



District Governor Joseph R. Collings with
Rotary International President Holger Knaack

2020-21 District 6560 Governor Joseph R. Collings

Joseph Collings joined the Rotary Club of Rockville in 1975 and has served in all club roles. He is a Paul Harris Fellow and faithfully contributes support for The Rotary Foundation.

Under his leadership, his club earned the 1984 Presidential Citation. The Citation recognizes outstanding accomplishments for local clubs. Joe has served our District as Assistant Governor, District Secretary, District Trainer, District Conference Chair, and led a Group Study Exchange Team to the Middle East in 2004 for District 6560.

In his support of the Polio Plus Campaign, Joe traveled to India to be a part of their immunization days. He supports the Gift of Sight project once known as Sight on Wheels, founded by his father, PDG J.Richard Collings that cares for the underserved populations in rural villages throughout India.

Joe graduated from Wabash College and is the President of The Ferguson Lumber Corporation, a fifth-generation firm founded in 1868. He is an active member in many service and professional organizations including the Murat Highlanders Pipe and Drum Parade Unit.

Growing and maintaining healthy clubs is at the core of Joe's vision for our District. Member retention and engagement strategies are a continued focus for this year. Adding value to our members, our clubs, and our District is what Joe believes to be vital to our continued success.

Joe embraces the Object of Rotary by encouraging and fostering the ideal of service as a worthy enterprise. He is looking forward to an unprecedented year of service while socially distancing. Rotary has been around since 1905. Our District has many clubs celebrating anniversaries with 100 years or more this year. As Rotarians, we have been through many global crises and we will find new ways to continue our service to our communities despite a global pandemic.