



James A. (Jim) Mattes

Jim has have been a member of the Shawnee Mission Rotary since 1996 and has enjoyed the club activities and fellowship. He served on the Board of Directors and has chaired all of the Club committees. As the Centennial President, Jim led the club to the International Convention in Chicago and in building a house for a poor family in Agua Prieta, Mexico. As District Membership Chair for three years, his team grew the District to previous membership levels. He served as an Assistant Governor for one year. Jim's most meaningful accomplishment is to be a charter member of the District's Paul Harris Society. As a multiple Paul Harris, a Sustaining Member and a Benefactor he has helped his Club to be on its way in becoming a 100% Paul Harris Club.

Jim was born and raised in Johnstown, Pennsylvania. He graduated from Bishop McCort High School and then entered the United States Air Force, serving in Japan, Southeast Asia, and at McConnell AFB, Wichita, Kansas. Upon discharge he was employed by RCA Avionic Systems for 15 years; the last five as District Sales Manager, East Coast. Jim returned to Kansas and a career change. He started Mattes Appraisal Company with his partner Elaine at his side. Since that time they have traveled to Peculiar, Missouri, Bird in Hand, Pennsylvania and other exotic places throughout the country.

Jim has five wonderful grandchildren who occupy most of his free time outside of Rotary. When he has a minute, fishing, golf and watching the Royals take the place of work. Jim has two sons, Matt and Ryan and three step children, Debbie, Brian, and Curtis.