

Richard (Rick) Baines

District Governor 2012 - 2013
Rotary Club of Orlando-South



Richard “Rick” Baines was raised in Spring Hope, N.C. a few miles outside Rocky Mount, N.C. and moved to Florida in 1966. He received a B.S. Degree in 1975 from Rollins College.

Rick worked his way through Rollins College by serving as a full-time Federal Employee for the Florida National Guard. Following his military service he was the Director of General Services for the St. Johns Water Management District. Later, he was the National Sales Manger for UDC (a national sales and marketing company) where he was responsible for the operation of 16 mall stores throughout the country. Self-employed the last 20 years, Rick has demonstrated products on QVC and HSN which he invented and patented. Even though Rick now considers himself semi-retired, he still sells insurance part-time and manages several real estate properties.

Rick has been a member of the Rotary Club of Orlando-South since January 1991 and has served as club president twice and chaired every club committee. He is and has been very active in the Central Florida community through Rotary and outside of Rotary. He focuses his community service activities on local hunger programs and at-risk children. He has a long standing working charitable relationship with Publix Supermarkets, the PGA Tour Wives Association and the Orange County Sheriff’s Office which shares his concerns for hunger and children in our local communities.

Rick has served District 6980 in many key leadership positions. He is the only non-PDG to chair the District Rotary Foundation Committee and he has twice served as chair of the District Conference Committee. Rick has served as an Assistant Governor and has chaired the Club Service, Annual Giving, Grants and the Awards & Guards Committees. In addition, Rick has served as Chief of Staff for two District Governors. He has also served as a member on numerous District committees, such as the District Nominating Committee, finance committee and on many district special event committees.

His District honors include being named a *Jewel of Rotary* (2002-03) and a *Distinguished Rotarian of the Year* (2003-04)

Rick is a graduate of the Rotary Leadership Institute and serves the RLI Sunshine Division as a faculty member.

Rick is a Paul Harris Fellow +9, a Paul Harris Fellow Society Member and a Bequest Society Member Level 2. He is a recipient of The Rotary Foundation’s *Citation for Meritorious Service* (2006-07)

He has been married to Dorothy (Dee Gee) for 40 years.

Rick will serve as Governor for Rotary International District 6980 in 2012-13