



Rotary District 5520's new district governor rises to the challenge with a personal and professional background in service. After graduation from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1971, Tom Walker served in the United States Navy, where he served in four nuclear submarines. That service and other volunteer activities have well-prepared him to lead Rotary District 5520, which is comprised of 70 clubs and about 2, 600 members in New Mexico and West Texas.

"Rotary helps people," said Walker. "Not only in our own neighborhoods, but in places that are spread out around the world. I'm excited about working with all of our members to serve our local, national and international communities."

District 5520 is the largest Rotary district in the continental United States. Walker will be traveling throughout the District to provide support and leadership. He joined Rotary in 1997 and was the 2007-2008 president of the Rotary Club of Albuquerque and continues the Rotarian tradition of his family. His parents were both Rotarians and Paul Harris Fellows. His father was the 1994-1995 District 6030 Rotarian of the Year. Tom was the 2010 District 5520 Rotarian of the Year and received the 2013 District 5520 Service Above Self award. He was the 2010-2013 Rotary District 5520 Foundation Chair and has served 2 years as the District 5520 Grant and Annual Program Fund Chair. He is a Paul Harris Fellow, a Major Donor to The Rotary Foundation, a Paul Harris Society member as well as a Clinton P. Anderson Fellow and Guardian Society member of the Albuquerque Rotary Charitable Foundation. Tom is an eight year counselor at District 5520 Boys' Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA) camp, and is a facilitator for District 5520's Rio Grande Academy for training and leadership.

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