



**Ray Freaney**  
**District Governor Elect**  
**Rotary District 7474**

Ray was born in Buffalo, New York. His family moved to New Jersey in 1964. He attended New Providence High School and went on to Union County College and St. Francis College where he majored in Business Administration. He and his wife Suzanne have been married since 1981 and have one daughter, Caitlin, who lives in Richmond, Virginia.

Ray joined the Phillipsburg Rotary in 1996 when he wanted to become involved in his work community. In 1998, he became Club President and it was during that year the world of Rotary opened up for him. He attended every District event and function and this new found awareness instilled a passion for service and becoming involved. It was during this time that Ray and Suzanne were introduced to the “Gift of Life” with Suzanne becoming a member of “Gift of Life” and subsequently becoming President of “Gift of Life International” for four years. Both Ray and Suzanne are Paul Harris Fellows and she was named an Honorary member of District 7470 in 2017.

In 1999, Ray served as a Governor’s Representative and in 2000-2001 was an Assistant Governor and again in 2010 – 2011, and 2011 - 2012. In 2006 – 2007, he became President of the Phillipsburg Rotary for a second time. He believes a strong Club President is needed to effectively serve the community.

In 2013, Ray transferred to the Madison Rotary Club as his role within his company transitioned and he became President in 2015-2016.

He has held numerous positions in District 7470. He chaired the Presidents’ Ball in 2003, 2006 and 2013 and coordinated the Group Study Exchange from 2011 – 2014 with exchanges from India, Peru and Brazil. He was the District Conference Chair in 2014 – 2015 as well as a member of the Conference Committee three other years. Ray also served on the District Finance and Foundation Committees multiple years and was the District Treasurer from 2014 – 2017. Having worked recently with the merger committee, Ray is enthusiastic about the engaged Rotarians he has met and worked with and believes the future of District 7475 is very promising.

Retired from a 45-year career in the chemical and bulk pharmaceutical industry, Ray spent the majority of his time as a Plant Manager. The last 3 years of his career he worked in new business development. In it’s inaugural year in 2004, Ray received the President’s Award from Gulbrandsen Technologies.