

Pamela Russell
District Governor 2008-2009
Rotary District 5340

Pam grew up near Kansas City but moved to the Pacific Northwest where she attended Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma, Washington and graduated with a degree in Communication Arts.

Based on such an appropriate degree, IBM hired her to repair typewriters. She was the first female in the position in the Western United States. During her career at IBM, Pam held a number of positions including administrative, technical, management, consulting and business development.

Pam first experienced Rotary as a 5th grader. She attended Safety Patrol camp, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Kansas City. Throughout her career, she knew of the work of Rotary but was prevented from joining for a number of reasons. However, when the job requirements changed in 1998, she was able to join the La Jolla Golden Triangle Rotary Club. In her club, she has been Bulletin Editor, Community Service Chair, Auction Chair, Club President and Foundation Treasurer. In 2006-2007, she was selected as Rotarian of the Year.

For Pam, District involvement began within six months of joining Rotary. She was on the District Directory team, a Foundation Mentor for three years, Auction Chair for the Paul Harris Gala, Assistant Governor and Chief of Staff to the District Governor. She will be the District Foundation Chair in 2010-2013 under the Future Vision Pilot Program.

Outside of Rotary, Pam is on the Alumni Board of Pacific Lutheran University and will be President of the board in 2011-2013. She has been on the Board of the Rancho Bernardo Women's Golf Club.

Pam and Alan believe in The Rotary Foundation and the wonderful work done by Rotarians all over the world. They are Major Donors and members of the Paul Harris Society and Bequest Society.