

District Governor Dennis Drager



Governor 2023-24 Dennis and Heidi Drager

Dennis Drager was raised on a farm a few miles outside of Tipton, Iowa where he developed a love for animals. Following high school graduation, Dennis enlisted in the Air Force, proudly serving as an electronics technician. Once he completed his service to our country, he pursued his passion to care for animals. Attending Iowa State University, Dennis earned his Doctor of Veterinary Medicine Degree in 1985. His early years in Veterinary medicine took him to Illinois and Wisconsin, but he knew he wanted to return to Iowa to build his career. In 1988 he purchased a companion animal practice in Marshalltown.

Dennis became an active community member. He has served as a Boy Scout leader, on the staff parish relations committee at his church, Vice-Commander of the American Legion Post 46, a trustee on the Susie F. Sower Trust and on the Animal Rescue League Board. He has also

served as Chair of the Chamber of Commerce and is a trustee of the Ann C. Keyser Trust.

Dennis is passionate about humanitarian service, which is evident in many ways. He served as a Marshalltown reserve police officer and as a Big Brother for several years. Following Hurricane Katrina he spent a week in Mississippi providing veterinary care to the many displaced animals affected by the disaster. He has been on Rotary mission trips to Xicotepac, Mexico and assisted with disaster cleanup efforts in Kentucky and Iowa following tornados. He also went to a project fair in Africa where he assisted in administering Polio vaccinations to children. Following this trip, Dennis assisted the Rotary Club of Marshalltown with a matching grant to drill wells in South Sudan.

Dennis joined the Rotary Club of Marshalltown in the year 2000. He has served in several club leadership roles as well as Assistant Governor from 2018-2022. The Draggers hosted a Brazilian Rotary Exchange student and consider that to be the highlight of their Rotary experiences so far. They would encourage all Rotarians to consider hosting. Dennis has also been a RYLA volunteer. He considers youth services to be an integral part of the future of Rotary and seeks to involve Interact and Rotaract members in District 6000 teams and programs.

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 retired from veterinary practice in 2020 and they moved to Urbandale to be closer to their 2 favorite little girls.

Heidi was born and raised in Marshalltown. She joined the Rotary Club of Marshalltown in 2021 where she helped start the evening club extension with 14 new members. She works for Allegiant Airlines and loves her fun, part time job that contributes to the Drager's passion for travel. Heidi was the Executive Director of the Animal Rescue League of Marshalltown for many years. She has served on the Marshalltown Convention and Visitors Bureau board, the Trustees for her church, the Marshalltown Chamber Ambassadors and she is a member of Chapter BB of PEO.

Together, they are excited to serve District 6000.