

District Governor Delwyn “Del” Bluhm

Del is a Professional Engineer (PE) and has spent 41 years in engineering design, research & development and engineering management. He recently retired after 39 years with Ames Laboratory of the US Department of Energy operated by Iowa State University. He was the Manager of R&D Engineering Services Group, was also the Nuclear Regulatory Commission Program Manager at Ames Lab and was a Principal Investigator on numerous projects.

Del’s previous positions included design engineer in power systems for the Stanley Engineering Company in Muscatine, IA and First Lieutenant, US Army Signal Corps at Fort Monmouth, NJ and the Ordinance Guided Missile School, Redstone Arsenal, Huntsville, AL.

Del is a graduate of Iowa State University with a B.S.-1958, M.S.-1964 and Ph.D.-1972 all in Electrical Engineering specializing respectively in the areas of: power systems design; optimal control and systems studies; and, data acquisition for computer simulation of nonlinear systems. Del is a member of: Eta Kappa Nu, National Electrical Engineering Honorary Society-1957; Tau Beta Pi, National Engineering Honorary Society-1958; and, Phi Kappa Phi, Academic Honorary Society-1996.



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Georgia received her B.S. degree from the College of Nursing, State University of Iowa in 1959, which included public health training and experience. Georgia is a member of Sigma Theta Tau the National Honorary Society of Nursing. She is a Registered Nurse (RN) and as such worked on the surgery floor at Mary Greeley Medical Center in Ames for several years. She then worked for McFarland Clinic for 30 years as an RN working in all of the Specialty Areas and for the last 16 years working in the Dermatology Department as a dermatology nurse until she retired in 1993.

On January 5, 1981 Del joined the Rotary Club of Ames. He has been active in club leadership as: club treasurer, 1984-1990; vice president, 1990-1991; and, president, 1991-1992. He continued to be active in the Rotary Club of Ames by serving as the Chair of the Orientation/Red Badge Fireside Committee most of the time during the period 1994-2003 and as the Chair of the New Member Charge Committee from 2002 to 2006.

Del and Georgia are Paul Harris Fellows as well as their daughter, Jennifer and son, David plus in 2004 they became charter members of the District 6000 Paul Harris Society. In 2005 they became members of the Bequest Society for supporting the Permanent Fund of The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International. They have participated in District 6000 Conference planning activities and have attended four Rotary International Conventions at: Philadelphia, PA in 1988; Mexico City in 1991; Chicago, IL in 2005; and, Malmo, Sweden – Copenhagen, Denmark in 2006. Del served as Area Representative for Fulfilling Our Promise: Eradicate Polio in District 6000 in 2002-2003 and as an Assistant Governor during 2003-2004. He was the District Rotary Foundation Committee Chair in 2004-05 and the District Website/Technology Committee Chair for District 6000 for Rotary Years 2004-2006. They attended the Zone Institute held on Mackinac Island, MI and Madison, WI for District Governor Nominee/Elect training in 2004 and 2005. They attended the 2006 International Assembly for Governor-Elects held in San Diego, CA last February 16-23, 2006.

Del and Georgia have hosted several Rotary International visitors on GSE Teams and other Rotarians from Mexico. In March of 2005 they traveled to Mexico to participate with other team members in the Districts 4180 and 6000-intergenerational Xicotepec project.

Georgia has been active in the Ames Community donating considerable time to knitting cuddle caps for newborn babies at Mary Greeley Medical Center and prayer shawls for her church. She is a 46-year member of Beta Sigma Phi, a social sorority where she has served as president several times. Georgia has also served other Ames Women’s groups and on church boards.

Del has served in several civic organizations including: the Ames Chamber of Commerce-Ames Quality Council; Boy Scouts of America Pack 196 and Elks Troop 196 as a Webelos Leader and as an Assistant Scoutmaster, respectively; the Central Iowa Draft Board; and, Special Olympics for the State of Iowa as a Rotary assistant. He chaired an Ames fund raising event for the Make-A-Wish Foundation in Iowa, plus other numerous committees, boards and the foundation within their church.

Del and Georgia have been married for 47 years and are parents of a daughter, Jennifer of Atlanta, GA and a son David of University Place, WA and are very proud to be the grandparents of four grandchildren. They have been active in the First United Methodist church of Ames, Iowa for 43 years.