



BILL SHORT

2013 – 2014

Rotary Club of Oroville Sunrise



William “Bill” Short served as the 19th District Governor in District 5180. He joined the Rotary club of Oroville Sunrise in 1997 with the classification of Attorney. His sponsor was Gary Grant, retired Chief of Police. Ron Burton of Norman, Oklahoma was the Rotary International President that year and his International Theme was “Engage Rotary, Change Lives.” Bill chose “Linking Hands and Hearts in Service” for his District theme. Bill’s overall goal for his year was to energize all Rotarians and clubs to build membership and generate more service. In that effort his class of District Governors was known as Energizers and he presented an Energizer pin at each club visit for the most energetic member as nominated by the club president.

Bill’s wife, Alma, accompanied him on nearly all his club visits. Bill noted he couldn’t single out one club that impressed he and his wife the most. He stated that they were amazed and impressed with the wide variety and number of service projects being performed by the clubs. One particular project that left an indelible imprint in their memory was sponsored by the Rotary clubs of Gridley, Oroville, Oroville Sunrise and Colusa (District 5160). Dan Boeger, long time member of the Rotary Club of Gridley, lead a Vocational Training Team (VTT) from District 5180 to Liberia and with a \$90,000 grant, provided multiple health and water projects to several local villages. The project is continuing in that the clubs are still sending over ideas, pumps, and parts to keep things in operation. One village there where the team taught how to make soap and wash hands had zero ebola cases in their first year. Bill is convinced such would not have been the case had Dan’s team not been there.

Bill’s District Conference was at the Silver Legacy in Reno on May 2 thru 4 2014. One of his most memorable events for his year was his Conference speaker, Shawn Hogan, a very motivational speaker. He also had PRIP Rick King and Polio survivor Penny Legate as guest speakers. The Rotary Club of Laguna Sunrise was selected as the Outstanding Club of the year.

Bill stated he became a “True Rotarian” after spending a week at RYLA and witnessing how much the experience impacted the lives of these future Rotarians.

Both Bill and Alma are both multiple Paul Harris Fellows. Bill passed away in June 23, 2016 after a brief illness.