

Heather Stoa, a member of Rotary Club of Decatur IL #180 since 1998, has served her club in a variety of leadership positions and was president in 2006-07.

At the District level, Heather has been a member of the World Community Services/Global Grants Committee from 2011 to present and was chair in 2016-17. She has been a Rotary Leadership Institute presenter, a member of the Nominating Committee, and is the current District Grants Committee Chair. In 2009, Heather was named District 6490 Rotarian of the Year. She is a member of the Paul Harris Society, and she and her husband, Terry, are Major Donors.

Her greatest joy in Rotary has been working on international grants and projects for an eye clinic in India, water projects in Kenya, an economic development project for women in India, and an orphanage in Mexico. Last November, she traveled to Mexico for Heart 2 Heart and is excited to share what she learned about work of fellow Rotarians to improve their communities in Central Illinois and around the world. Her suitcase is always packed for the next adventure!

Heather has a BA from Iowa State University in Speech and English and an MA from University of Illinois in Springfield in Education Administration. She is a former teacher, freelance writer, and a past president of Junior Achievement of East Central Illinois.

Her hobbies include traveling, reading, gardening, painting, and cooking. She and Terry have two children and five grandchildren.