

Don Harris – District Governor 2023-2024 Bio

Don has served as a Rotarian since 1991 and is currently a member of the Rotary Club of Lake Mary. He has served in a variety of club positions including club president. He is a multiple Paul Harris Fellow, has been honored with the Board of Directors Service Award, Rotarian of the Year, and Service Above Self awards twice each.

Don is presently serving as District Governor and as a Director of the Rotary District 6980 Youth Services Foundation which covers five Central Florida counties: Orange, Seminole, Osceola, Lake, and Sumter. He has served at the District level as Chair of the Youth Services Foundation, Rotary Means Business Fellowship, Vocational Service, Public Image, Club Administration/Strategic Planning, and Wheelchair Games Public Image committees, as well as serving on the District Finance, CART, CAMP Rotary, and Florida PETS board of directors.

Don enjoyed a 30-year career in the technology industry in Sales, Marketing and Management with Unisys, Jack Henry and Associates, and Harland Financial Solutions, (now Finastra). He owns Donald A. Harris and Associates, Inc., a strategic business consulting practice and has partnered with Pearl Business Group, LLC., providing outsourced CFO, COO, business development, marketing, operational and financial management resources to organizations of all sizes.

In addition to Rotary, Don is active with the Boys and Girls Clubs of Central Florida and has served as on the Corporate Board as Chairman of the Seminole County Branches for 4 years. Mr. Harris is a graduate of Leadership Seminole, served 6 years on the Executive Council and is a Certified Board Advisor. He has previously served as a Boy Scouts of America Committee Chair, Rescue Run Committee, and as Vice Chair of Missouri Easter Seals.

He has been married to his most important client, and largest supporter, his wife Janie for almost 40 years and has 4 children, and 7 grandchildren. Janie's grandfather was a Rotarian, and she is very active in supporting Rotary events, and Rotarians in her Real Estate practice.

Don and Janie enjoy playing golf, traveling, (especially to see family, children, and grandchildren), spending time at the beach, boating, and fellowship with fellow Rotarians and friends.