

District Governor Alfred Current

Alfred Current was born and reared in Gastonia, North Carolina. He graduated from Lenoir-Rhyne University located in Hickory, North Carolina with a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1976. He was accepted into the management development program with JB Ivey and Company, headquartered in Charlotte, North Carolina, a retailer now known as Dillard's. He later moved to the wholesale side of clothing as a manufacturer's representative for ladies' apparel. A Church fundraising project put him into the BBQ catering business which then led him to opening a brick-and-mortar BBQ restaurant.

Alfred served on several boards while in Gastonia including the Gaston-Lincoln Area Mental Health Board, Gaston County Chapter of the American Red-Cross and Gaston Residential Services-a non-profit advocacy and provider of residential group homes for those with disabilities. He was elected to serve a four-year term on the Gaston County Board of Education in 2008.

Alfred reconnected with Karen, a college friend in 2012, after thirty years had passed. They married in March 2013 and Alfred moved to her home in Englewood. His community involvement includes serving on the board of directors of The Englewood Chamber of Commerce and The United Way of Charlotte County, along with service to his Church, Gulf Cove United Methodist.

Alfred, a third-generation Rotarian, began his Rotary journey 31 years ago when he joined the Rotary Club of Gastonia, North Carolina. He became a member of the Rotary Club of Englewood in July of 2013 and served two terms as club president. He has served as an assistant governor and three years as District Rotary Foundation Chair. Under his leadership, District 6960 achieved a record-breaking \$1.5 million in giving to The Rotary Foundation.

Alfred and his wife, Karen, also a Rotarian, are Major Donors, and members of the Bequest Society, Paul Harris Society, PolioPlus Society, as well as the newly formed Triple Crown Society. He is a partner in the firm, *Never Taxed Retirement Advisors, LLC*, and holds the professional designations of Chartered Life Underwriter (CLU®) and Certified in Long-Term Care (CLTC®). He has four children and he and Karen enjoy ten grandchildren.