

KEYNOTE SPEAKER—Dean Rohrs

Joyously Defying the World!

Her story starts in Zambia where she enjoyed a world shielded from apartheid until she was 14 years old. That's when the revolution made its way to the Congo. Her mother was head of the Red Cross and led the evacuation of many refugees. Dean was called to stand up against the prosecutors and was imprisoned at the age of 16. It was soon after that moment when Dean Rohrs set forth to create a more peaceful world. She harnessed the strength of her fear and scars to foster education, fight disease, and promote peace in some of the most abominable circumstances in some of the most remote areas of the world. Dean leveraged the power of Ro-



tary International to gain support for her efforts and has broken the cycles of poverty in numerous South African Villages literally saving thousands of young lives. Her story of bringing peace and human understanding to all landed Dean in Canada where she encourages international audiences to become messengers of change.

Today, Dean Rohrs is Vice President of Rotary International. She is an owner and administrator at Rhide Technologies Inc., which supplies soil stabilization products for road construction. Earlier in her professional career, she was a nurse in Cape Town, South Africa, working as part of Dr. Christiaan Barnard's heart transplant team. From 1959 to 1990, she was active in the Red Cross in South Africa. She also has served on the board of the West End Seniors Network, and currently serves on the board of a girls' school in Malawi. There is so much more to her story.

Come join Executive Women International and Leadership Harrisburg Area to hear the compelling story of Dean Rohrs whose insights may help us to joyously defy the world!

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