



Carmen Hansen is District 5610 Membership Chair, past President of Rapid City Rushmore Rotary Club and has been a member of Rotary since 2007. She grew up in South Dakota and has lived in Aberdeen, Mitchell, Yankton, Winner and Cherokee, Iowa. Carmen and Gary Hansen have two children, five grandchildren and enjoy golfing and traveling. Gary and Carmen also traveled extensively early in their marriage, living in Japan, when Gary was in the Navy. Her passion is supporting families and students, which is why she joined Rotary. Prior to retirement, Carmen was Program Officer for a private foundation.



Jenna Buscemi is a native of Houston, Texas and has been involved in Rotary since her father, Charles, joined when she was 7. Jenna joined Interact and was an officer of her club. She was the Rotaract District Governor for D5890 2016/17 and was the districts first dual member for Rotaract & Rotary. She just finished her first year of the president of her Rotary club, The Rotary club of Houston Energy Corridor. Jenna continues to stay busy in her club, district, and zone while staying passionate about Rotaract.



Past District Governor (2016-17) Ed Jacobson began his Rotary journey as a member of the largest club in Eugene, Oregon. Since joining the Pierre/Fort Pierre Rotary Club in 1993, Jacobson has served as club secretary, president and, for ten years, executive secretary. He is a Paul Harris Fellow, member of the Paul Harris Society, and a Major Donor to The Rotary Foundation. Ed has served District 5610 as Membership Retention Chair, Asst. Governor, District Trainer and chaired the first District Foundation raffle and co-chaired the second.

In 2006 he was named "Outstanding Rotarian" in District 5610 and in 2007 was awarded The Rotary Foundation District Service Award. He served as a Rotary Leadership Institute facilitator.

Jacobson grew up in Oregon and graduated from Oregon State University. He met his wife Sandy while on a fund-raising consulting job in Pierre. They married in the fall of 1992. Sandy retired from her position as Director of Pharmacy at Avera St. Mary's Hospital in Pierre in 2015.

Most of Jacobson's professional career was in nonprofit fundraising and management. As a fundraising consultant, he completed 17 jobs in ten different states. He has also served as Press Secretary for an Oregon Congressman, country club manager, and manager of the U.S. Men's Volleyball Team.

Both Ed and Sandy are avid golfers. They distinguished themselves at their home Hillsview Golf Course in Pierre by having the first (Sandy) and last (Ed) holes-in-one of the year in 2014.



Originally from Madagascar, Tahiry first obtained a bachelor's degree in statistics at the university of Antananarivo. Then he moved to France to pursue his master's degree in actuarial science. Tahiry has

many years of risk management experience while working as an actuary analyst for an insurance company in France.

Then his passion for history and diplomacy brought also Tahiry to earn a Master's degree in International Relations from CEDS (Center for Diplomacy and Strategic Studies) in Paris. In 2015, he moved in the Black Hills to pursue an MBA from Black Hills State University.

Since 2018, Tahiry has been involved in higher education. Tahiry taught Management Information Systems at Black Hills State University in Spearfish and Economics at John Witherspoon College in Rapid City.

Tahiry joined Rotary in 2015 at Northern Black Hills Rotary. Rotary was not something new for him. He grew up in a Rotarian environment in Madagascar; his dad is a long time Rotarian. Her sister and brother are also all Rotarians. For Tahiry, Rotary means more than a service. He considers Rotary as a way of life.



Heidi Bell Gease grew up in Spearfish and graduated from the University of Wyoming with a degree in journalism. She was a reporter for the Rapid City Journal for nearly 20 years, covering everything from courts to local government to Native American issues.

She later worked for Helpline Center, a non-profit organization that operates a free 24/7 information line. She is currently a freelance writer and manager of a household that includes two busy teenagers. While Heidi was at the Journal, Peggy Sagen – the paper's editor and a Rotarian – suggested she apply for a Group Study Exchange to New Zealand. She spent four meaningful weeks there in 1996, learning more about Rotary and making lifelong friendships. After a return visit in 2015, she joined Rushmore Rotary. She currently serves as the club's Rotaract liaison and as District Rotaract chair.

(Fun fact: Heidi's grandfather, Hans Skak Pedersen, served as secretary of the past Sturgis Rotary Club in 1949-1950!)