

**Assistant Governors
Rotary District 6270
2017-2018**



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Clubs: Manitowoc, Manitowoc Sunrise, Two Rivers

Karen is from Connecticut and moved to Plymouth, WI in 2000. She joined Plymouth Rotary in 2001 because someone asked her. Karen was 2005/06 Club President and secretary/treasurer for many years. She was the 2015/16 District Governor and 2009/13 Asst. Governor for Area J. As PDG she is the District Extension Chair and Polio-Plus Co-Chair. Karen is on the District Executive Board, WAS Board and PETS Council. She's a Major Donor, Paul Harris Society member, Benefactor and a multiple Paul Harris Fellow. She retired in 2012 after 37 yrs as Workers Compensation analyst for The Harford. She's a Green Bay Packer fan with a 'slight' interest in Clay Matthews. Her family has a summer home on Cape Cod, MA - her favorite place on the planet. She enjoys driving the roads less traveled where getting lost is half the fun.

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Raised in suburban Detroit, Craig has made his home in a variety of places in the Midwestern U.S., settling in Oshkosh 27 years ago. He joined the 110+ member Oshkosh Southwest Rotary Club in 1999, and has served in a variety of committee and board roles since then, including the presidency in 2008-09. He was presented with the club's Rotarian of the Year award in 2003.

Craig has also served in a variety of non-Rotary volunteer leadership roles within the Oshkosh community. He currently serves as a volunteer mediator for the Winnebago Conflict Resolution Center and is a co-organizer of the TEDxOshkosh conference.

Craig is the owner of the Oshkosh-based Web consulting and development firm Clareo Consulting, LLC, and has been married to his wife Heidi, a veterinarian, for 21 amazing years.

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Mark joined the Green Lake Rotary Club in October 2013 and was President from 2015-2016. He also is an Ordained Minister, where his wife and him perform music, and Gods word to residents at various assisted living centers, and nursing homes.. He and his wife, Carrie, have worked together on various projects in the surrounding communities promoting Rotary, and the Gospel.

Mark traveled as a professional musician in his younger days with showbands, and had the pleasure of working with many great entertainers like Roy Orbison, Tommy James, Ricky Nelson, Jon Conlee, and many others. He still performs today, playing in the praise band at Federated church in Green Lake, and with the Urban Hillbillies, based out of Coloma.

Mark and Carrie have 3 sons, 2 daughters, and 5 Grandchildren all residing in central Wisconsin.

**Area D:**

Mike Phillips

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Clubs: West Bend, West Bend Sunrise,
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Mike grew up in Chicago and has lived in Wisconsin since starting college in 1972. He lived in Appleton 1972 – 1985 and in West Bend since 1985. Mike is married to Judy, has 4 children and 10 grandchildren. In his career, he has worked in Engineering, Sales, Sales Management and General Management. Mike is currently the co-owner of a sales consulting firm, B2B Dynamix.

Mike joined Rotary in 2006, but after a year resigned due to job conflicts. In 2008 Mike joined West Bend Sunrise Rotary again and has been an active member since. Mike was Club President 2013 – 2014 and has served on the board 2011 – 2017. He has also been on the District Membership Committee since 2016. Mike has been on the board of the Rotary managed Enchantment in the Park since 2009, President for 3 years and is currently Vice President.

**Area E:**

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Clubs: Elmbrook, Mukwonago, Oconomowoc,

Wally joined the Elmbrook Rotary Club in 2003, and has served in various Club positions including; Vocational and Community Service Chair, Board Member, Sgt.-at-Arms, Secretary, VP, and President in 2011-2012. In 2010, Wally led a Group Study Exchange Team to Sweden and then served the District as the GSE and the Vocational Training Team Committee Chair from 2012-2016. In 2014, as part of an Elmbrook Rotary team, Wally and his son, Matt, traveled to Guatemala to work on service projects in Antigua. He is a multiple Paul Harris Fellow. Wally and Shirley, his wife of 37 years, have three grown sons and four grandchildren.

Wally's career included sales and sales management positions with IBM, Auto-trol Technology Corp, and Sun Microsystems. He is now retired and enjoys spending time in travel and golf, including volunteer stints at the U S Amateur, PGA Championship, Fed-ex Championship, and other tournaments.

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Clubs: Delavan-Darien, Elkhorn, Lake Geneva,
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John is a Charter Member of the Rotary Club of Elkhorn in 1969. He served as President in 1997-98 and in 2011-12. John is proud of receiving the club's Service Above Self award in 1990 and leading a Group Study Exchange team to Turkey in 1992. John and his wife, Jean, have hosted 5 Rotary Exchange Students and their own daughter was a Rotary Exchange Student to Brazil. John and his family are all Paul Harris Fellows.

John and Jean live on a golf course near Elkhorn and are active community members. John recently retired from commercial real estate. Jean retired after 30 years as a career counselor with Gateway Technical Collage. They have two children, a son, Chris and grandson Cole, in San Francisco, and daughter, Cary, and her husband, Ian, and grandchildren, Simone & Sam, in New York City.

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Jeannette Bell joined the West Allis Rotary Club in 2001. She has served her club as Sergeant of Arms, Secretary and Vice President. She was President for the 2010/2011 Rotary Year. She currently serves on the Club Board and has also served on the Club's Foundation Board. She is a multiple Paul Harris Fellow. Married to her husband Chet for fifty-five years, they have three children and five grandchildren. Jeannette retired from elected office in 2008 after over twenty-five years in public service. She first served as State Representative for over 13 years representing the West Allis area; she left that position to serve as Mayor of West Allis in 1996, a position she held for 12 years. She likes to travel, particularly to Rotary International Conventions, sew, garden and solve Sudoku puzzles.

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Clubs: Amigos de Milwaukee, Milwaukee, Milwaukee North Sunrise, Milwaukee North Shore, Mitchell Field

Thomas M. Plantenberg is married to Diane Simons Plantenberg. He was born and raised in St. Cloud Minnesota.

Tom joined his wife Diane as a partner in Simons Plantenberg Consulting, LLC, in 2008. Tom also serves as the Executive Director of the World Affairs Seminar. He moved the World Affairs Seminar to its current venue at Carroll University, restructured the organization operations and engaged new Academic Leadership.

Tom joined Rotary in Cincinnati, Ohio in 1990. Since that time he's been a member of Milwaukee Sunrise, Milwaukee Downtown and Milwaukee North Shore.

He spent 38 years in the Navy/Navy Reserve retiring as a Captain in 2007. Currently he serves as President of the Milwaukee Armed Forces Committee and President of the Navy League Milwaukee Council.

**Area I:**

Carl Sanders

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Founders, Burlington

Carl Sanders' is a proud member of the Kenosha Downtown Rotary Club. Sanders' has built a prosperous painting business---Sanders Painting. He is well respected in his church and has four children. It was when he had Rotarian's as his new group of friends that changed his life when they asked him to be sergeant-at-arms.

Carl had struggled growing up in North Carolina and hid his secret about not being able to read. The club rallied around Carl and supported him through learning to read with the help of Kenosha Literacy Council. He went on to get his GED diploma and is taking classes at Gateway Technical College. The club is a huge fan of Carl's and went on to support him in the role of President of the Club.

One of Carl's favorite hobbies is reading. In addition, he has a love for old cars and golfing.

Carl is excited to serve Rotary in his new role as Assistant Governor because Rotary is his passion.

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Kristin Blanchard started her tenure with Rotary as a Group Study Exchange Professional to Tasmania Australia in 2005. In 2008, Kristin joined the Sheboygan Rotary Club, the club that sponsored her on GSE. Taking leadership roles within her club, she made her way through the ranks to become Club President in 2014-2015. Kristin has had the opportunity to attend the RI Convention and Zone Conference attending the Emerging Leaders Training.

Kristin Blanchard is CEO of Lakeshore Community Health Center. She is involved in the Sheboygan Rotary Club, Past Chair of the Hispanic/Latino Task Force, Past Program Committee Chair and Board Member of Catholic Charities, Past Campaign Co-Chair for the non-profit division of United Way, and Co-Leader of Healthy Sheboygan County 2020. In her spare time Kristin enjoys spending time with her husband and Rotarian Michael Stearns, her four step-children, family and friends, working on renovating her home, and traveling.



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Terry joined the Mequon-Thiensville Sunrise club in 2006 and was club president from 2012 - 2013. He is a multiple Paul Harris Fellow and has led many events including their signature fund raising event – LobsterFest – Haunted Halloween and the Teen Job Fair.

Terry is President of Express Employment Professionals with offices in Mequon and Jackson, Wisconsin. Recently ranked as the 2nd largest staffing company in the United States, they specialize in light industrial, administrative and professional staffing.

In addition to Rotary, Terry has served in the Mequon-Thiensville Chamber of Commerce as President, and is an active volunteer in the Boy Scouts of America, serving on the Executive Board of Bay Lakes Council.

Terry and his wife, Cindy, have been married for almost 30 years. They have three children – Brad, Kimberlee and Adam.

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Lisa moved to the Neenah area in 2002 after growing up in Stevens Point, attending college at UW-Madison, and living in the Minneapolis/Saint Paul area. She is happy to call the Fox Valley 'home'. She has been married to her husband Matt for 12 years and they have two children, Lauren (9) and Jack (7). She is an independent financial advisor at Marketplace Financial Group, a career she truly enjoys. Since she is a working Mom of two young children, and her current club's President, she does not have time for any extracurricular activities but does enjoy running, hiking, and reading when she gets the chance.



Area M:
Liz Tobolt

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Liz grew up on a dairy farm in Hartland, Wisconsin. She was selected to District 6270's Group Study Exchange (GSE) team to Bangalore, India in 2002. It was on this month-long trip that Liz first experienced the significant impact of Rotary. Liz joined the Hartland-Lake Country Rotary Club where she has served in a number of positions including Club President 2010-11. Liz has visited Rotary clubs throughout the world including clubs in Japan, Poland, Ireland, Germany, and Benin, Africa. Liz participated in a Polio National Immunization Day in Benin, Africa in 2009, vaccinating hundreds of children against the crippling polio virus. Liz has been honored to host multiple GSE members in her Hartland home.

Liz began selling real estate with First Weber at 19 years old and continues to do so today. Recently Liz graduated with a J.D. from Marquette University Law School and now also has a small law office where she practices real estate law.

Liz is married to Adam and has a 3-year old daughter, Ava.



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Tre grew up in Wauwatosa and joined Rotary thirty years ago in 1986 as a Charter Member of the Wauwatosa-Mayfair Club and served as the club's first Membership Chair. His career took him to Sheboygan where he joined the Sheboygan (Monday noon) Rotary Club in 1999 serving as Vice President, Foundation Board member and Coho Derby Vice-Chair. In 2006 he began working in Berlin, WI and joined the Berlin Rotary Club serving as its President in 2009-10. He became a member of the District's Visioning Team in 2002 and remains a facilitator today. His family was privileged to host a RYE student from Australia for an entire year in 2002. When his career took him to Lima, OH he joined the Lima Rotary Club and was International Service Chair in 2012. He currently works for Rawhide and is a member of the Rotary Club of Milwaukee Amigos After Hours where he served as President 2014-16 and currently is Foundation Chair and Board member. He became a District Membership Committee member from 2015-present and Assistant Governor in 2016.

Tre is married to Cathy, has 3 grown daughters and 2 beautiful granddaughters.