

District Governor Steve Dakin



Governor 2020-21
Steve and Lesley Dakin

In 1975 Steve joined the Rotary Club of Boone. He has served as treasurer, secretary, board member, and club president. In 2012 Steve was honored by District 6000 with the Guardian of Integrity Award.

As a dealer of Sukup Manufacturing products, Steve's corporation, Dakin-Ag Equipment provided equipment, bins, and steel buildings for his customers in the central Iowa area. After forty years, he welcomes retirement and is ready to spend more time on Rotarian opportunities.

Steve's passion, beyond Rotary, is the Iowa FFA Foundation. As a member of that Board he worked to construct the FFA Enrichment Center which is on the DMACC campus in Ankeny.

Lesley and Steve married in August 2006. They share three children: Andrew (Ames), Anthony (Ankeny), and Ariel (Ankeny). Lesley retired from Des Moines Public Schools after teaching special needs students for 30 years. She is a member of the Rotary Club of Boone-Evening.

Throughout his years in Rotary Steve has been a member of the PolioPlus Team, Friendship Exchange Team, and chaired the Disaster Relief and Humanitarian Service Fund for District 6000. He has hosted Friendship Exchanges from Sweden, New Zealand, South Africa and several GSE teams. Steve and Lesley traveled to New Zealand/Australia with the Friendship Exchange program in 2014 where they also attended the International Convention in Sydney. They have recently shared their home with Rotary Youth Exchange students from Croatia, Mexico, and Spain. In June 2019 they attended the International Convention in Hamburg, Germany. Afterward they were excited to visit their past exchange student and his family in Croatia.

Rollin' with Rotary was seeking a driver for their April/May 2017 campaign and Steve volunteered. The team rolled along including Vice President at that time, Jennifer Jones, District 5970 Past District Governor, Kathy Fahy, and several other young professionals. He became energized by the enthusiasm and dedication of those dynamic Rotarians as their RV traveled to 17 club events from Iowa through New York, including Canada.

Steve believes that as a Rotarian we can improve our communities and at the same time transform the world. As Governor, Steve plans to share his pride in being a Rotarian. He will work tirelessly to encourage and engage all District 6000 Rotarians to invest their time, energy, and talents in both individual and collaborative efforts to improve communities everywhere.