

Short biography – Dave Breeding

Dave grew up in the Midwest and graduated with a degree in engineering from the University of Illinois. He also has a master's degree from Purdue University. He served as a Navy Officer aboard ship during the Vietnam War.

His professional career spanned 32 years with Eli Lilly and Company and its various subsidiaries. He retired in 1998 as the Vice President of Information Systems and the Chief Information Officer of Guidant Corporation, a major manufacturer of medical devices.

It was a "Good bye Polio, Thanks Rotary" bumper sticker and Rotary's pledge to eradicate polio that brought Dave into Rotary in 1999. He took great pleasure in administering polio vaccine to children in India during a Polio National Immunization Day. In addition to serving his club in many capacities, Dave has been served the district as District Assembly Chair, Assistant Governor, and Governor's Chief of Staff.

Dave and Marilee have been married 41 years. Marilee taught first grade for several years and has a master's degree in education with a specialty in reading. She grew in the Seattle area. They lived in Japan for two years and have travelled extensively, including three months aboard ship with 650 college students on a Semester at Sea voyage.

With other Rotarians from District 5340, Dave and Marilee travelled to South Africa on two occasions to establish relationships with Rotarians there and work together on relief projects for AIDS orphans in the Zulu tribe. Ten matching grants and many great friendships resulted from those trips.

Outside of Rotary, Dave and Marilee are active in marriage enrichment ministries in their church. They teach pre-marriage preparation classes and do couple mentoring. Dave serves on boards of non-profits in the community and has been named a community volunteer of the year.

They thoroughly enjoy family time with their two daughters, two wonderful sons-in-law, and six grandchildren (the oldest age 8) – all of whom live in Southern California. They have a season pass to LegoLand.