

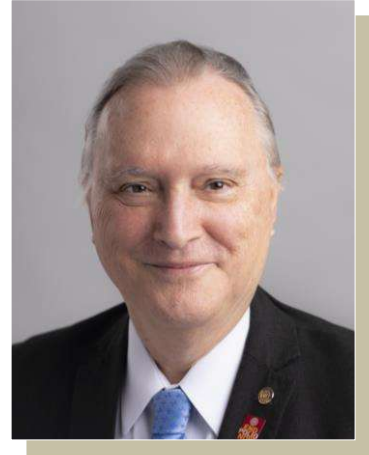
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## Rotary Institute 2020 Speakers in Alphabetical Order

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### **Jorge Aufranc** **RI Director 2016-2018**

Jorge is a chemical engineer professional, currently Director of Corporation Instatec SA, company dedicated to the design and building of networking telecom systems. Formerly, he served as managing director of a chemical crop protection joint venture with Dupont in Central America.



Rotarian since 1993, Jorge has served as RI Director, Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator, RI Training Leader, Major Gift Advisor, Council of Legislation member, RI President's Representative. As a member of the Board of Trustee of The Rotary Foundation he is serving as a Chair of the RI/USAID Steering Committee, Vice Chair of the End Polio Now: Countdown to history challenge Committee, Trustee Liaison of the Operation Review Committee and Vice Chair of TRF Programs Committee.

He participated in a National Immunization Day in Moradabad, India and has been keynote speaker at the Lisbon Convention and two times at the International Assembly. He was Convener of RI Institutes in Dominican Republic, Bolivia, Colombia, Monterrey and Panama. Founder and President of the Central American official Rotary Regional Magazine and the Central American Division of the Rotary Leadership Institute, WASH Rotary Action Group Director and member of the Cadre.

In 1988 as Club President he succeeded in reaching 100% Paul Harris participation. He is Benefactor, Major Donor and Bequest Society Member. He was named two times Rotarian of the Year and he is recipient of The Rotary Foundation Citation for Meritorious Service. Jorge and his wife Débora have three children, five grandchildren and reside in Guatemala.

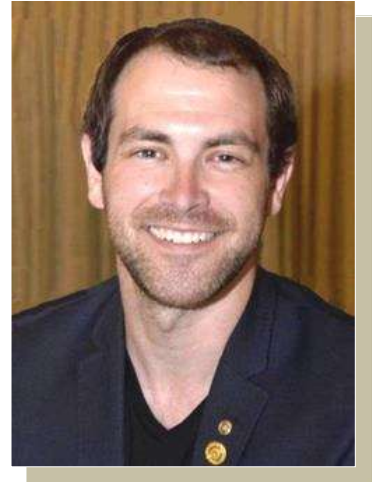
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## Jeremy Charles

Jeremy joined the Rotary family as a member of the Rotaract Club of Crosslands (in Sydney) in 2006 and is now a member of the Rotary club of Sydney Darling Harbour.

He is the founder of Rotaract Australia (Rotaract multidistrict organisation), launched Australia's annual Rotaract conference in 2010, has served as chair of the Asia Pacific Rotaract community and was instrumental in the first and only Rotaract Council, a non-binding Rotaract version of CoL, convened by PRIP Ray Klingensmith at the 2011 Convention in New Orleans.



As District Rotaract Representative, he grew the District's membership by 500%. Jeremy believes through effective district and regional leadership, Rotary and Rotaract clubs can attract significantly higher numbers of people in the community, to work together to make lasting changes in their communities and the world.

Through his 15 years in the Rotary family, Jeremy has given polio vaccinations at Immunization Days in India, helped build health and education infrastructure in islands in the Pacific Ocean, has spoken at Rotaract conferences on 6 continents and has attended 9 International Conventions.

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## LaShonda Delivuk

LaShonda Delivuk is a Corporate Film Producer and serial entrepreneur from Dinwiddie, VA who has successfully launched five organizations since the age of 18. Her first brand, Transformation Theatre Company, raised over \$25k for charity with three theatrical productions during her freshman and sophomore year of college. In 2017, she received the "Millennials on the Move" award from Lynchburg Business Magazine and in 2018, LaShonda was recognized nationally by Honeybook, Rising Tide Society, Peerspace & Gusto as one of the 20 on the Rise Image Makers for her African American stock photo company Eye for Ebony. LaShonda has also been nominated for the prestigious ATHENA award and Best Civic Leader by Lynchburg Living Magazine.



Currently, LaShonda serves as an Assistant Rotary Public Image Coordinator for Zone 33 and the Area 5 Foundation Advocate for District 7570. She has sponsored numerous members to her club and served as a General Session speaker at the 2018 Rotary International Assembly in San Diego. LaShonda is a Rotary Leadership Institute graduate, Immediate Past President of the Rotary Club of Lynchburg-Morning, a Paul Harris Fellow +5 and a Paul Harris Society member since the age of 27. In 2018, LaShonda was awarded the Douglas A. Newton Excellence in Communications & the 110% Award for her

Public Image efforts during the 2017-2018 Rotary year. Her thoughts on membership were also featured in the August 2018 issue of The Rotarian magazine. She is happily married to Josh, her business partner & husband of seven years and currently resides in Forest, VA.

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## David Dominguez

My name is David Dominguez. I was born and raised in Fort Worth, Texas. My affiliation with Rotary had began in 2015 after I was “forced” to go to RYLA. I had the time of my life and little did I know it would be the catalyst of change that I needed. In 2016, I graduated from Arlington Heights High School after I had ran Cross Country and Track, the hope was to run in college and when the offers were coming in my academics and prior high school experiences weren't enough to keep eyes on me. The summer going into my first year of college I found myself yet again at RYLA but this time as a Counselor. I was touched by the experiences and wanted to learn more about what I could do for Rotary.



In my first semester at TCC Trinity River Campus I had founded my first Rotaract Club and served in several other leadership capacities, such as Student Government President. I was eventually offered the Terry Scholarship, which is awarded to scholars that have achieved academic excellence, shown commitment to their community, and displayed exemplary leadership. I am now studying at The University of Texas at San Antonio, majoring in Political Science, minoring in Communications, and will be graduating in Spring 2021.

I now serve on the District 5790 RYLA Committee, and will be establishing a community based Rotaract Club in San Antonio that will be opening soon.

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## Ignacio González

Ignacio González Méndez is a Chilean Law graduate of the University of Talca and alumni of the United States Department of State.

Member of the Rotaract Club Oriente de Talca, He is current member of the Supporting the Environment Fundraising Planning Group of the Fund Development Committee of Rotary International. He was member of the Rotaract Committee as well as the Elevate Rotaract Task Force of otary International. He is an honorary member of many different Rotary Clubs.



He has held various leadership positions at District, Multi-district and International levels, such as District Rotaract Representative, MDIO Vice-president and member of the Rotaract & Interact Committee of Rotary International.

He is an international speaker, trainer and facilitator at various events such as the Rotaract Pre-Convention, Rotary Convention and Rotary Institutes.

In addition to his many attributes, he is multiple Paul Harris Fellow

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## Peter J. Hotez

Peter J. Hotez, M.D., Ph.D. is Dean of the National School of Tropical Medicine and Professor of Pediatrics and Molecular Virology & Microbiology at Baylor College of Medicine where he is also the Director of the Texas Children's Center for Vaccine Development (CVD) and Texas Children's Hospital Endowed Chair of Tropical Pediatrics. He is also University Professor at Baylor University, Fellow in Disease and Poverty at the James A. Baker III Institute for Public Policy, Senior Fellow at the Scowcroft Institute of International Affairs at Texas A&M University, Faculty Fellow with the Hagler Institute for Advanced Studies at Texas A&M University, and Health Policy Scholar in the Baylor Center for Medical Ethics and Health Policy.



Dr. Hotez is an internationally-recognized physician-scientist in neglected tropical diseases and vaccine development. As head of the Texas Children's CVD, he leads a team and product development partnership for developing new vaccines for hookworm infection, schistosomiasis, leishmaniasis, Chagas disease, and SARS/MERS/SARS-2 coronavirus, diseases affecting hundreds of millions of children and adults worldwide, while championing access to vaccines globally and in the United States. In 2006 at the Clinton Global Initiative he co-founded the Global Network for Neglected Tropical Diseases to provide access to essential medicines for hundreds of millions of people.

He obtained his undergraduate degree in molecular biophysics from Yale University in 1980 (*phi beta kappa*), followed by a Ph.D. degree in biochemistry from Rockefeller University in 1986, and an M.D. from Weil Cornell Medical College in 1987. Dr. Hotez has authored more than 500 original papers and is the author of four single-author books, including *Forgotten People, Forgotten Diseases* (ASM Press); *Blue Marble Health: An Innovative Plan to Fight Diseases of the Poor amid Wealth* (Johns Hopkins University Press); *Vaccines Did Not Cause Rachel's Autism* (Johns Hopkins University Press); and a forthcoming 2020 book on vaccine diplomacy in an age of war, political collapse, climate change and anti-science (Johns Hopkins University Press).

Dr. Hotez served previously as President of the American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene and he is founding Editor-in-Chief of *PLoS Neglected Tropical Diseases*. He is an elected member of the National Academy of Medicine (Public Health Section) and the American Academy of Arts & Sciences (Public Policy Section). In 2011, he was awarded the Abraham Horwitz Award for Excellence in Leadership in Inter-American Health by the Pan American Health Organization of the WHO. In 2014-16, he served in the Obama Administration as US Envoy, focusing on vaccine diplomacy initiatives between the US Government and countries in the Middle East and North Africa. In 2018, he was appointed by the US State Department to serve on the Board of Governors for the US Israel Binational Science Foundation, and is frequently called upon frequently to testify before US Congress. He has served on infectious disease task forces for two consecutive Texas Governors. For these efforts in 2017 he was named by FORTUNE Magazine as one of the 34 most influential people in health care, while in 2018 he received the Sustained Leadership Award from Research!America. In 2019 he received the Ronald McDonald House Charities Award for Medical Excellence.

Most recently as both a vaccine scientist and autism parent, he has led national efforts to defend vaccines and to serve as an ardent champion of vaccines going up against a growing national “antivax” threat. In 2019, he received the Award for Leadership in Advocacy for Vaccines from the American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene. Dr. Hotez appears frequently on television (including BBC, CNN, Fox News, and MSNBC), radio, and in newspaper interviews (including the New York Times, USA Today, Washington Post, and Wall Street Journal).

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## **Ann Lee Hussey**

Ann Lee Hussey of South Berwick, Maine has made the eradication of polio and the alleviation of suffering by polio survivors her life's work. Over the past several years she has actively participated in 30 volunteer NID (National Immunization Days) teams organizing and leading the last 26 teams herself, choosing to take those NIDs to places that do not often see westerners – Chad, Mali, Bangladesh, Niger, Nigeria, Madagascar, Pakistan as well as less “touristy” destinations in Egypt and India – where the need is greatest and where the publicity and goodwill surrounding the trip are as critical as the immunizations themselves to help communicate the need for eradication.



She has shared her story and passion hundreds of times at numerous Zone Institutes, District Conferences, PETS and Foundation events, and at the International Assembly in 2017, 2018, and 2019 carrying the message of polio eradication around the Rotary world and beyond, raising money and creating new converts to the fight. She is determined that no child will needlessly have to suffer what she herself, a polio survivor, has been through. Her concern for polio survivors includes working to ensure mobility and dignity for those who survived the disease but did not have access to the kinds of surgeries and treatments that she was able to receive. And has led RI grants to this end.

Ann Lee has put a face on the subject of polio eradication, winning hearts and minds and raising hundreds of thousands of dollars in the process. A polio survivor herself, the story Ann Lee tells is personal, and so is her journey in the fight to eradicate polio.

But for all the immunizations Ann Lee has herself made possible through NIDs, she considers fundraising, public awareness and inspiring others her most critical accomplishments.

Ann Lee's work has earned her the International Service Award for a Polio-Free World, the Rotary Service Above Self Award and she was honored as a White House Champion of Change for her humanitarianism and contributions to public service, aimed at improving people's lives and making a better future around the globe. She was featured in the magazine Real Simple in June 2012. She was featured in a video in Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation Annual Letter for February 2017. In March 2017, Rotary and The World Bank recognized her as a Woman of Action celebrating International Day of Women. Locally in her home state of Maine, she was honored at the Maine State Senate chamber for her remarkable achievements and included in Maine Magazine as one of the 50 Mainers of 2017 who have changed our world, improved our lives, and broadened our horizons.

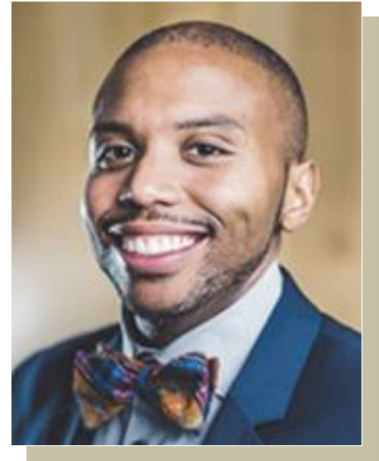
Ann Lee is a member of the Rotary Club of Portland Sunrise in Maine and served District 7780 in many capacities including as Governor in 2010-2011 and currently as District PolioPlus Chair, once again. Ann Lee is Executive Director of the Polio Survivors Rotary Action Group, She ended her term as Chair of the RAGs Council and serves as the Immediate Past-Chair of The Fellowship of Rotarian Past District Governors. Outside Rotary, she serves as a trustee of York Hospital in York, Maine.

She served as an Advisor to Rotary's International PolioPlus Committee and as a member of the Global Polio Eradication Transition Management Group from 2015-2018. She has also served as Presidents' Representative at several district conferences and represented Rotary at an Easter Seals Annual Convention. Previously she served as a member of the RI Rotarian Action Groups Committee, on the Reach Out to Africa Initiative, and as Zone 32 Coordinator for Health and Hunger.

Ann Lee is a Veterinary Technician who with her Rotarian husband, Michael Nazemetz, DVM recently retired from their practice, Village Veterinary Clinic in Rollinsford, NH. They reside in South Berwick, Maine USA with their devoted yellow Labrador, Parker and their cat Elliott. Ann Lee and her husband are members of the Paul Harris Society. They are Rotary Foundation Major Donors and Bequest Society members.

## Todd Jenkins

Dr. "Bowtie" Todd Jenkins currently serves as the Senior Diversity, Inclusion, and Innovation Leader in Corporate America at a Fortune 400 company and as a Global Inclusion Trainer, Strategist, and Consultant with Bowtie Leadership, Inc. As a consultant, he has worked with several companies such as Walmart, Google, Facebook, American Airlines, Deloitte, etc., oil and gas companies, small and large non-profits, and entrepreneurs. He graduated with honors from the University of South Carolina with two degrees, a Bachelor of Science in Psychology and Sociology, obtained a Master of Science from Illinois State University, and Doctorate from the University of Arkansas.



His research area focused on minority professionals; retention and perception of their supervisor within the workplace. Currently, he is enrolled at Harvard University, completing post-doctorate studies as Harvard Fellow.

Dr. Jenkins is a proud Rotarian and Paul Harris Fellow from the Rotary Club of Fayetteville, Arkansas; he has served as the former Rotaract Advisor, Interact Sponsor, RYLA presenter, Youth Services Chair, two terms on Club Board of Directors, and graduated from his District and Zone Leadership Academy. Dr. Jenkins is currently one of the youngest Youth Exchange District Chairs in Rotary International. He has had the honor to speak at various Rotary districts, zones, and international conventions. Dr. Jenkins continues to serve on various boards locally and internationally in education, business, and inclusion initiatives.

Today he is known as Dr. "Bowtie Todd" who has given inspirational talks and education to audiences of all sizes and backgrounds throughout North America, Asia, South America, and Europe. Dr. Todd Jenkins is a proud husband, author, servant leader, and conversationalist who believes in his philosophy "bowtie" it all together, serve and simply be a gift unto the world!

Feel free to connect with Dr. Jenkins on social media outlets Instagram/Facebook @dr.bowtietodd, [www.bowtieleadership.com](http://www.bowtieleadership.com), or email [bowtietodd@bowtieleadership.com](mailto:bowtietodd@bowtieleadership.com) !



## Isis E. Mejias

Dr. Isis E. Mejias is a passionate Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WaSH) advocate. She discovered this passion as a Rotary Global Grant Scholar.



She has been a WASH advocate since 2010, with her work in Kenya, with Rotary and Engineers Without Borders, where she led a project to build a gravity-fed water distribution system, while working in her Chemical Engineering degree. After falling in love with the humanitarian world, she came back to Houston and started her Environmental Engineering degree to improve water treatment systems. The success and visibility of the project in Kenya resulted in an invitation to lead the project planning and management of a WASH program, for 10 primary schools in Uganda. Dr. Mejias worked with over 500 stakeholders to implement a WASH education program to complement the WASH intervention. The education program focused on increasing awareness of the impacts that improved WASH has on reducing water borne diseases.

Besides her field work in WASH, during her Environmental Engineering PhD she developed innovative nanotechnology and biotechnology processes for the removal of heavy metals and pathogens from water. Dr. Mejias pioneered a metal biosorbent technology with complex microbial communities as an alternative to traditional heavy metal treatment technologies. She also worked in developing membranes for pathogen control.

She now focuses on providing translational WASH research that results in practical solutions to bridge the WASH service delivery gap, where science can translate into immediate changes in the communities we serve. Though her work within Rotary, Global WaSH, and the Venezuelan Science Incubator, she is working to deliver models for sustained growth of communities throughout the world with WASH projects that last.

Besides her work in WaSH, last year she initiated and managed a program to help reduce hunger among the Venezuelan Refugee population in Colombia. This program resulted in a donation of more than 40 tons of Rise Against Hunger meals and locally produced food in Cúcuta and Pamplona feeding more than 221,000 Venezuelan refugees last year.

Dr. Mejias has been a keynote speaker in various events worldwide, such as the Rotary International Convention in Toronto Canada in 2018. She is now the coordinator of the Environmental Engineering/WASH Research Network at the Venezuelan Science Incubator (IVC), a WaSRAG Ambassador, the President of the Rotary e-Club of Houston and the Founder of Global WaSH. She has a long-term career objective: to create worldwide incentives for water reuse and create awareness of the impact of improved WASH on creating healthier and happier lives.



## Ruby L. Powers

Ruby Powers is the founder of Powers Law Group, P.C. located in Houston, Texas, a two-attorney firm focusing on immigration law including waivers of inadmissibility, asylum, deportation, family- and employment-based immigration. She is Board Certified in Immigration and Nationality Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization.



She attended the University of Texas and the University of North Carolina School of Law. Powers lived and studied in Mexico, Spain, Belgium, Turkey, and UAE and speaks Spanish and French. She served as the AILA Texas Chapter Advocacy Chair/Co-Chair 2014-2017, the AILA Law Practice Management Committee Chair 2015-2017, HBA Law Practice Management Section Chair 2018-2019, and on various ABA Law Practice Division and Texas Bar LPM committees. She is a Rotary Club of Houston Skyline co-founder and past Vice-President, former Rotary Youth Exchange Student to Belgium (1999-2000), member of RYLA, former president of the University of Texas Rotaract Club, former Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar to Barcelona, Spain (2004-2005), and current Rotarian and founding member of the Rotary E-Club of Houston. She has been featured in the Rotarian magazine twice.

She is a graduate of Goldman Sachs 10,000 Small Businesses, Leadership Houston and American Leadership Forum. Ruby was nominated by the Mayor of Houston to be a commissioner for the Police Officers' Civil Service Commission beginning in 2018. Her expertise has led her to be part of the Houston Bar Association's Houston Lawyer editorial board.

She is a frequent national and international speaker, author, and media resource on the topics of immigration law and policy and law practice management. In terms of law practice management, in 2011-2012, she ran her law firm from Dubai and Turkey for 14 months. In 2019, her book "*Build and Manage Your Successful Law Practice (Without Losing Your Mind)*" was published.

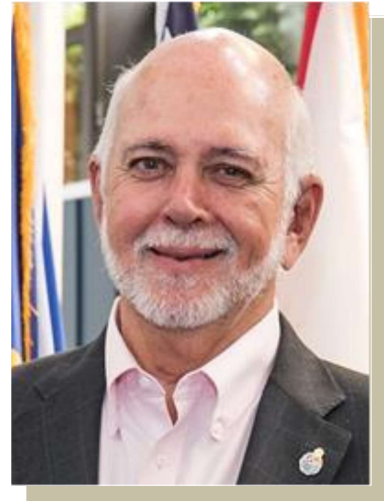
Her expertise and advocacy efforts have been featured in the Washington Post, CNN, NPR, the New York Times, BBC World News, and beyond. Powers' experience in legislative work in Washington, D.C. and the Texas State Capitol prompted her to pursue public office and run for State Representative in 2019.

As of 2020, Powers continues to advocate for her community by empowering those around her and continuously working to better the lives of others, as an immigration attorney, author and small business owner. She lives in Houston with her husband and two children. In her spare time, she enjoys reading, gardening, and playing board games with her family.

## **Barry Rassin** **RI President 2018-2019**

Barry Rassin served as World President of Rotary International in 2018-2019. His responsibilities involved leading and motivating the 36,000 Rotary Clubs in the 200+ countries throughout the world. In addition, he served as Chairman of the Board for Rotary International.

Mr. Rassin was named the first Fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives in The Bahamas. He retired as President of Doctors Hospital Health System in Nassau, Bahamas, after a stellar 38-year career, where he remains as a Director. The organization grew significantly from 11 employees to 600 and was the first JCAHO (International) accredited hospital in the region.



Barry has been a member of the Rotary Club of East Nassau since 1980, serving as President in 1987-88. He continued his Rotary service as Governor for District 7020 (9 clubs in The Bahamas and 84 in the Caribbean), Member of the Rotary International Board of Directors, Trustee and Vice-Chair of The Rotary Foundation, as well as Chairman of Shaping Rotary's Future. He has served on many initiatives in The Bahamas and is currently Chairman of Volunteer Bahamas, a national program to create a culture of volunteerism in the country.

Barry Rassin has served both Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation in many capacities such as Chairman of the Rotary International Finance Committee, and as Rotary International Training Leader and Seminar Trainer for Training Leaders.

Mr. Rassin is the founder of HANWASH - Haiti National Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Strategy, a collaborative program to bring potable water and satisfactory sanitation to all the citizens of Haiti. This international volunteer team works to bring together large implementing and donor organizations, along with the Haitian regulatory agencies, to accomplish this multi-decade, US \$2.3 billion initiative. Mr. Rassin remains a member of the HANWASH Steering Committee and will assume the role of Chair of the pending US based 501(c)3 HANWASH Charitable Foundation.

Barry's spouse Esther has always been a strong supporter of Barry's humanitarian efforts and is a Lifetime Honorary Member of the Rotary Club of East Nassau. Esther is a retired banker and a strong advocate for family values. She is a recipient of the Sir Durward Knowles Humanitarian Award.

In 2010, Barry coordinated the Rotary disaster relief efforts in Haiti following the devastating earthquake. Rotary raised \$6.5 million and Barry personally supervised the completion of the 105 relief/development projects throughout Haiti. He is now on the Bahamas Rotary Disaster Relief Committee working on Hurricane Dorian relief and Covid19 relief.

Mr. Rassin has been recognized for his humanitarian service by many organizations both within and out of The Bahamas. He received the Service Above Self Award from Rotary International and was presented with the National Award of Health Hero by the Bahamas

Ministry of Health and PAHO. He was honored with the Healthcare Development Leadership Award from Healthcare Development Magazine and is listed in the second volume of Legends in The Bahamas. He was acknowledged by the Order of Malta with the Grand Cross Pro Merito and granted The Bahamas Icon Award for Commerce. In 2018 he was identified by The Government as an Officer of the Order of Distinction of The Bahamas.

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## **Sangkoo Yun** **Rotary Foundation Trustee 2018-2022**

A Trustee of The Rotary Foundation 2018-22, Sangkoo is the Chair of Executive Committee and Programs Committee, and was a member of Fund Development Committee, Stewardship Committee of the Rotary Foundation. He is the Moderator for 2021 International Assembly and was the Moderator for 2019 E/MGA Training. He has chaired 2016 Seoul Convention Host Organizing Committee. He has served as a Director of Rotary International 2013-15 and worked on various committees.



Sangkoo was the Centennial District Governor of D-3650 North Seoul, Korea. He has co-chaired Keep Mongolia Green Project from 2004 to 2011 which planted wind break forests in Gobi Desert to combat desertification. His interest lies with the Foundation and preservation of natural and historical heritages.

He is a charter member of SaeHanyang Rotary Club in 1986. With his wife Eunsun, he is a member of the Arch Klump Society, Paul Harris Fellow Society, and a Benefactor of The Rotary Foundation.

Since 1985, he is the president of Dongsuh Corporation which engineers and markets architectural materials. He is a director of The President Yun Posun Memorial Foundation, The National Trust of Korea and chairs Seoul Spring Festival of Chamber Music.

He has earned B Arch and M Arch from Syracuse University, Syracuse, New York. He is a recipient of the Honorary Doctor Degree from the University of Edinburgh in Scotland. Veteran of the Republic of Korean Army, he is an elder at the Andong Presbyterian Church. SangKoo and Eunsun they have a son, a daughter and four grandchildren.

