

District Governor Tom Narak



**Governor 2018-19
Tom and Carol Narak**

Tom and Carol Narak have been married for 48 years. They have three married children: Son Tom and Marie, Daughter Jill and Kenny, and Daughter Susie and Colette. They have five Grandchildren with another one due in August and one Great Granddaughter. They also have a wonderful German Shorthair Pointer pheasant-hunting dog named Jake. Carol grew up in Watertown, South Dakota, and Tom grew up in Chicago. Tom and Carol met while both were students at Morningside College in Sioux City, Iowa. In addition to their Bachelor's Degrees from Morningside College, Tom has a Master's Degree from Northwest Missouri State University and a Doctorate of Education from The University of Nebraska-Lincoln, and Carol has her Master's of Education from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Both Tom and Carol are retired educators. Tom retired in 2011 as Superintendent of Schools in West Des Moines, IA. Carol retired in 2011 as the High School Teacher Librarian in Norwalk, IA. Tom began his career as a middle school science teacher. In addition to being a superintendent, he has been a principal at the elementary, middle, and high school levels. Carol also taught special education during her career. Since retiring as a superintendent, Tom has served as the Director of Government Relations for the School Administrators of Iowa. He retired from that position in April 2017.

Tom began his Rotary experience in Schuyler, Nebraska in 1979 while he was principal there. After moving back to Iowa, Tom belonged to the Rotary Club of Indianola serving as president there in 2003-04. He is a member of the Rotary Club of West Des Moines and was president there in 2013-14. Carol became a member of the Rotary Club of West Des Moines in January 2017. Tom has also served as the YEO for the West Des Moines Rotary club for several years. Tom and Carol enjoyed the Rotary International conference in Lisbon, Portugal in 2013 and in Atlanta in 2017. They have served as host parents for some wonderful Rotary Exchange students from several countries including Mexico, Norway, Taiwan, India, and Brazil. Tom and Carol have been actively involved in the Xicotepec Project for District 6000 since 2007. Tom served as the District 6000 Trainer for DGs Jacque Andrew and John Ockenfels during their terms. Tom and Carol both served as RYLA volunteers in the summer of 2016.

Tom serves on the Board of Trustees of Morningside College. He has served on the Board of The United Way of Central Iowa. Carol has served on the Board of the West Des Moines Friends of the Library. When it involves helping people, and especially children, Tom and Carol are both eager to help make a difference for disadvantaged people wherever needed. In 2018-19 they are asking all clubs and members to become actively engaged in helping to improve literacy for children; to partner with Prevent Child Abuse Iowa to help with the prevention of child abuse in Iowa in District 6000 and in collaboration with District 5970, and to make a strong push to support PolioPlus to help eradicate polio from the face of the Earth.