

Judy says that her association with and respect for Rotary began when she became Dean of Students at Terre Haute North High School in 1977. One of the most positive aspects of that position was that she sponsored the Interact Club — the most popular, active and helping organization in the school. When she became Superintendent of Schools in Attica in August 1999, Judy introduced herself to the community by visiting the Attica-Williamsport Rotary Club (District 6560) where she served as a guest speaker.

Judy became a Rotarian in January, 2001, and during that meeting Past General Secretary of Rotary International Herb Pigman, gave an update on PolioPlus. This effort of eradicating polio worldwide and the fact that this small Rotary club in a very small rural community could be a meaningful part of the effort was incredible to her.

She was president of the club in 2003-04 and again in 2004-05. At the changeover meeting in June 2005, the club surprised her with several gifts including what she calls “the most significant and heartwarming” – club members each giving \$100 to The Rotary Foundation. At the district level Judy served as Assistant Governor and then Ambassadorial Scholarship Chair. She chaired the District Foundation Seminar on three occasions and was Operations Chair for Hoosier PETS.

When Judy retired in 2011 after 46 years in public education as a teacher, dean, counselor, assistant principal, principal and superintendent, she and her husband, John, moved to the Bedford/Bloomington area to live near their daughter who is a case conference coordinator in the local schools.

In District 6580 she has served as Bedford Rotary club secretary, district secretary, youth exchange officer and outbound coordinator. Judy also serves on the board of Teachers Warehouse, a Rotary project that provides basic school supplies for elementary and junior high students in a five-county area.

Throughout her career Judy spent extra time and effort to serve others. She has been secretary of the Indiana-Kentucky Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America since 2011 and has served on the board of the Monroe County United Ministries since 2012. Today, she finds meaning by serving others especially through Rotary.