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Michael Graves is a second generation Rotarian, one of three generations of Paul Harris Fellows, and a pilot. A urologic surgeon with degrees from Harvard, UCLA, he completed his residency at the University of Iowa. He currently serves a large region as the only Urologist between Amarillo and Lubbock in the Texas panhandle.

A Rotarian since 1982, Graves served as Plainview's President in 1995-96, its Polio Plus co-chairman for successful drives in 1987 and again in 2002. He was named District 5730 Rotarian of the Year in 1991-1992. His Rotary specialty has always been international service. As an instrument-rated multiengine pilot with 5,000 hours of flight time, Graves began flying medical and school supplies to Mexico's District 4110 in 1990. He organized efforts to provide two ambulances to Plainview's sister Rotary club in Parral, Chihuahua, Mexico. Michale is a multiple Paul Harris Fellow, a Major Donor, and a Charter Member of District 5730 Paul Harris Society.

Formerly South Central Section Captain for the Americas wing of the International Fellowship of Flying Rotarians, Michael has piloted aircraft over six continents and spoken to Rotarians on five. Crossing the equator four times and the arctic circle twice, he has flown his aircraft to visit Rotarians in South America, France, Australia, New Zealand and the farthest north Rotary club in the world, Barrow, Alaska. As a commercial glider pilot, Graves in 2006 set the Texas State Sport Class Distance to a Goal Record with a 600 km flight over three states. In 2005 he was elected president of the Caprock Soaring Club in Littlefield, TX a position he held until 2011. He is the current IFFR World President, a position he will hold until 2014.

Graves led our GSE team to India in 1995 and toured South African Rotary with our friendship exchange group in 1997. After his family hosted Rotary exchange students from four continents, his daughters Ann (Budapest, Hungary) and Emily (currently a law student, writer and international traveler, Buenos Aires, Argentina) each spent a year abroad as Rotary exchange students. Youngest daughter Liz, a Vassar graduate in mathematics and geology, is preparing for Episcopal seminary. Michael is a member of Self-Realization Fellowship. When not occupied with Rotary, medicine, and soaring, Michael enjoys bicycling, skiing, hiking, motorcycling, international travel, and reading.