



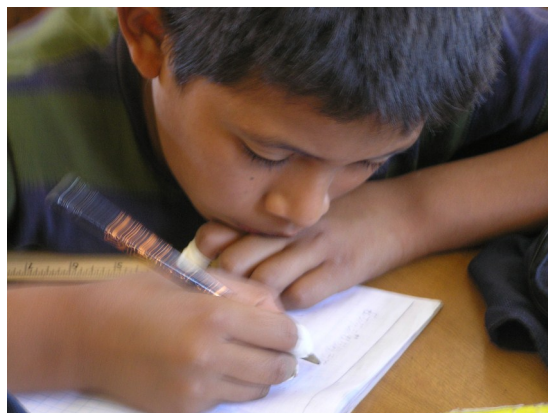
DEB WALTERS

Past District Governor, 7790 (northern Maine and southern Quebec)

Deb has used her knowledge and experience as an educator to improve the lives of a community of children and their families who live on the city dump in Guatemala. She will be speaking at the Conference about her work at Safe Passage, the literacy program in Guatemala, and she will also lead a panel on International Projects.

Deb Walters joined the Rotary Club in Unity, Maine, in 2002. Several years later, as she was preparing to become club President, she attended the Rotary Leadership Institute. That's when she was introduced to Safe Passage, the non-profit that assists the children of families who live and work on the Guatemala City dump. She was quickly enthused – and just as quickly she was asked to serve on the Board of Safe Passage. Since then, she has written and coordinated many Matching Grants to help support Safe Passage, and she has been president of the Board of Safe Passage for four years.

Her home club of Unity, Maine, selected her as Club Rotarian of the Year in 2007. The next year, she and her husband Chris Percival were recognized as Paul Harris Fellows for her literacy work in Guatemala and for his considerable support of those efforts. Both are Major Donors and Rotary Benefactors. Deb was District Governor in 2011-12 of D-7790 (northern Maine and southern Quebec).



She was graduated from Swarthmore College, and earned her Ph.D. in Neuro-communications from the University of Birmingham (England). She has over 25 years of experience as a cognitive scientist and university professor, including serving as dean, provost and senior vice president at University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, University at Buffalo, and Unity College in Maine.

Deborah and Chris live in Troy, Maine. She has two children and two grandchildren. She enjoys taking her folding sea kayak to remote areas of the Canadian Arctic and paddling alone from one village to the next, enjoying the wildlife, the land and especially learning about life from the Inuit and Inuvialuit she meets along the way. As a member of the Midcoast Art Guild, her art attempts to capture the beauty of the Canada Arctic, Guatemala and Maine in watercolors.