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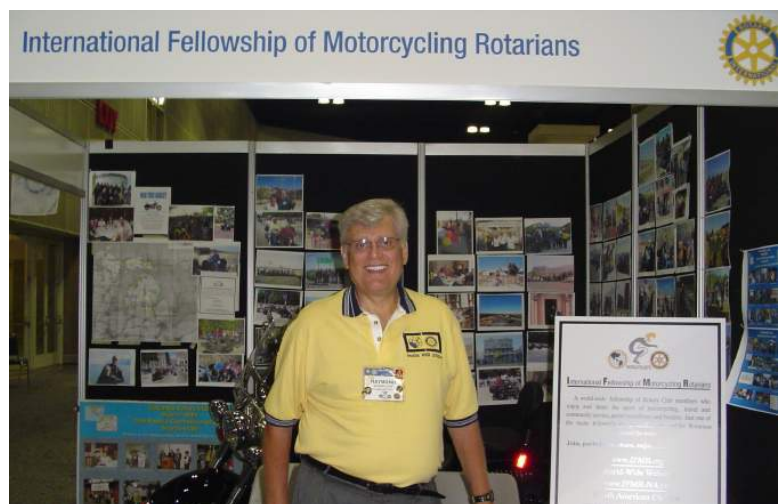
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Nomination of PDG Raymond E. Plue, DVM for IFMR International President 2015-2018

The North American chapter of IFMR (IFMR-NA) is pleased to nominate PDG Raymond E. Plue, DVM, as candidate for International President of IFMR for the term 2015-2018. Raymond served as President of the North American chapter of IFMR 2007-2010 and as Governor of Rotary District 6080 2010-2011. He currently serves as chairman of the IFMR-NA Council of Governors, which he helped found in 2011, and as Dean of the District 6080 Rotary Leadership Academy. He also continues to serve in a number of other key leadership roles in Rotary District 6080 and beyond.

Raymond joined Rotary in 1968 and has been an active member and leader in five Rotary clubs in the United States and Australia: Chilton, Wisconsin (USA); Athens, Georgia (USA); Bondi Junction, New South Wales (Australia); Fayetteville, Arkansas (USA); and Columbia South, Missouri (USA). He was named "Rotarian of the Year" in 1995 by the Rotary Club of Bondi Junction and again in 2003 by the Rotary Club of



Raymond greeting visitors at the IFMR booth

Columbia South. He has attended 14 Rotary International conventions, in Asia, Australia, Europe, and America.

He was GSE team leader in 2004 for District 6080 to District 3130 in India, as well as Friendship Exchange team leader in 1999, 2001, and 2007 for District 6080 to District 9570 in Australia; District 9250 in Kwa-Zulu-Natal, South Africa; and District 9930 in New Zealand. A more complete listing of his Rotary achievements is attached,

An avid, life-long motorcycle rider, Raymond has been a member of IFMR since the mid 1990s and has been an active leader and organizer of numerous tours and other IFMR events in North America, as well as participant in several IFMR international tours and events in Australia, Europe, and North America. He has helped staff the IFMR booth at several Rotary International conventions and has met, ridden, and worked with IFMR members from many IFMR chapters. A more complete listing of his IFMR activities in North America and other parts of the world is included in the attachment.

Raymond earned a Doctorate in Veterinary Medicine in 1968 from Purdue University and a post-doctoral degree in veterinary pathology from the University of Georgia. He has worked as a clinical veterinary pathologist, as director of veterinary pathology research and development for a leading international corporation, and as university professor. He and his wife Vickie established the annual Raymond E. Plue Outstanding Teaching Award in the School of Veterinary Medicine at Purdue University.

Raymond displays the virtues of integrity, ability, service, and leadership that all Rotarians strive to achieve, while also sharing the cordial congeniality, friendship, and love of motorcycling that brings IFMR members together in international friendship and fellowship.

During the term of the next IFMR International President, there will be two Rotary International conventions held in North America: Atlanta and Toronto. It will be the goal of the North American chapter and of Raymond Plue to make both those conventions opportunities for unique and enjoyable international fellowship (and great riding!) for IFMR members. We are therefore pleased to nominate Raymond Plue to be International President of IFMR 2015-2018.



Tim D. Cudd, President, IFMR-NA



Robert D. Shriner, Past President, IFMR-NA
Chairman, IFMR-NA Nominating Committee

Attachment 1

RAYMOND E. PLUE ROTARY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Raymond Plue first joined Rotary in 1968 and has been an active, dedicated Rotarian ever since.

He is a regular participant in Rotary District Conferences, including 17 since he moved to Missouri in 1996. He has also attended 14 Rotary International Conventions in Asia, Europe, Australia, and America, including Indianapolis, Indiana; San Antonio, Texas; Brisbane, Australia; Osaka, Japan; Chicago, Illinois; Copenhagen, Denmark/Malmo, Sweden; Salt Lake City, Utah; Los Angeles, California; Birmingham, England; Montreal, Quebec, Canada; New Orleans, Louisiana; Bangkok, Thailand; Lisbon, Portugal; and Sydney, Australia.

Raymond was the "On To Rotary International Convention" chairman for District 6080 2002-2008. He generated excitement for 32 District 6080 Rotarians to register and attend the Convention in Brisbane, Australia.

He has been a member of the Rotary Club of Chilton, Wisconsin; the Rotary Club of Athens, Georgia; the Rotary Club of Bondi Junction, New South Wales, Australia; the Rotary Club of Fayetteville, Arkansas and the Rotary Club of Columbia South, Missouri.

He was named a Will Watt Fellow at the Rotary Club of Athens, Georgia, recognizing his support and contribution to the Georgia Rotary Student Program in sponsoring more than 80 international students to attend the University of Georgia.

In 1985 Raymond was named a Paul Harris Fellow at the Rotary Club of Athens, Georgia, recognizing his support and contribution to Rotary's Polio eradication program.

He has supported the naming of all members of his family, including grandchildren, as Paul Harris Fellows.

He has supported the naming of Paul Harris Fellows on four continents, showing his involvement in the fellowship and internationality of Rotary International.

Raymond was named 'Rotarian of the Year' in 1995 by the Rotary Club of Bondi Junction, New South Wales, Australia, and 'Rotarian of the Year' in 2003 by the Rotary Club of Columbia South, Missouri.

He is very active in IFMR. He joined IFMR in the mid 1990s and became President of IFMR-NA 2007-2010. During the 2005 Rotary Convention in Chicago, he rode in the Centennial Parade. He participated in the Arizona and Nevada Desert Rides organized by California IFMR members in 2002 and 2006; and in September 2003 he was Group Leader for 22 motorcycling Rotarians from seven countries as they toured Canada, New England, and the Mid-Atlantic states. Raymond organized and led the 2005 'Wild West Posse' Ride, a group of 24 motorcycling Rotarians from five different nations as they toured the old west of America. Following the 2006 RI Convention in Copenhagen, Denmark Raymond rode north above the Arctic Circle in Sweden and Norway stopping at the farm of then IFMR President Jorgen Otzen for a celebration of the summer solstice. In 2007 he organized a 15 day international ride touring the Rocky Mountain west and attending the Rotary International Convention in Salt Lake City.

Raymond staffed the IFMR booth in the House of Friendship during the 2008 RI Convention in Los Angeles, California and joined in the tent camp at the ranch of IFMR-NA Secretary Jean Dore. He rode in the International 'Great Lakes-Great Times' ride around our Great Lakes in 2008. He rode the England/Scotland tour following the RI convention in Birmingham, England, 2009. He rode the two-week, 2700-mile (4320 km) 'Atlantic Canada' tour of eastern Quebec, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, and Nova Scotia following the 2010 RI convention in Montreal, which included IFMR riders from seven different nations. In 2012 Raymond organized and led a three-day ride over his favorite mountain roads in the Ozark mountains of Arkansas.

Raymond is a dedicated rider of Harley-Davidson motorcycles and, as a member of the Iron Butt Association, he has often ridden over 1,000 mile (1,600 km) a day while touring all across the USA. He has ridden in 49 US states, 8 Canadian provinces, and several states in Mexico. He commonly rides 35,000 miles (56,000 km) each year and logs over 100,000 miles (160,000 km) on a motorcycle before trading it for a new model.

Raymond was a member in 1999 of the Rotary Friendship Exchange, old Missouri District 6050 to District 9570, Queensland, Australia. He was the Team Leader in 2001 of the Rotary Friendship Exchange from Missouri District 6080 to District 9250 in Kwa-Zulu-Natal Province, South Africa. He was the Team Leader for the Rotary Friendship Exchange between Rotary Districts 6080 and 9930 in New Zealand February and March 2007.

Raymond was the Rotarian Team Leader of the District 6080 Group Study Exchange Team to District 3130, Maharashtra State, India during January 2004. Raymond supported the naming of all four GSE Team members as Paul Harris Fellows at the 2004 District Conference.

Raymond participated in two National Immunization Days in India, vaccinating children with polio vaccine on 04 January and 22 February 2004.

Raymond received the Rotary International Commitment to Service Award in 2005, the Avenues of Service Citation in 2008, and the RI Service Above Self Award in 2013.

Raymond has served the club level as Director, Treasurer, Secretary, President-elect and in 2006-2007 as President of the Rotary Club of Columbia South.. He served as District Governor of District 6080 in 2010-2011. He has served as District Rotary Foundation Chair since 2012 and successfully guided the District from Future Vision into Rotary's News Grants Model. He has been responsible for developing the Club Qualification Seminars.

He is Dean of the District 6080 Rotary Leadership Academy, and a charter member of the Bequest Society of the Rotary International Foundation Endowment Fund, Level 2..

Raymond and his wife Vickie are Major Donors, Level 3, to The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International. He is a member of the Paul Harris Society.

Raymond and Vickie have funded the Dr. Raymond E. and Vickie L. Plue Endowment within The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International Endowment Fund.

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