John Salyers Declared District Governor Nominee 2014-15

Pursuant to section 13.020.12 of the Rotary International Bylaws, having received no challenging nominations to the designation of the District Nominating Committee for governor-nominee, District Governor John Adams declares John Salyers of the Rotary Club of Florence, Kentucky the District 6740 governor-nominee for Rotary Year 2014-15. This declaration is made more than 14 days after notice of the designation of the nominating committee on January 26th 2012 and within 15 days from the passage of the challenge period deadline on February 11, 2012.

Biography of DGN John Salyers

John was born on November 24, 1947 in Independence, Kentucky. He lives in Erlanger, Kentucky with his wife, Connie, a retired teacher. He grew up in Grant County, Kentucky and attended Williamstown High School. John joined the United States Army in 1967 and served in Vietnam as a Combat Engineer during the Tet offensive in 1968. He returned from Vietnam in January 1969 and met his wife, Connie; they were married in July of 1969. After leaving the Army, John became a member of the Erlanger, Kentucky Police Department where he served for 16 years. During his tenure with the Police Department John reached the rank of Lieutenant and served as a supervisor and shift commander.

In 1986 John left the police department and joined the campaign of Senator Jim Bunning for his first campaign for the United States Congress. During this campaign John served as the Campaign’s political director. After a winning campaign, Bunning appointed him as a Field Representative in Kentucky’s 4th Congressional District. John served as Bunning’s Field Representative for 12 years in the United States House of Representatives. After Congressman Bunning was elected to the United States Senate in 1998, John continued to serve as a field representative and military liaison. He retired from this staff position on December 31, 2011.

In May 2005 John joined the Florence, Kentucky Rotary Club. He is a past president of the club serving in Rotary Year 2009-2010. He is presently serving his second year as Assistant Governor for Area 1, District 6740. John also serves as the District chair for the Paul Harris Society. He is a Rotary Foundation sustaining member, PHF+6, and benefactor. John was selected as the Florence Rotary Club’s Rotarian of the year in 2006 and 2007. He has had perfect attendance since 2005 and is a graduate of the District 6740 Leadership Academy.

John attended the 2011 World Polio Day event in Washington D.C. and served as a Capitol Hill Representative on behalf of the Polio Plus Advocacy Task Force US to advocate for continued involvement and operations of the USCDC and USAID in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative. He has been invited and has accepted to serve on the Polio Advocacy Task Force as an Advocacy Representative US in 2012-13.

John and Connie are active members of Lakeside Christian Church located in Lakeside Park, Kentucky. They have two daughters, Beth Barker (Don) and Meredith Lewis (Jeremy) and five grandchildren. Congratulations to John and Connie!
Glenn E. Estess Sr., who served as 2004-05 Rotary International President during Rotary’s centennial year, died on 7 February 2012. He was 84. A sales, marketing and recruiting professional and having worked in the chemical and laboratory sales industry, Estess was a member of the Rotary Club of Shades Valley, Alabama.

Through the RI theme Celebrate Rotary, Estess encouraged clubs to implement a Rotary centennial community project, form twin club relationships, and support the Every Rotarian, Every Year effort, which aims to achieve an annual US$100 per capita contribution level for the Foundation’s Annual Fund.

In 2006, Estess made this submission to the Why I am a Rotarian project: "Rotarians are a diverse group of people, from differing backgrounds and often of different cultures. We have learned firsthand that Rotary does contribute to better understanding among people. Each experience adds to our number of special friends. When I witness the joy of a child and the appreciation of the mother as a result of our club providing a small playground at a local children’s hospital; when I talk with young people about career and educational opportunities, I know my Rotary efforts are worthwhile. And then, most of all - the fellowship, friendships, and sense of unity I experience in my club make me value membership in Rotary above all else, except my church."

The Rotary Foundation has established a Permanent Fund contribution method for the Glenn E. Estess Endowed Scholarship Fund. The fund is now listed under the Permanent Fund giving options. Please see Rotary.org or give through the Members Portal at Rotary.org.

Closing

With pleasure in announcing the declaration of DGN Salyers and sadness of the passing of PRIP Estess, I thank you for your attention to these Rotary matters.

[s] John B Adams
Rotary Club of Somerset Pulaski County, KY USA
District 6740, Governor 2011-12