

## **Immediate Past District Governor Keith R. and Phyllis N. Lape**



Keith R. Lape was born in southern Illinois in Fayette County. After graduating from Eastern Illinois University with a Bachelor's Degree in education, Keith and Phyllis, his wife, taught in Mattoon, Illinois and Galesburg, Illinois. They received their Masters Degrees while teaching. Later in their careers, both Keith and Phyllis completed degrees of Doctor of Philosophy. Each has been involved in education for over 40 years.

Keith joined Rotary in Mt. Vernon and served on the Board of Directors, chairing the Community Service Committee. After arriving in Jacksonville, Keith served on the Board of Directors, chaired the Membership Committee, and was president in 1998-99. In April, 2000, Keith organized and planned the first Rotary Bass Fishing Tournament. This event has proved to be a most successful event for the community and the Rotary Club. Keith has served as chair of the tournament for the past six years. Keith has served as Assistant District Governor and Chair of the District Membership Committee. Both Keith and Phyllis are Paul Harris Fellows and Benefactors of the Permanent Fund of Rotary International.

Keith and Phyllis have two daughters and five grandchildren.

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## **Rachel M. Rogers Ambassadorial Scholarship Recipient**

Rachel M. Rogers, daughter of Don and Marg Rogers of Altona, is the recipient of the district's Rotary International Ambassadorial Scholarship for the 2006-2007 academic year. A 2003 graduate of Galva High School and a current student at MacMurray College in Jacksonville, Ms. Rogers is majoring in English, earning teaching certification for both high school and middle school, and receiving a minor in American Sign Language Interpreting. At MacMurray College, Ms. Rogers is active in Women's Basketball, Newman Club, B.A.S.I.C. (Brothers and Sisters in Christ), Mortar Board, and the MacMurray Honor Society. During the summer, Ms. Rogers will be traveling to different Rotary clubs within the district and making presentations before beginning her studies overseas in September. During the 2006-2007 academic year, Ms. Rogers will be continue her studies of English at the University of Wales, Bangor.

