

District Governor Nominee Loring Miller



**Governor 2015-16
Loring and Phyllis Miller**

Loring is a third generation Rotarian. His grandfather was a founding member of the Rotary Club of Leon in 1926. So, Rotary International has been a positive influence throughout Loring's life. Loring was President of the Rotary Club of Leon, now the Rotary Club of Decatur County, in 1980, and he was the first Paul Harris Fellow in that club.

He is a graduate of Northwest Missouri State University and The University of Missouri at Kansas City. While in graduate school, Loring met his life companion Phyllis, also a Rotarian, attending the School of Pharmacy at UMKC. They returned to Leon in 1971 to follow business interests and raise their family. Loring has retired as President of Miller Insurance Agency, Ltd. and Phyllis recently retired as President of Decatur Family Pharmacy, Inc. both in Leon. Their son Farrel works in Kansas City. He and wife Michelle have two wonderful daughters. Their son Caskey works in New Orleans. His career was advanced by Rotary New Generation Exchanges in Argentina and Taiwan.

During Loring's first 20 years in Rotary he was involved in numerous community projects; however, he believes that he first became a Rotarian when PDG Ken Noble introduced him to the world of Rotary beyond community borders with an invitation to join the District 6000 Youth Exchange Committee. Loring has served on that committee for over 25 years, ten as Chairman. He was appointed to the 2000-2001 Rotary International Youth Exchange Committee and the 2001-2002 Rotary International Youth Resource Committee. In 2002-2003, he served as President of the USA/Canada Youth Exchange Network, now North American Youth Exchange Network. In 2010-2011, he was President of South Central Rotary Youth Exchange (SCRYE). Loring and Phyllis have hosted five Rotary exchange students.

Other district and Rotary activities include: Governor's Representative, establishing "Tour USA" for exchange students, Coordinator of the Simon Estes South African Youth Project, establishing RotaKids in Iowa serving as Co-Chairman, Chairman Public Relations Committee, Assistant Governor, Coordinator New Generations, RYLA Co-Chairman, speaker at five Rotary International Pre Convention meetings and Coordinator of youth activities at the New Orleans Convention. He is the recipient of the Rotary International Four Avenues of Service Citation and The International Service Award for a Polio-Free World.

Loring and Phyllis have served Rotary and the children of the world in many ways: as volunteers for polio immunization in India and Nigeria, as initiators of a cataract surgery project in India, as volunteer labor to build a school in Mexico and an orphanage in China and as presenters of technology to a medical facility in an Amazonian Village. They are Rotary Foundation Benefactors and members of the Bequest Society, charter members of the District 6000 Paul Harris Society and Major Donors.

Loring is President of the Decatur County Historical Society, Leon Zoning and Planning Commission and numerous other volunteer community activities. He is the recipient of the Leon Outstanding Citizen Award, Iowa Governor's Leadership Award, Iowa Volunteer Hall of Fame Award, numerous Iowa Governor Volunteer Awards and the Iowa State Fair "Iowan for A Day".