



JACK ARNEY

2018 – 2019

Rotary Club of Roseville

Jack Arney was the 24th District Governor in District 5180. He joined Rotary club of Roseville in 2008 with the classification of “Lending Services”. His sponsor was Michael Reiner. Barry Rassin of the Bahamas was the Rotary International President and his International theme was “Be the Inspiration”. Jack’s goals for his year focused on members contributing to The Rotary Foundation, to live the Rotary theme and to have all District Rotarians be prouder being a Rotarian at the end of the year than they were are the beginning.

Jack’s most memorable experience of his year was directing the Districtwide support for the victims of the Camp Fire that destroyed the community of Paradise. Although Paradise is in a neighboring Rotary district, a considerable number of District 5180 Rotary clubs stepped up with food, clothing as well as monetary support. District 5180 donated over \$150,000 to be used for the victims of this, the most damaging fire in the history of California. Jack himself work alongside the Rotarian volunteers to provide much needed aid to those less fortunate. Such Rotary support is a memory he will never forget.

Concerning community projects; Jack was most impressed with the work of the Rotary Club of Laguna Sunrise in chartering an Interact Club in a local Teen center. He was amazed on what all was involved and the great results it produced. The ongoing Human Trafficking project served as the International project for his year given that

Rotary Districts in other countries were providing funding in addition to a major grant from Rotary International.

Jack opted to take a unique approach with his District Conference; A one day event in the District on May 18th. It was the first of its kind and held at the Citrus Heights Community Center. The conference delivered much of what has been shared in prior conferences and was by far, one of the least expensive District conference ever held. Being just a single day and local, many first time Rotarians registered for the event. The award for the most Inspirational Club of the year was shared by the Rotary Clubs of Gridley and Oroville for their community service following the Paradise fire.

Jack noted he became a “true” Rotarian when he traveled to Zacapu, Mexico to visit a clean water project his Rotary club had undertaken.

Both Jack and his wife, Maureen, are multiple Paul Harris Fellows, major donors, and members of the Bequest Society and the Paul Harris Society. Their daughter, Isabela, is a member of the Del Oro High School Interact Club and traveled to Bolivia as a RYE student during Jack’s year as District Governor.

Outside of the District, Jack has served as aide to PRIP Mat Caparas at the 2019 Far West PETS.

Jack’s recommendation to an aspiring District Governor is “Lead, don’t manage and be sure you take care of your members”.