



### **Brenda M. Cressey, Rotary Foundation Trustee – 2017-2021**

Brenda joined Rotary in 1989 and is currently member of the Rotary Club of Ogunquit, Maine, in Rotary District 7780. She served as District 5240 Governor in 2001-02 and is the retired CEO of Office Support Systems, a telecommunications business in Maine.

Brenda served in several key roles for Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation and recently completed a four-year term as a Trustee from 2017-21. She was honored to become the first woman Trustee Vice Chair and then Chair of The Rotary Foundation in 2018-19.

Most of Brenda's assignments have focused on Fund Development for The Rotary Foundation, specifically in the areas of Peace and Polio eradication.

However, she shares the importance of supporting the Foundations Annual Fund, Endowments and Major Gifts.

Most recently she's been inspired by the amazing projects being carried out around the globe addressing local and critical needs due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Last year she was asked to lead a Trustee endorsed and District led PolioPlus Society global initiative.

Brenda has seen and experienced, first-hand, how our gifts to the Rotary Foundation greatly impact the lives of others and how these gifts will someday bring peace and understanding around the world.

She and her husband Dick are

- Members of the prestigious Arch Klumph, Legacy and Bequest Societies
- Major Donors, Paul Harris Society and PolioPlus Society Members
- They have established the **Brenda and Richard Cressey Endowment for Peace**, supporting Peace Certificate Fellowships.

Brenda is the recipient of the

- Rotary International **"Service Above Self Award"**
- The Rotary Foundation's **"Citation for Meritorious Service,"**
- And, The Rotary Foundations highest recognition, **The Distinguished Service Award.**
- As well as holding numerous public awards and recognition as well.

Brenda currently resides in Wells, Maine with her husband Richard, who is retired from a long career as a Vice President in manufacturing.