

Dale Basham

Dale Basham, Past-President of Muncie Rotary, was recently elected as Rotary International District 6560, Central Indiana, Governor, 2018-2019. Basham is the seventh member in the ninety-eight year history of the Muncie Rotary Club to be selected to serve as Governor.

Basham has spent most of his career in education. After graduating from Indiana Wesleyan University with a degree in English education and then Ball State University with a master's degree in speech and theatre, Basham was hired to teach English, speech, and theatre at Muncie Southside High School in 1977. He taught and directed plays until 1992. After more work at Ball State University in counseling psychology, he was hired to move down the hallway at Southside as a guidance counselor. As a guidance counselor, his duties included personal, career, and college counseling, assessments coordinator, and professional development coordinator. He continued to study at Ball State University in administrative leadership and was appointed associate principal, again at Southside High School, in 2004. In 2008 he became Director of the Muncie Area Career Center where he was responsible for the career and technical education programs, teen mothers, early childhood education, grant writing, and budgeting for Indiana District 22 - Blackford, Delaware, and Randolph Counties. He also directed the adult education programs, grants, and budget for Indiana Growth Region 6 - Blackford, Delaware, Jay, and Randolph Counties.

In 2010, he was elected to the Muncie Community Schools' Board of Trustees. In 2012, he left the MCS School Board to serve as Interim Director of Secondary Education for the school corporation. Following that assignment, he served as Interim Principal of Muncie Central High School and then Interim Chief Academic Officer for MCS.

Dale Basham currently serves on the board of directors of the Hillcroft Services, Chairman of the Muncie-Delaware County Chamber of Commerce, Business-Education Partnership, President of the Muncie Fire Commission, and acting President of the Muncie Downtown Development Partnership.

As the 97th President of Muncie Rotary, his club welcomed an unprecedented number of new members. Muncie Rotary has continued its momentum by recently approving several more. Since 2010, he has served as the Education Director for Muncie Rotary, charged with directing the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards, the Muncie Rotary high school speech contest, the Muncie Rotary S.U.C.C.E.S.S. (**S**incere, **U**nselfish, **C**ourageous, **C**aring, **E**nthusiastic, **S**tudious, and **S**elf-Reliant) student of the month. His newest project for Muncie Rotary is the club's **Service Above Self** Partnership, a partnership with local non-profits, focusing the club's talents and treasure to serve their community. Basham was honored as back to back District 6560 Rotarian of the Year

for 2015 and 2016. For his year at the helm, Muncie Rotary was named as District 6560 Rotary Club of the Year. Basham served as Co-Chair of the 2016 Rotary District 6560 Conference, the President-Elect Training Sessions (PETS) Committee, and as a member of The Rotary Foundation Fundraising Committee of 6560. He was chairman of the RI District 6560 Conference at The Indianapolis Children's Museum in April 2017, served on The Rotary Foundation Fundraising 6560 Team, and chairs R.I District 6560 High School Speech Contest.