INNES CAMERON RICHARDS, DG District 6940

Innes was born in Washington, D.C., but her family roots are well embedded in Birmingham, and Mobile Alabama. She earned a B.A. degree from Judson Woman’s College in AL, and attended Johns Hopkins University for some graduate courses. After graduating, Innes worked as Production Manager for an ad agency in Birmingham, but most of her career, has been in the area of fundraising, major gifts, bequests, grants, and public relations, serving non-profits such as Children’s Hospital of AL, the American Lung Association and Covenant Hospice. She left Hospice to take on the position of Executive Director of the Pensacola Symphony Orchestra, and later Executive Director of the Northwest Florida Ballet, where she retired to take care of her first mother in law. She credits her knowledge of management and business to the 5 years she and her husband Ron, owned and operated a Supermarket

Innes was raised to appreciate the need in giving back to the community. While working, she made time to volunteer at nursing homes, community fundraising events, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, even becoming a foster parent to her husband’s Little Brother. She sits on the Community Board of Gulf Breeze Hospital, has served as an officer in the NSFRE (now Association of Fundraising Professionals), and the Navarre Chamber of Commerce. She is a Charter Member of the FL Commodores Association, a sustaining member of the Junior League, and served six years as Chairman of the National Society of the Colonial Dames. She is a member of the Pensacola Symphony Guild, the Elks Lodge, and has written a program on Leadership that she has presented to Yacht Clubs

In the fall of 1998, Innes was asked to join the Rotary Club of Pensacola. This is her 21st year in Rotary, and she has perfect attendance. Innes served on numerous committees in her club, was Secretary for 6 years, before becoming Pres-Elect, then President in 2012-13. That year her club earned both the Presidential and Governors Citations. She has served District 6940, chairing several positions, including Membership, District Conference, District Directory, Paul Harris Society, and Director of the Rotary Leadership Institute, a position she held for 3 ½ years. As an AG, she served as President of CROP, a group consisting of the 12 club presidents in the Pensacola area. She has been a Discussion Leader at PETS, Pre-PETS, Group Study Exchange Host numerous times, and has also served as Chair of several Rotary Zone committees. She was instrumental in planning and implementing the Rotary Centennial Playground, costing $700,000, that her club presented to the city as a gift. Innes also helped her husband in the planning and establishment of the Seville Rotary Club. She is a Major Donor, a member of the Paul Harris Society, Bequest Society, and a member of Rotary’s Yachting Fellowship. She is a graduate of the Rotary Leadership Institute, and continues to be a Discussion Leader with RLI, a position she has held since its inception into our District in 2008. She is a member of Christ Church, and enjoys travelling, painting, gardening, reading, sailing, music, and especially Rotary. Innes lives in Navarre, FL, with her 16 year old Shi tzu named Nicky.