

## **Robert A. Stuart, Jr.**

*Rotary Club of Springfield, Illinois, USA  
Director, Rotary International, 2005-07*

Bob is senior counsel in the law firm of Brown Hay & Stephens, which was founded by his great-great grandfather in 1828. An estate planning attorney, he is a fellow of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel and of the American Bar Foundation, past chair of the ISBA Estate Planning Section Council, past president of the Sangamon Valley Estate Planning Council and on the advisory panel of Illinois



Leading Lawyers Network. He has been designated as one of the “top 100 downstate business lawyers in Illinois”.

In Springfield, he has chaired the Chamber of Commerce, the United Way Campaign, the United Way Foundation and Sangamon County Historical Society. He has served as President/General Counsel of the National Recreation Foundation, President of the A. Lincoln Association and president of the local Boy Scout Council and Area President overseeing 12 Boy Scout councils together with serving as BSA’s Central Region chair for the National Eagle Scout Association and member the national BSA NESA Committee. In scouting he received the silver beaver, silver antelope and distinguished eagle awards. For service in Scottish Rite masonry, he was awarded the 33rd degree and received the “Lifetime Appreciation Award” from the Illinois Association of Park Districts. He has served as an elder and deacon at both the First Presbyterian Church and Westminster Presbyterian Church. He has also served on the boards of the YMCA, Goodwill Industries, Memorial Medical Center Foundation, SIU School of Medicine Foundation Advisory Board, Greater Springfield Economic Development Council and worked with the American Cancer Society and American Heart Association.

Bob joined Rotary in 1975, was club president in 1983-4 and served as district governor in 1985-86. He has chaired two zone institutes, served as delegate to two Councils on Legislation, Information Counselor, task force/committee coordinator, International Assembly Training Leader, Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator and RI Director. He served on RI’s Executive Committee and was Board liaison to the TRF Trustees. He chaired the Constitution and Bylaws Committee and the Operations Review Committee, served on the Peace Center Major Gift Initiative and chaired the Atlanta Preconvention Peace Conference. Bob chairs the legal committee for Rotary Leadership Institute. He has chaired several donors advised fund committees for disaster relief and chairs the Disaster Network of Assistance Rotary Action Group along with being vice chair of the RAG chairs council.

He has received the Citation for Meritorious Service and the Distinguished Service Award. Bob is Paul Harris Fellow, Major Donor and member of the Bequest Society. He has a son Todd and a daughter Cori, who has been vice president of her Rotary club.

## **Cathy Jo Littleton-Wahl**

*Rotary Club of Jacksonville, IL  
Rotary District 6460*

Cathy Jo has been a member of the Rotary Club of Jacksonville for 20 years. Along with her husband of 44 years and their only daughter she is a Paul Harris Fellow. They are full time grandparents to Hannah Mae. In 2010 she served as the district's 1st Youth Service chair. She is currently District Secretary, Youth Service chair and RYLA chair. Cathy Jo and her husband have hosted 11 international students. They truly believe in "making the world a smaller place". Cathy Jo will serve her club as President during the 2021-2022 Rotary year.



## **Steve Hopper, Past District Governor**

*Rotary Club of Macomb, IL  
Rotary District 6460*

Steve Hopper has been a member of the Rotary Club of Macomb for 36 years. He served as District Governor of 6460 during 2015-2016. Steve is currently serving as District 6460 Representative for the Council on Legislation 2020-2023 as well as the chair of District 6460 Foundation Board. Steve has served as a Zone 30-31 Membership Facilitator. He also served as a GSE team leader to Sweden in 2012. Steve participated in a National Immunization Day in India in 2017. He is a member of the Heart 2 Heart and is part of the H2HO advisory committee since 2016 and has participated in four H2H pilgrimages to Mexico City. Steve and his wife Janet have two children and three grandsons. Steve is a retired President/CEO of McDonough District Hospital in Macomb.

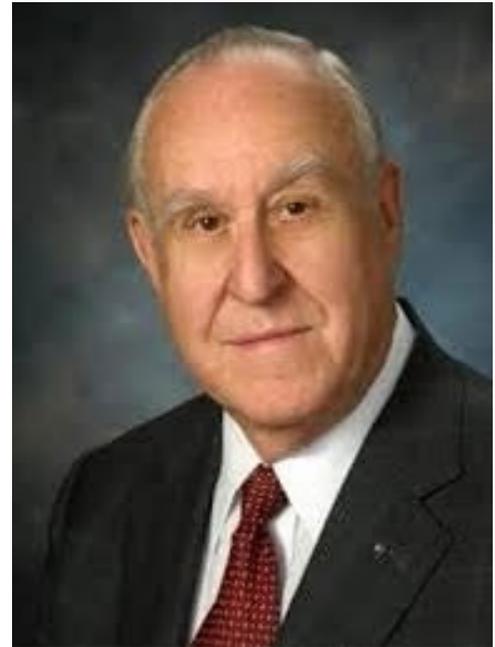


## **John F. Germ**

*Rotary Club of Chattanooga, Tennessee  
District 6780*

### **Full Bio**

John F. Germ is the retired board chair and CEO of Campbell & Associates, Inc., consulting engineers. He joined the firm as an engineer in 1965 after four years in the U.S. Air Force. He serves on the boards of several organizations, including The Chattanooga-Hamilton County Hospital Authority Board of Trustees, chair of The Public Education Foundation, Orange Grove Center, Inc., chair of the Board of The Miracle League of Chattanooga and Blood Assurance, Inc. He is also founder and treasurer of Chattanooga State Community College Foundation and The Tennessee Jaycee Foundation. He is Founder of Camp Discovery, a Camp for intellectually and developmentally disable individuals.



He was Tennessee Young Man of the year in 1970; Engineer of the year, 1976; Volunteer Fundraiser of the year, 1992; and Tennessee Community Organization's Volunteer of the year, 2009. He is recipient of the Boy Scouts Silver Beaver Award and the Arthritis Foundation Circle of Hope Award. In 2013, the White House recognized him a Champion of Change.

Germ joined Rotary in 1976 and has served RI as President in 2016-17, Vice President, Director, Foundation Trustee and Vice Chair, aide to the President and Foundation Trustee Chair, Chair of Rotary's \$200 million challenge, Countdown to History committee and numerous committees and RI training Leader.

Germ has received Rotary's Service Above Self Award and the Rotary Foundation Citation for Meritorious Service, Rotary Foundation Distinguished Service Award and Polio Pioneer Award. He and his wife Judy are Foundation Benefactors and members of the Arch Klumph Society. They have four children and six grandchildren.

# Tricia Buehne

*Rotary Club of Highland, Illinois  
District 6460*

## **Full Bio**

Tricia Buehne is the Vice President of First Mid Bank & Trust in Highland, IL. She started her banking career 23 years ago as a part time teller while going to college and has been offered many opportunities to grow her career. She has been one of their top mortgage lenders in the company for many years. Tricia was awarded the Chairman's Award of Excellence for First Mid in 2015. Tricia has also been recognized as a top lender in the industry for consecutive years.



Tricia Buehne joined the Highland, IL Jaycees in 2001; she held numerous positions on the Local, Region, State & National Level. In 2003 she served as the Highland Local President, she was named one of The Outstanding Presidents in Illinois. She had double up membership and ran numerous award-winning projects.

In 2015 she served as the 84<sup>th</sup> Illinois Jaycee President. She was honored to receive The Clayton Frost Memorial Award, The Most Outstanding President in the United States. She grew the Illinois Jaycees for the first time in decades and had a 68% retention rate. Her and her team ran projects in every area for the Jaycees, started new chapters, made over \$10,000 in income, 10% increase in competitions. She also raised over \$10,000 of good, services and revenue for Camp New Hope, a camp they sponsor for special needs people. She facilitated a Biggest Loser Program for all Members, Senators and Ambassadors of the Illinois Jaycees to promote healthy lifestyles for all members across the state. They ran a very successful Government Affairs Leadership Summit (GALS) event at the State Capital to meet Government Officials and even got a meeting with the Governor Rauner.

In 2017 Tricia was a National Vice President and made connections across the USA. She was assigned numerous states to help them and make sure they succeed. She traveled and made sure her states were one of the best in the Nation. In 2018, Tricia was also award a Top Outstanding Young Person by the Illinois Jaycees. Every year they award individuals between 18 and 40 who exemplify the best attributes of young people across Illinois. She was recognized for humanitarians and voluntary leadership.

Also in 2018 she ran an opposed election, that she won, and became the 99<sup>th</sup> President of JCI USA. During her term as National President she represented the United States across the world. She worked with Elected Officials all over the US promoting the mission and vision of JCI USA. She also worked with the members on the ground; working at local projects is her favorite thing to help with. If it is physically working or working membership booths she will do whatever to help at events.

Tricia is also on numerous other boards, she is a member of Highland Chamber of Commerce and is currently serving as President. In 2016 Tricia was awarded the Bill Pierce Chamber Person of the Year. This award is designed to recognize an individual who has exhibited extraordinary service to the Highland Chamber of Commerce.

She is on the HSHS St. Joseph Hospital Board in Highland and serves as Secretary. She is a member and Chairman of the Professional Women in Building with the Home Builders & Remodelers Metro East. She is a member of the Affiliates of the Greater Gateway Association of Realtors and serves on the Community Involvement Committee. She is an affiliate member of the Realtor Association of Southwestern Illinois. She is a member of the St. Rose Development Club and St. Rose Parish, where she helps run the annual chicken dinner at their picnic. Tricia also helps on their family farm with the financial paperwork.

## **Charlie Meier**

*Illinois State Representative in 108<sup>th</sup> House District*

### **Full Bio**

Charlie E. Meier currently serves as the State Representative in the 108th House District, a position he has held since the November 2012 election. Rep. Meier serves on the following committees in the Illinois House of Representatives; Republican Spokesperson for Agriculture & Conservation; Appropriations-Human Services; Elementary Secondary Ed: School Curriculum Policies; Environment; Labor & Commerce Committee; Mental Health; Special Needs Services (Republican Spokesperson); Workforce Reconciliation Subcommittee; Substance Abuse Subcommittee; Negotiations Subcommittee; and Animal Baiting Subcommittee.



Before Charlie Meier was elected State Representative, he served six years on the Washington County Board during the construction of Prairie State Energy. While serving on the County Board, Meier was assigned to the Legislative, Sheriff, Highway, Assessment, and Animal Control Committees.

During his time on the Washington County Board, Charlie was involved with negotiating for Prairie State Energy to build their coal mine and power plant in the SE corner of the county. Prairie State Energy is the largest business in Mid America. It brought in 3,500 temporary construction jobs and 500 permanent jobs. This facility and other business expansion of the enterprise zone has given Charlie Meier a unique understanding of the energy and manufacturing industries in Illinois.

Charlie is a lifelong resident of Washington County, residing on his family's Centennial Farm. In 2009 Charlie was awarded the State of Illinois Conservation Farm Family of the Year, which recognizes leaders in land conservation that uphold the responsibility to restore its natural productive beauty for

future generations. He is currently working on his second development with villas and single family residences.

He was a Board member of Heartland Conservancy (2008-2020), serving the counties of Madison, St. Clair, Clinton, Washington, Bond, Monroe, and Randolph. Heartland Conservancy is an independent, non-profit, nonpartisan, incorporated organization. Its primary purpose is the conservation, development and proper use of the resources which will result in increased job opportunities, economic stability, and provide for a quality environment in the area. This has helped Charlie in understanding the business aspect of dealing with F.E.M.A., E.P.A. and zoning regulations in Illinois.

Charlie Meier is also Vice Chairman of B.C.M.W. serving Bond, Clinton, Marion, and Washington counties with Social Services, including Head Start, senior meals, weatherization, handicap rehab, and LIHEAP.

Charlie has been a member of the Addieville Area Jaycees since 1979 and served on the state board twice. He was honored with his Jaycee Senatorship and served on the Illinois Jaycee Senate Board in 2009. In 1988 Charlie was recognized as one of the 10 outstanding young people in the State of Illinois.

Charlie has been a 4-H leader for 35 years. Charlie has been a Charter Member of the Heritage House and Museum in Okawville since 1982 helping it grow into 3 properties, one of which is on the National Register of Historic Places. Charlie has been an instrumental player in restarting the local AG and FFA program at Okawville High School. Charlie has been a Chamber member since 1992 and presently serves on the tourism tax committee. Charlie is former chairman and board member of the Washington County Senior Services and served on the Executive board on Building Excellence for the Okawville School District. He is a life member of St. Peters U.C.C. Church and has served on numerous committees there including Sunday school teacher.

Charlie Meier's commitment to public service is second to none. Since February 22, 2012, Charlie Meier never gave up fighting to keep Murray Center open. It was in 2012 when Illinois Governor Pat Quinn announced his intention to close the Warren G. Murray Developmental Center located in Centralia, slating its closure for the spring of 2013. However, thankfully due to efforts made by the Murray Parents Association, Rep. John Cavaletto, Senator John O. Jones, State Representative Charlie Meier and hundreds of friends and family of Murray Center. They never gave up the fight to keep the only state developmental center located in central and southern Illinois open.

Charlie continues to be honored for this work as an Illinois State Representative. He has won the Champion of Free Enterprise Award from the Illinois Chamber (twice), the Friend of Infrastructure Award from the Transportation for Illinois Coalition, Farm Activator from Farm Bureau (three times), Conservative Achievement Award from the American Conservative Union Foundation, Partner in Advocacy from Hoyleton Ministries, Dr. Plassman from the Murray Parents Association, and Play Maker award from Unlimited Play to name a few.

Furthermore, as of October 2019, the biography of Charlie Meier will continue to expand as his commitment to public service continues...

**Jenny R. Stotts, MA, MS, LSW**  
*Membership Chair, Rotary District 6690*

*Executive Director, Athens CASA/GAL Program*  
*Regional Director, Southeast Ohio CASA Program*

**Full Bio**

Jenny Stotts currently volunteers as the Membership Chair in Rotary District 6690. She is a member of the Paul Harris Society and the Bequest Society. Each member of her family, including her two young children, are Paul Harris Fellows. She is a charter member and past president of the Rotary Club of Athens Sunrise and a past Assistant Governor. Her favorite Rotary activities include RYLA and Paddle for Polio Plus, an annual event featuring kayaks. She developed and is leading a large scale service event called “The Big Project” which benefits her hometown by bringing together more than a dozen Rotary, Kiwanis, Lions, and Civitan Clubs, which she describes as her “dream project,” benefitting over 10,000 local families.



Stotts is the Executive Director of the Athens CASA/GAL Program and the Regional Coordinator of Southeast Ohio CASA. She is a licensed social worker, a trauma specialist and a trained forensic interviewer. She has devoted her career to serving foster children. This work is near to her heart as she was adopted from the Ohio child welfare system as a child and grew up in a foster home. She and her husband, also a Rotarian, continued the tradition, building their family through adoption, as well. She is an outspoken advocate for foster care adoption.

Stotts also spends time training, speaking and consulting on child welfare, trauma and resilience as well as change management and leadership development. She has presented at national and international events. Her work on trauma-informed care has been published in multiple peer-reviewed journals. While presenting, Stotts adheres to her 24-hour rule to provide the audience with a practical skill and concept they can apply within one day. In Rotary, she speaks regularly on diversity and inclusion, change management and a special twist on member engagement she calls “Rotary Happy.” She has been featured or contributed to articles in Rotary Voices, Rotary Leader and Rotary Magazine.

Stotts was recently recognized in her community and region as the Young Professional of the Year, Community Leader of Year, and Ohio's 5 Under 35 Featured Alumni. She serves as the Chair of the federally mandated Child Welfare Review Panel on Permanency and was elected to the National Leadership Council and the Rural Leadership Council for CASA. She also serves on the advisory board of the Appalachian Children’s Coalition. In addition to Rotary, Stotts volunteers her time with the Make-A-Wish Foundation and the Child Conservation League.

She describes herself simply as: Mother, Wife, Friend, Social Worker, Rotarian and Trouble-Making Millennial.