



Special Announcement

It was officially announced on February 18, 2013 by RI President Sakuji Tanaka that **John K. "Jack" Best**, of the Rotary Club of Penfield, New York, has been elected as a Director to serve the remainder of Director Elizabeth S. "Betsy" Demaray's term.

Jack will be serving as Director for Zones 28 & 29 of which District 7120 is part of. Zones 28 & 29 has 29 districts - 1545 clubs.

Past District Governor Jack's Rotary involvement began in 1972 when he joined the Margaretville Rotary Club located in the central Catskill Mountains. Because of job relocations his membership in Rotary moved to Sodus, Caledonia -Mumford and finally ending up with the Penfield Rotary in 1979 where he has served as club president in 1990-1991.

At the district level - in 1979 Jack joined the District 7120 Youth Exchange Committee. He chaired the program from 1982 - 1985. Jack served as Director of Vocational Service from 1991-1993 and as District Governor in 2000-2001. He chaired Multi-PETS in 2001-2002 and served as District Trainer from 2005-2007.

At the zone level, Jack and his wife Kathy, have served in roles that ranged from Chair of the House of Friendship to panel assignments on breakout sessions regarding Avenues of Service, Share-your-Life organ donor program and Youth



Exchange. He also co-facilitated District-Trainer training in 2005 and served as a district governor mentor.

Jack has been on the faculty of the Rotary Leadership Institute of Zones 31-32 since 2003. Jack chaired the Governor-Elect Training Seminar (GETS) at Hershey in 2006. He served Zone 31 as its Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator from 2007-2009. In his new Zone 29, Jack coordinated the training sessions for District Rotary Foundation Committee Chairs at its Zone Institute in October 2009. He served as Co-Chair of the Program Committee for the 2010 Zone Institute.

At the international level, Jack served from 1986-1992 as treasurer of the World Council of Regional Advisors, where he attended international youth exchange conferences in Philadelphia, Las Vegas, Seoul, Mexico City and Portland (Oregon).

In 2005 and 2006 Jack served as an RI Training Leader in Anaheim and San Diego. In both years, Kathy served on the spouse-training team. Jack facilitated discussions on literacy at break-out sessions at the RI Convention in Malmo-Copenhagen. He has represented the RI President at three district conferences. Jack has been vice-chair of the Rotary Peace Centers Major Gifts Initiative Committee since 2010.

Congratulations Jack in your new assignment. We know that you will be serving Rotary "Best"!