

Mike Polasek District Governor 2021-22, Rotary District 7210, Hudson Valley NY Mid-Northeast PETS 2021 Chairperson

Mike Polasek's commitment to service began as a member of the Boy Scouts, where he earned his Eagle Award at age 15. Mike joined Rotary in 2015 as a member of the LaGrange-Sunrise Rotary Club where Mike quickly gained a deep appreciation for what Rotary can do for our local communities and the world beyond. He served as President of his Club in 2016-17, then as an Assistant Governor for the 6 clubs in his Dutchess County Region, and is now humbled by the opportunity to serve in 2021-22 as **District Governor of Rotary District 7210**, where he will work alongside a hardworking and dedicated Executive Team consisting of the current Governor line as well as exceptional Past District Governors. District 7210 consists of 1540 members in 56 Clubs serving the eight counties in New York's Hudson Valley. Mike is a Paul Harris Fellow and a Bequest Society Member of The Rotary Foundation.

Rotary's motto of "Service above Self" can be seen in other areas of Mike's life beyond Rotary. Mike is a Legislator in the Dutchess County Legislature where he represents the over 12,000 members of his community. Mike is also dedicated to the development of Parks & Recreation, as he sits on the LaGrange Recreation Advisory Board.

Mike Polasek is a lifelong resident of the Hudson Valley. He attended the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, NY and graduated with his Bachelor's in Business Management. Since 2005 Mike has owned and operated **Simply Gourmet**, a full-service catering company specializing in approachable, up-scale comfort food and is dedicated to sourcing ingredients locally as much as possible. Mike enjoys working with his Clients to create memories that will last a lifetime.