



TOM CAMPTON

1998 – 1999

Rotary Club of Gridley



Tom Campton served as the 4th District Governor in District 5180. He joined the Rotary club of Gridley in 1983 with the classification of “Utility Service”. His sponsor was Bill Burleson. James L Lacy from Tennessee was the Rotary International President that year and his *International* Theme was “Follow Your Rotary Dream.” Tom chose “Back to the Basics, While Having Fun” for his District theme. Tom’s had three primary goals for his year. Two involved International projects; wheel chairs to Tunisia and a \$250,000 combined grant to the Heart Clinic in India. His third goal for his year was to achieve 100% club participation in donating to the Rotary Foundation.

Tom’s most memorable element of his year was serving the clubs and watching them grow as they strove to reach the goals set by DG Tom. He was most impressed how the clubs joined together by combining grants to achieve the \$250,000 needed by the India Heart Center. That combined effort by the clubs made a lasting impression on Tom that he will never forget. Tom inspired the clubs to collect donations to purchase and ship 500 wheel chairs to Tunisia.

Tom held his District Conference at John Asquaga’s Nugget in Sparks, Nevada on May 21 -23, 1999. Tom participated in the Group Study Exchange program in his DG year and had an exchange with District 3250 from India. Both the outgoing and incoming GSE teams attended Tom’s conference. The outstanding club on the year was the Rotary Club of Orangevale.

Tom noted he became a “True Rotarian” with his service to his community. He was chosen “Rotarian of the Year” by his club in 1989. In 2002, Tom served as the GSE team leader to District 4870 in Argentina. He and his wife, Marjorie are multiple Paul Harris Fellows, Benefactors and members of the Paul Harris Society. They have also made their children and grandchildren all Paul Harris fellows. Tom is the recipient of two major awards from Rotary International; the Membership Development and Extension Award in 1999 and the Service Above Self Award in 2002.

Outside of the District, Tom has represented the District at the Council on Legislation in Evanston, served as an instructor at Far West PETS and served various roles at the Zone Institutes.

Tom’s advice to a prospective District Governor is just 6 words; “*Plan, Plan, Plan, work and enjoy*”.