

District Governor Elect Steve Wieneke



**Governor 2022-23
Steve and Brenda Wieneke**

Steve Wieneke has been an active Rotarian since 1996 and has been a member in three different Rotary Clubs in District 6000. Steve has served as President in Johnston, President for the Ankeny Rotary Evening Satellite Club, and Assistant Governor. He is a graduate of the Rotary Leadership Institute and serves as the district RLI coordinator and facilitator. Steve is a graduate of the State of Iowa Leadership Institute (ILI). He has served in numerous leadership roles at St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church in Ankeny, the Knights of Columbus, the Iowa National Guard, and professional educational organizations. Steve has served on district teams for Membership Development, Club Extension, RLI, and Youth Protection Officer.

Steve currently serves as the Human Resource Manager for A Plus Home Care Services in Ankeny. Prior to this, he worked at Iowa State University for 7 years in the Office of Risk Management. Steve served in the Iowa National Guard for 33 1/2 years and retired at the rank of Colonel in 2012. His first professional job was as a High School Agricultural Education Teacher and FFA Advisor at Solon and Tipton Schools.

Brenda is a retired elementary school teacher with 35 years of teaching experience, culminating, at Winterset Community Schools. Brenda recently taught at Apples of Gold in Ankeny and currently is an administrative assistant for a local realtor. Steve and Brenda share 5 adult children and 7 grandchildren, with one on the way.

District Governor Nominee Dennis Drager

Born and raised in Tipton, Iowa, Dennis entered the Air Force right after graduating from High School in 1974. After four years in the Air Force, he entered Iowa State University and graduated from the College of Veterinary Medicine in 1985. He spent a few years working in Illinois and Wisconsin before returning to Iowa in 1988 to buy a practice in Marshalltown. There he spent the next thirty years building a thriving practice, Animal Clinic - The Vet. In 2019 Dennis was awarded the Iowa Veterinary Medical Association Veterinarian of the Year award. Dennis retired from full-time practice in March of 2020.

Dennis has always been active in his community. He has been a Boy Scout leader and reserve police officer. He has also served as a board member of several organizations including First United Methodist Church, Marshalltown Regional Partnership and the Animal Rescue League of Marshalltown. Dennis also served as Vice-Commander of the American Legion Post 46 and Chairman of the Marshalltown Chamber of Commerce. In 2017 Dennis was selected as Marshalltown Optimist Citizen of the Year.

Dennis joined the Rotary Club of Marshalltown in 2000 and has actively served locally and at a district level. He has served on the environmental and membership committees as well as the board of directors. He was grant coordinator for his club for several years and served as President in 2017-2018. Dennis currently serves on the Marshalltown Rotary Foundation Board and as an Assistant Governor for District 6000. Dennis and his wife Heidi had the pleasure of hosting a Brazilian Rotary Exchange Student. Bringing Daniel into their home was an amazing experience and they would encourage all Rotarians to give serious consideration to participating in the program.

Dennis and Heidi were married in 2006. He has one son, Jason, who lives in Clive with his wife Jessica and two daughters, Caitlin and Vivienne. Dennis's greatest pleasure is being grandpa to those little girls. He and Heidi recently moved to Urbandale to be closer to family.



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