

# District Governor Corliss Klaassen

Corliss grew up on a farm near Pomeroy in northwest Iowa along with his three brothers. He received his Pharmacy Degree from Drake University in 1964 and worked in Rockford, Illinois as a pharmacist for 4 years. He then moved to Chariton in 1968 where he purchased his own independent pharmacy of which he owned and operated for 33 years until the pharmacy was sold to Hy-Vee Inc. in 2001.

In 1997 Klaassen Health Mart Pharmacy was awarded the title of National Health Mart Pharmacy of the Year. They appeared on National television featuring their store appearance, quality products and professional and caring service.

Corliss is currently employed as a pharmacist at the Hy-Vee Pharmacy in Chariton. He has been a Registered Pharmacist for the last 41 years, along with being a member of the Iowa Pharmacy Association and the American Pharmacy Association.

He is a Charter member of the Chariton Chamber & Development Corporation and served as a board member for Rathbun Area Health Services from 1975-1986. He has served as a member of the Board of Trustees for the Lucas County Health Center for the past 10 years and as Chairman of the Board for the last 2 years. He is also active in the First United Methodist Church and has served as Sunday school teacher along with Co-Chairman of the Trustees and various other committees.

Corliss has been a member of the Rotary Club of Chariton for 29 years serving as President in 1992-1993. He served as Assistant Governor for District 6000 under Dale Belknap, Herb Wilson, and Gary Pacha. He also served as District 6000 Rotary Foundation Committee Chair under Denny Skinner in 2003-2004.

Corliss and his wife Jeanne have attended 6 International Conventions located in Calgary, Canada; San Antonio, Texas; Barcelona, Spain; Brisbane, Australia; Osaka, Japan and Chicago, Illinois. They traveled on a Rotary Friendship Exchange trip to South Africa in 2001 and have hosted Group Study Exchanges from India and Columbia. In 2004 they traveled to India on a NID (National Immunization Day) for the eradication of polio. In March of 2005 they traveled to Xicotepec, Mexico with other team members from District 6000 to participate in the District 6000 Xicotepec Project with District 4180.

Both Corliss and Jeanne are multiple Paul Harris Fellows along with being major donors to The Rotary Foundation. They are members of the Bequest Society in support of the Permanent Fund of The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International and charter members of the Paul Harris Society.

Jeanne has been a Rotarian for 8 years and enjoys the opportunities Rotary has to offer both in their own community and the world as well. She is the President-elect for the Chariton Club and is currently the Program Chairman and the Youth Exchange Chairman for their club.

Prior to Jeanne's retirement she worked together with Corliss at their pharmacy. She is active in the community as well and has served as President of the Chariton Chamber & Development Corporation and President of the Chamber Foundation. She also has taught Sunday school, served as Chairman of the Administrative Board and various other committees at the First United Methodist Church. She also belongs to several community organizations and enjoys doing volunteer work, traveling and spending time with their children and grandchildren.

Corliss and Jeanne share 5 grown children (Mike in Polo, Mo; Spencer in St. Joseph, Mo.; Deborah in Glenwood, IA.; Vicki in Lexington, SC; Jodi in Lenexa, Kansas and 8 grandchildren (Sophie, Emily, Alex, Erik, Hannah, Henry, Connor and Julia).



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and Jeanne Klaassen