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Elaine Mead-Rotary

Greetings fellow Rotarians and home stayers.

My connection with Rotary began when my father joined in 1975. His club sponsored me on a Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA) course in 1984 and 10 years later, when they decided to charter a “different”, mixed-gender, breakfast club I was asked to be Charter President. I’m still a member of Rotary

Westhaven and have done several turns as president, bulletin editor and secretary. At a district level, I’ve experienced assistant governor, district secretary, Group Study Exchange (GSE) committee and chair, and in 2010 I led a GSE team to District 1760 in the south of France. Over the last four years I have been involved in district learning and development and as district alumni chair. My partner, Peter Garnett was District Governor in 2015-2016, which certainly gave me more insight in to the role. I’m proud to say I will be our district’s third female governor. In Peter’s year we experienced the hospitality of the Vero Beach Rotarians and we’re looking forward to re-connecting in January 2020.

I’m a Kiwi who has also lived in London, Paris and Perth (West Australia). Growing up, my sporting interests moved from tennis to horse-riding to badminton and then Ceroc dance. These days it has fallen away to walking and yoga and looking for accommodation with a pool. Professionally I started in journalism, which lasted about a year, and I ended up working Human Resources and change management roles in NZ and Australia. My last role was with IBM’s Global Business Services division. Since then I have focused on Rotary, with a side interest as a personal historian.

Peter joined Rotary in 2004 and is a member of Rotary East Coast Bays. We met through Rotary when he was selected in 2013 as Team Leader for a Group Study Exchange team to D3730 in Gangwon province, South Korea. Peter trained in the Royal New Zealand Air Force (RNZAF) as a pilot and flew the Iroquois Helicopter on military and search and rescue tasks throughout New Zealand and overseas. On leaving the RNZAF, he held a variety of executive management roles and is now retired, although holds an independent directorship on an ophthalmological company and is a trustee of Leadership New Zealand. Peter has two adult daughters and two grand-daughters.