## THOMAS B. "TOM" ASHFORD Past District Governor Rotary International District 6740

Tom has been a Rotarian since 1981, and served as president of the Rotary Club of Lexington during 1998-99. Since 1987 he has been on the district Rotary Youth Exchange Committee, serving as district chairman six years and district In-Bound chairman four times. He served as assistant governor 2000-2004 and District Governor for the eastern Kentucky area in 2007-2008. He is a graduate of the Rotary District Leadership Academy and served on the Rotary Leadership Institute Faculty. Currently, he is part of the faculty for the Rotary Leadership Institute. Tom is a Life Member of the International Fellowship of Scouting Rotarians.



In 2004, Tom was presented with the President's Cup by the Rotary Club of Lexington for outstanding service to Rotary, and in 2006 was presented with the Four Avenues of Service Citation by Rotary International. He is the Operations Chair for the six district Rotary Mid-South PETS and just finished his third term as Zone Regional Membership Assistant for three districts.

Tom is retired from Pieratt's Inc, an appliance, home entertainment and furniture retailer where he worked after graduating from Transylvania University in 1966. He currently serves as an Emeritus Member on the Board of Governors at the Shriner's Hospital for Children in Lexington. A 33 Degree Scottish Rite Mason he is President of the Scottish Rite Foundation of Central & Eastern Kentucky. Previously he served on the boards of the Better Business Bureau of Central and Eastern Kentucky, The Lexington Advertising Club, The United Way of the Bluegrass, the Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity Alumni Association and the Transylvania University Alumni Relations Board.

Tom and his wife Polky live in Harrodsburg and have four grown children and two grandsons.