

District Governor Elect Bill Bruce

Bill has been a Rotarian for over 20 years and during that time has enjoyed several Rotary Club experiences. His first Rotary Club membership was the Rotary Club of Chariton, IA (1988-97). Then came the moves to Elroy, Wisconsin (1999), Morris, Illinois (1999-2010), and Denison, Iowa (2012 to present) with club membership in each community. Bill served as Rotary president of the Rotary Club of Denison in 2017-18 and 2021-23. In addition to local club membership Bill also serves on the District 6000 Board of Directors.

His “Rotary Resume” coincides with his career choice of healthcare leadership. This has enabled him to enjoy several communities as the local hospital CEO and member of the local Rotary Clubs. Bill retired from his career in healthcare leadership in December 2019. Bill is also a lifetime fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives.

Bill was born in Des Moines, grew up in Cambridge, attended ISU (BS in management) and the University of Iowa (MBA). Bill served in the US Naval Reserve from 1971 to 1975. During his undergraduate years Bill also worked as a paramedic in Ames and Ottumwa. He has always enjoyed a round of golf and appreciate all that Rotary offers and the experience “Service Above Self” in his daily life.



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He and his bride Bette met and were married in 1988. They had one son and currently enjoy time with family, friends throughout the midwest and the Rotary family of relationships that continue to provide inspiration in their journey.

District Governor Nominee Gretchen Nollman



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Gretchen Nollman**

Gretchen Nollman is a member of the Rotary Club of HOPE - Homeless Outreach, Prevention and Education. In her 10 years as a Rotarian, she has held multiple leadership roles. She currently serves as treasurer for the Rotary Club of HOPE. She is the District 6000, Learning Facilitator, Community Service Grant Co-Chair, Paul Harris Society Chair and on the Public Image Team. At the regional level, she served as an Assistant Rotary Public Image Coordinator and Lead Learning Facilitator for Rotary Region 36 (Zone 29 and 25B), working to support and guide Rotarians in strengthening their public image and expanding their knowledge of Rotary.

After college, Gretchen built a diverse career in agriculture, working internationally for over 12 years before spending most of her career in the Midwest. She grew up in larger cities and suburbs, moving frequently. This unique background gave her a fresh perspective in agriculture, allowing her to gain valuable insights. In June 2023, Gretchen transitioned from agriculture to the nonprofit sector, joining River Bend Food Bank in Davenport, IA. She started as the Food Sourcing Manager, overseeing food purchasing and managing donations from retailers, wholesalers, and manufacturers. Recently, she advanced to Director of Operations, where she leads the logistical and operational aspects of food distribution. In this role, she ensures that food reaches those in need efficiently and safely, contributing to the mission of feeding people today and ending hunger tomorrow.

Despite her career shifts, agriculture remains an integral part of her life. Gretchen and her husband Brian and daughter Anna live on a farm in Atalissa, IA, where they manage a 45-head cow/calf operation, producing club calves, replacement heifers, and feeder cattle.