



**Peter Wells**  
**Past District Governor**  
**2019 PETS Chair**

Peter is the son of PRID Ray Wells, and thus raised to be a Rotarian! Peter joined the Paramus Rotary Club in 1981. Peter's son, Phil, and his wife, Linda, are also Rotarians, and his daughter and son-in-law are Public School Teachers. The Wells Family believes in Community Service.

Peter served as the Paramus Rotary Club President in 1985 and on District 7490 committees starting in 1986. He left the Paramus Club to join his home town club, the Park Ridge Rotary Club, and served as its President in 2005. Peter went on serve as Chief of Staff in 2009, Disaster Relief Chair in 2012 and then finally as District Governor in 2015-16.

The part of Rotary that Peter finds the most successful and appealing is that Rotary is flipped upside down! The Rotarian decides what they want to do and uses the vast resources, worldwide influence and success of Rotary to accomplish it. It's bottom up, not the typical corporate top down. **Peter believes one of the most important jobs in Rotary is Club President.** He claims that you are the person best positioned to facilitate a Rotarian's success. Peter aspires to be a PETS Chair that supports each Club President in their quest to help each Rotarian fully connect with the power of Rotary.

Peter and Linda are Paul Harris Fellows, Major Donors, Benefactors and Bequest Society Members. Peter is the recipient of the NJ Rotary Vocational Assembly Award, District 7490 Walter D. Head Foundation Awards, Rotarian of Year, the Governor's Award and the Arthur Fenniman Award for services reported in the Rotarian Magazine.

Peter is a former Councilman and Church Elder who best loves his newest title, Poppy! Peter and Linda travel often to Florida to see their three grandchildren. Trips also include District and International conferences, which already total more than 20! Peter, an architect who graduated from Rhode Island School of Design, works and resides in Park Ridge, New Jersey. His architectural business specializes in commercial and client specific buildings, creating diverse project types, clever solutions and happy clients.