

District Governor Elect John Ockenfels

My Rotary experience started in 1986 when I was invited to join the Iowa City Rotary Club. In 1988 I became a member of the committee to start a new Rotary Club in Iowa City. We chartered the Iowa City AM Rotary Club in January 1989 and I have been a member of this Club since that time.

I was active as a board member for almost 10 years. I served as the chair of several committees including Community Service, Foundation, and Vocational Service. I was pleased to serve as President of our club for the 1998-1999 year.

I have served on several District committees including Permanent Fund, Polio Eradication and Rotaplast - cleft lip repair (now known as Iowa M.O.S.T.). I have served on the board of FAMSCO (Fire And Medical Supply Company) since 1996. FAMSCO is a 501c3 program that collects and distributes used fire fighting supplies and medical equipment to Rotary partners in Mexico and Central America.



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In 1988 I attended the International Convention in Indianapolis. In 2002 I participated in an NID program and World Polio Conference in Mumbai, India. I have been on 2 trips working supporting our Rotary partners in Xicotepec, Mexico.

My wife Deb and I are benefactors and members of the Bequest society. I am a member of the Paul Harris Society and a major donor. I was raised in Cedar Rapids and Iowa City and I attended the University of Iowa. I served in the Air Force from 1972 to 1976. During this time I spent 2 years flying as a crew member on AC-130 aircraft in Thailand.

In 1977 I became the manager of our family business “City Carton Recycling”. I retired as company CEO in October of 2010. I have served on several boards and commissions throughout my career. These include the Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries, Iowa City Airport Commission, Iowa Recycling Association, Stearman Flight, Habitat for Humanity, American Cancer Society, Hope Lodge committee and many more. My primary hobby is flying and maintaining antique training airplanes from World War II, and teaching formation flying.

My wife, Deb, and I have been married since January 1978. We have a son, Dan, and a daughter, Kristin. Deb graduated from St. Luke’s School of Nursing and worked as a surgical nurse for the University of Iowa Hospitals for the next 32 years. She still maintains her license today. Deb also owned and operated a commercial horse boarding and training facility for over 10 years. In her free time she enjoys her hobbies of Quilting, maintaining a saltwater reef aquarium and taking care of our horses and cats.

Together we look forward to experiencing the many opportunities Rotary has to offer over the next few years.