

## **DAVID PARSONS**

District 6460 Governor 2010-2011



David grew up in Medina, NY, a village in the western part of the state about mid-way between Buffalo and Rochester. He attended Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem, NC and graduated with a BA in psychology in 1971. He obtained an MS in Healthcare Administration from the University of St. Francis in Joliet, IL.

Upon graduating from college, David moved to Atlanta, GA to take a position with the American Red Cross and worked in Atlanta, Washington, DC, Tulsa, OK, Greenville, NC, and Savannah, GA. Upon leaving the Red Cross after 24 years, David worked as a Vice President for Senior Citizens, Inc. in Savannah and as a management consultant to blood centers.

In 1996, he married Sybil in Savannah becoming a first time father of two children, then aged 13 and 14 years old. Within a week of marriage, the family moved to Springfield where David began working for the Central Illinois Community Blood Center (CICBC), a non-profit community based blood center, as its CEO; Sybil began working in Springfield as a Dental Hygienist.

His Rotary service began in Greenville, NC in 1987. Upon moving to Springfield in 1996, he was invited to join the Rotary Club of Springfield. He served as the club's president in 2003-2004. He is a multiple Paul Harris Fellow.

From 2004-2007, David served as one of 10 District Governors and was the District Trainer from 2006-2008. Currently, he serves as a faculty member for Rotary Leadership Institute. He has been involved with the Land of Lincoln President's Elect Training Seminar since its inception and has served as both the Facility Chair and Program Chair.

David and Sybil's son lives in Savannah, GA and their daughter lives in New York City.