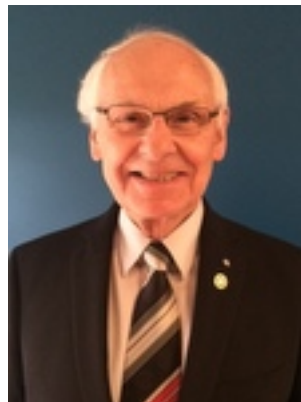




Gernot A. (Albert) Runschke

District 6290 Governor Elect (2016-2017)

Spouse: Anne L. Runschke



Married Anne L. (Lynn) 45 years ago, they live on the eastern shores of Lake Michigan, and have two adult children. Son Jurgen, is an Emergency Room Doctor with Mercy Health Partners in Muskegon, MI. Daughter Kirsten an NCARB registered architect and business owner of the architectural firm, Architektura in Grand Haven MI. Wife Anne is a former K – 8 classroom teacher and high school Guidance counselor of 43 years with Grand Haven Area Public Schools.

Gernot, an architect and graduate from the Architecture School, HTL Detmold Germany, has been practicing architecture for the past 48 years. His work experiences encompass several architectural firms in western Michigan. With his unique European education and great depth of skills in many areas of design, working drawings, construction administration and management, he has worked on many large and medium size projects throughout Michigan.

Gernot has been a Boy Scout leader of Troop 165, the Gerald R. Ford Boy Scout District, for over 12 years. There he served in various capacities in the troop and District level. As troop leader he planned and guided high adventure trips thru-out the USA, the highlight being, a troop adventure with 12 Boys and one adult leader to climb and repel the Grand Teton Peak in the Grand Teton Mountain Range, of Utah.

Faith has been a big part of Gernot's live. He and his wife Anne have been a member of St Francis De Sales Church in Muskegon, MI for the past 45 years. He served on many committees and boards and has been instrumental in the planning and implementation of many brick and mortar projects, including working with the world renowned architects office of Marcel Breuer in New York.

26 Years ago, Gernot was ask to join a group of likeminded professionals, called Rotarians. He joined the Rotary Club of Grand Haven and has served in a number of different capacities, among them are Club President, Program Chair, Youth Exchange Officer, and Scholarship Committee Chair. He has been active in fundraising to support local and international serviced projects. Gernot is a member of the District Foundation Committee, the District Grants Review Board and has served for the past 12 years as the District Peace Fellowship Chair. As such, has been able to qualify 3 Peace Fellows and one Peace Scholar. Prior to that, Gernot served on the District selection and interview committee, for Ambassadorial Scholarships.

For the past 11 years Gernot has been an active participant in one (1) Matching Grant, and one (1) 3 H Grant projects, totaling approximately \$ 500,000.00 and one Global Grant for \$85,000.00. Working closely with the Rotary Club in Santa Rosa De Copan, Honduras, he has overseen the construction and implementation of water systems in 18 Villages in the areas of Copan, La Union, and Lempira, Honduras. Forging friendships and providing clean and safe water to over 5,500 people in the remote mountain villages. His commitment to these projects has made him to travel sometime twice per year, to assure the projects are constructed, sustainable and within the guidelines of the Rotary Foundation. The current Global Grant provides materials to bring clean and safe water to every ward in the hospital. The Hospital De Occidente in Santa Rosa De Copan services approximately 650,000.00 people throughout the Province of Copan and Lempira. Within the 3H grant a well has been drilled, a 2,500 gallon cistern was constructed and under the new Global Grant, piping and fixtures are provided to deliver water to showers, toilets and hand washing sinks in every Ward. Hand washing and hygiene training are a big part of the Grant that is presently ongoing and is under the observation and review by Gernot.

Gernot serves also on the Board of Thirsting To Serve, a Rotary District 6290, 501(c)3 organization that has provided over \$600,000.00 in funding for Bio Sand Filters and other water related projects thru-out the world. He also is a member of HHOP, an organization providing funding for Health and Humanitarian Outreach projects around the Globe. HHOP has funded the furnishing and installation of over 4,000 BIO -Sand Filters.

Gernot has received the Rotary Foundation's Citation for Meritorious Service and was awarded the Rotarian of the Year, from the Rotary Club of Grand Haven.

Gernot enjoy's the outdoors, alpine and cross-country skiing and mountaineering, are among his favorited family sports. Wyle doing these outdoor activities many times he is joined by his two children, while Anne prefers the warmth of a cozy fire place and reading a good book.