

Richard (Rick) Baines  
District Governor 2012 – 2013  
Rotary Club of Kissimmee Bay



Richard “Rick” Baines was raised in Spring Hope, N.C. a few miles outside Rocky Mount, N.C. He relocated to Sanford, 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, designed and patented. Even though now semi-retired, he manages several real estate properties and devotes much time to Rotary.

Rick has been a member of Rotary since January 1991 and has served as club president twice and chaired every club committee. He 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 concern for needy 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 served as an Assistant Governor and has chaired the Club Service, Annual Giving, Grants and the Awards & Guards Committees. Additionally, he has served as Chief of Staff for two District Governors, served on the District Nominating Committee, Finance Committee and many special event committees.

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

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

He is proud to be a Paul Harris Fellow +8, 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 41 years and they reside in Orlando.

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