

Michael P. Davanzo

District 6630 Governor for 2014-2015

Michael Davanzo was born in Youngstown, Ohio. His family moved to Boardman, Ohio, where he attended Boardman High School. Following his graduation from Boardman High School, he attended Kent State University to pursue his interest in classical languages.

At Kent, Mike majored in Latin and became a member of the service fraternity Alpha Phi Omega and was inducted into Kappa Delta Pi, which he later served as president. Following graduation from Kent, he shared his love of the classics with his students at Medina High School.

While at Medina High School, he became very involved in all phases of the school. He was the advisor to a number of clubs and became the chair of the Department of Foreign Languages. He helped to establish soccer as a varsity sport at Medina High and became the first coach of the team. He had to give up the job as coach in order to complete his residency requirement for this his Ph.D. in administration at Kent State University. More importantly, at Medina High School, he met his future wife, Judy Chiaramonte. They were married in 1989.

Before he completed his doctoral dissertation, Mike was named as Medina High School's director of athletics. In 1991, he successfully defended his dissertation and then spent the next 12 years in the athletic director position at Medina High. In 1996, he became a member of the Rotary Club of Medina Sunrise, but he was so busy with his job that he didn't have enough time to get really involved with the Rotary club other than to attend meetings.

As Medina High's athletic director, Mike became involved with the Northeast Ohio Athletic Directors' Association, eventually serving as its president. He was awarded the Northeast Ohio Athletic Director of the Year Award in 2003.

In 2003, Mike retired from teaching and finally had time for Rotary. He worked on a number of projects and committees, and he held several leadership positions, including serving as president of the club in 2008-09.

Dr. Davanzo's direct involvement at the district level began in 2010 when then-DG Stew Buchanan asked Mike to be an assistant governor for Medina County, with responsibilities for the Rotary Clubs of Brunswick, Lodi, Medina, Medina Sunrise, and Wadsworth. He has served on a number of district committees and as a facilitator for All-Ohio PETS.

Mike also volunteers in his community. He is a member of the Friends of the Cemetery and the Friends of the Library, which he has served as president. He and Judy are both very active in the Medina County Historical Society and both have served as its president.

Besides being active in these organizations, Mike enjoys historical travel and gardening. He has also worked part-time at the Medina County Board of Elections and the Carlson Funeral Homes in Medina and Brunswick. Mike and Judy Davanzo live in Medina.