

Connie Walsh joined the Rotary Club of Champaign in 1998 and has enjoyed being an active part of numerous Club committees over the years. She was Club President in 2017-2018, Club Foundation President in 2010-2011, named Rotarian of the Year for 2010-2011, and has over 21 years of Perfect Attendance. Connie is a Paul Harris Fellow +6 and a member of the Paul Harris Society. She is a graduate of the Rotary Leadership Institute.

At the District level, Connie has been active serving in a variety of roles including Assistant Governor for two years, Area President's Council, Foundation Fundraising Committee Chair, Visioning Committee (including directing the Visioning Process for the Champaign Rotary Club) and Foundation Dinner Chair. She is the District Insurance Representative. In addition, Connie helped plan the Presidents-Nominee training for the 2020-2021 LOL PETS program and is serving on the LOL PETS Executive Committee in 2021-2022. Connie looks forward to serving as District Governor in 2022-2023.

Connie was born and raised in Decatur, IL where she graduated from Lakeview High School. She served in the U.S. Army as a Military Police Officer and after training at Ft. McClellan, AL was stationed in Germany. Connie has a Bachelor of Arts from Eastern Illinois University, a Master of Public Administration degree from Governors State University and earned a Doctor of Public Administration degree in 2009 from the University of Illinois at Springfield. Her dissertation research focuses on discretion in the administration of federal policies and expands workforce development research. An in-depth examination of the organizational structural design of programs and workforce development implementation strategies in Illinois was conducted.

Connie served in several areas during her 33 years at the University of Illinois in Urbana-Champaign including human resources, data programming and analysis, and business and financial services. Connie retired in December 2018 as the Chief Financial Officer for the Consortium of Academic and Research Libraries in Illinois (CARLI).

Connie enjoys volunteering in the Champaign area including serving on the Board of Directors for the Developmental Services Center (DSC) where she has served as Board Chair, Treasurer and Secretary. She was event co-chair for a large annual fundraiser for DSC for several years.

Connie and her husband Pat live in Champaign and have a combined family of four children and 11 grandchildren. Her hobbies include spending time with family and friends, traveling, playing golf with her husband, attending sporting events, and reading.