She is a graduate of the Command and General Staff College of Military Science and Armed Forces College. She served in the United States Army and retired in 2005 with the highest honors and distinction after 27 years of service.

After moving to Florida, Deborah owned a business called Bellafia Chocolate Boutique and now is in direct sales with Jewels by Park Lane, Inc. She has been very active in the Brandon Chamber of Commerce, her church Rivers of Life and many other community organizations including the Winthrop and Bloomingdale Area Council and the Black Women Business Owners, Executives and Entrepreneurs, who bestowed the honor of Business Woman of the Year on Deborah in 2009.

Deborah became a Rotarian in 2007 and served as the club President in 2009-2010. She has served in many capacities with her club including Service Project Chair, active with S4TL and initiated an Annual Veteran's Day Celebration Program. She is a graduate of Rotary Leadership Institute and has also served the District as Assistant Governor for four years. She has been recognized as Rotarian of the Year by her club and led the Strategic Planning Committee for the District in 2017-2018. She was also recognized as Assistant Governor of the Year in 2018-2019.

Deborah is a multiple Paul Harris Fellow, a Major Donor and a Paul Harris Society Member. Her club knows Deborah as someone that never says no and will do anything for Rotary and her fellow Rotarians.

She is married to husband Duane who is also a member and past president of the Rotary Club of FishHawk Riverview. Duane is a retired Military Intelligence officer and was self-employed with D & T Associates-Investigations, a private investigative company, which he started in 2005.

Deborah loves sports (NCAA/NFL), interior decorating/crafts, event coordinating/planning and mentorship for children and young adults as well as caring for seniors. She is humbled and blessed in so many ways by becoming a first time grandmother to a precious granddaughter.