

District Governor Mike Ruby



Governor 2017-18
Mike and Jo Anne Ruby

Mike and Jo Anne Ruby were married in 1969 and lived in Atchison, Kansas for several years. Mike taught high school business classes and Jo Anne was a consumer and family science instructor at Benedictine College. While living in Atchison they both earned a master's degree in education.

In 1978 they moved to Muscatine. Mike taught at Muscatine High School and Jo Anne was a Christian Education Director for a local church. In 1986 they became the Administrative Staff Couple for the Marriage Encounter Support Foundation, an international Christian ministry to strengthen marriages, where they were employed for 24 years.

Mike joined the Rotary Club of Muscatine in 1979 and served as president in 2004-05 and 2011-12. For several years he chaired the District Membership Committee, served as an Assistant Governor for

Area 9, and was active on several district committees.

They have attended international Rotary conventions in Japan, Chicago, Australia, and most recently, Atlanta. Mike is a member of the International Skiing Fellowship of Rotarians (ISFR) and has skied with the group in Canada, Alaska, Colorado, and Montana. In May 2014 they participated in a Rotary Friendship Exchange in New Zealand and Australia. In July 2014 Mike was a Rotary volunteer for RYLA. Later that year he was part of a team who went to Haiti to meet with residents who are directly benefitting from a District 6000 global grant that built 9 water wells.

They have 2 married children. Son Marcus (Kristen) live in South Carolina with their young son, Landon and their daughter Ellen (Allen) live in Ohio.

Retired since 2010, travel is a high priority for them, visiting most parts of the USA and as well as 25 countries. Mike writes a monthly newspaper column and has on his bucket list to author a book. He has ridden RAGBRAI five times, plays the piano (not very well), is active in his church and for some odd reason prefers to eat popcorn with chopsticks.

In addition to their church, The Rotary Foundation is their charity of choice. Mike & Jo Anne are Paul Harris Fellows and Bequest Society members. In addition, Mike is a member of the Paul Harris Society.

Mike looks forward to serving the Rotarians of District 6000. The 2017-18 theme *Rotary: Making a Difference* gives us an incentive to raise the *Service Above Self* bar. By working together as a team, the District 6000 Rotary Family can truly make a **big** difference, locally and globally.