

# District Governor Alka Khanolkar



**Governor 2021-22 Alka and Dr. Kiran Khanolkar  
Taken at the home of Rotary International Founder Paul Harris**

Alka Khanolkar has been elected District Governor for 2021-22. Alka came to the U.S. from India and has a diverse educational background which began in India. She pursued studies in marketing in England and has done graduate and post graduate study in communications in the U.S. In New Delhi, India, Alka worked in an International Print and Publishing House for foreign language books. She is a lifelong learner and volunteer.

Her volunteer service in her community includes serving for eight years on the Keokuk School Board and on several other Boards in Keokuk on the local and State level. Currently a member of AAUW (All American University of Women), Cultural and Entertainment District (Keokuk), KARE, (Keokuk Association Racial Equality), Iowa Network Against Human Trafficking and Slavery (State), Volunteers for Food Bank of Iowa (in Keokuk), Volunteers for Keokuk schools (United Way Reading Program). She has joined several Rotary Fellowships and Action

Groups: Education, LEAD, RAGAS, Photography, Music, Chess, Peace, Environment (ESRAG), RHGF, Rotary Means Business, WASH Program, Yoga and Meditation, Music Fellowship, Menstrual Hygiene Management Action group, and is one of the American Coordinators for WIRI (Women in Rotary International). She is in charge of RGHF (Rotary Global History Fellowship) for Zone 29.

In 2008, she was invited to be a member in the Rotary Club of Keokuk. She has held several positions at the club and district levels, including club president and assistant governor. She participated in a Polio National Immunization Day in India and a Friendship Exchange to South Africa. She is a graduate of R.L.I and has facilitated sessions.

She has attended 7 Rotary (Two Virtual) International Conventions, attended a West Africa Project Fair, and has been a member of the Xicotepec Project Team and visited 3 times. This will mark the fifth-year volunteering for RYLA. She continues to serve on district teams for Youth Exchange, PolioPlus, Literacy Promotion, Chair of Friendship Exchange, Conflict Resolution, Membership, Chair of Rotaract, and many more. She has spoken on various International Platforms for Rotary Clubs in India and other settings. She is passionate about the good work Rotary does as it makes a difference for our local and global communities! Alka believes we belong to one of the best Rotary Districts in the World 'District 6000'! We are so blessed with multi-talented members, who go above and beyond and inspire us all with their giving of their whole self in 'Service above Self'. We have a very supportive District. We are given a multitude of opportunities to serve, to grow and to lead if we choose to do so. In this Rotary year, Alka would like to continue to be a 'People of Action' person and join the great team of like-minded fellow Rotarians as we "lose ourselves in the service of others" and strive for positive peace in our World. She loves meeting and connecting with people from around the world. She has made so many, many friends from our Rotary world and through collaboration and partnerships together we help "Serve to Change Lives".

For Alka, family is very important and believes it comes first! Alka's husband, Dr. Kiran Khanolkar, is the Emergency Department Medical Director at Blessing Health Keokuk. They are parents of 3 daughters: Mridul is a Data Analyst Manager, Sarina is an Attorney working at a law firm in Chicago, and Priya works in the Film and TV Industry. They have two furry pets, Sabastian and Skai, whose unconditional love is infectious!