



William F. "Bill" Pettus
Rotary District 5440 Governor, 2002 – 2003

Bill Pettus, Past Governor of Rotary District 5440 in 2002-03, is a member of the Jackson Hole (Wyoming) Breakfast Club. He is Past President of the Lake Arrowhead and Mariposa Rotary Clubs, both of which are in California. Bill is currently the Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator (RRFC) for Zone 27 which covers 15 districts.

Bill, a Rotarian since 1984, has served as a board director or committee chair of clubs in which he has been a member since 1985. District 5440 responsibilities have included chair of the Executive Committee, Community Service Committee, Finance Committee, PolioPlus Committee, DG Nominating Committee and participation in the Group Study Exchange and Membership Committees. In 2002 Bill was Chairman of the High Country PETS Committee which includes districts throughout Montana, Colorado, Wyoming and Nebraska. He served as a PETS trainer for many years.

International assignments have included serving on the Council on Legislation in 2007 and as an International Assembly Trainer in 2008. Both Bill and wife Nancy have participated in Foundation activities abroad including National Immunization Days in Ghana, Africa, distribution of wheelchairs in Guatemala and visits to a Rotary community project in South Africa. Bill has also served as speaker at many PETS, district conferences and as a RI President's Representative.

Bill is also involved in a variety of community activities. He was President of the Lake Arrowhead Chamber of Commerce in California. Currently he is a member of the University of Wyoming School of Education Development Board and is a board member for the Teton Literacy Project in Jackson. He is also a member of the local Historic Society and the National Museum of Wildlife Art.

A special interest of Bill's is The Rotary Foundation and what it is able to accomplish both locally and worldwide. Bill served three years as a Strategic Advisor to The Foundation for six districts in the Rocky Mountain area. He served three years as Chair of Rotary District 5440's Foundation Committee. Bill, his wife Nancy, three daughters, six grandchildren and sons in law are Paul Harris Fellows. Both Nancy and Bill are Foundation Benefactors, Members of the Bequest Society, Major Donors and belong to the Paul Harris and White Hat Societies. In 2007 he was awarded the Rotary Foundation Citation for Meritorious Service. Bill received the Four Avenues of Service Award in 2008.

A Rotarian herself since 1996, Nancy has served on various club and district committees and was President of the Jackson Hole Breakfast Club in 2001-02. She received RI President Rick King's Distinguished Club President Award, an award received by only 67 club presidents worldwide. Nancy was District Governor for District 5440 in 2007-08 and received the RI Presidential Citation for her work.

Bill and Nancy are both native Wyomingites. Bill received bachelor and masters degrees from the University of Wyoming as well as a masters degree in school counseling/psychology while in California. He also has a doctorate in educational administration. Bill, a lifelong educator, began his career as classroom teacher and "wore all the hats" at one time or another, and after 35 years of service retired as Superintendent of Mariposa County Unified School District in the Yosemite National Park area of California. The couple has been married nearly 50 years. They travel frequently for Rotary activities as well as for pleasure. Reading, woodworking, hiking and quilting use the time not spent with Rotary activities.