



J. B. Roberts

District Governor 1997-1998
Rotary International District 5730

Hunger Plus, Inc. – International Chairman
The Rotary Foundation – Chairman, District 5730
The Hunger Task Force – International Chairman; 2001-02
Hunger & Poverty Advisor to President Bhichai Rattakul; 2002-03
World Community Service International Committee; 2003-04

J. B. Roberts is a sixth generation Texan growing up in Plainview, Texas. He graduated from Baylor University in 1950 with a Bachelor of Business Administration Degree. He received a direct commission in the United States Air Force in 1951 in the Office of Special Investigation (OSI).

He has been a member of the Plainview Rotary Club since 1958. During his presidency, the Plainview Rotary Club received the honorable distinction of being recognized as the “Outstanding Club of the Year” in District 5730. In addition, he was personally recognized as the “Rotarian of the Year” in District 5730. J. B. served as District Governor of District 5730 in 1997-98. J. B. served as the 2000-01 District 5730 Rotary Foundation Chairman. He and his wife, Ramona, are major donors and benefactors. In 1999, J.B. received Rotary International’s Citation for Meritorious Service. He served as the International Chairman for the RI Hunger Task Force under RI President, Rick King. In 2003, J. B. served on the committee for Presidential Conference under RI President, Jonathan Majiyagbe. J. B. is very active with Hunger Plus, Inc., serving as its Chairman since its inception in 1998. Hunger Plus, Inc. is a 501c3 organization comprised mostly of Rotarians who raise money to send food and humanitarian goods to the starving and needy people of the world.

In the Rotary Year 2004, J.B. was the recipient of the “Service Above Self” award, Rotary International’s highest honor for individual Rotarians. This award recognizes up to 150 Rotarians annually who have demonstrated exemplary humanitarian service. In 2005, J.B. was the recipient of the Distinguished Service Award from the Rotary Foundation. In 2006, J.B. received the John Ben Shepperd Texas Leadership Award as Outstanding Local Leader. And in May 2007, the Department of Transportation Federal Aviation Administration presented him with the Wright Brothers “Master Pilot” Award for having his private pilot’s license for over 50 years and furthering the cause of aviation safety.

In 1992, he retired from his own realty firm, J. B. Roberts and Associates. He is active in Gideons International and teaches an adult Sunday school class. In addition, he has served as President and Director of several civic organizations both local and statewide.

J. B. and Ramona have maintained an active interest in genealogy and history. He is a member of Sons of American Revolution, Sons of the Republic of Texas, the Jamestown Society, Sons of Confederate Veterans, and Alamo Defenders Descendents Association. They have three children, Randall, Sarah and Drury. Both of his sons are active Rotarians and Paul Harris Fellows and benefactors. In addition they are the proud grandparents of six grandchildren, three great-granddaughters and one great-grandson.