



District Governor-nominee

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Fred joined the Berkeley Rotary Club in 1994, at the request of the UCB Chancellor. He was a slow starter, but became Berkeley's club president in 2010-11. Over the years with his club, he oversaw the Rotary Peace Grove in Tilden Regional Park, was liaison for its two Rotaract clubs and helped create an Interact program, worked on Rotary projects in Mexico, and helped organize Rotary's Agent Orange international symposium.

At the District level, he served in Assistant Governor roles with the BARSHEEP I-80 corridor from 2011-14, and helped that coalition of clubs launch Richmond Rotacare. He earlier helped in the annual Rotary Peace Center symposiums at UC Berkeley and the District's hosting of Rotary's International Disaster Preparedness Conference. He has been challenged by incoming Governors to increase Interact-to-Rotaract-to-Rotary transitions. His joy has been to discover 100+ friends in his club, and ever new friendships emerging as he became active in the BARSHEEP area and the District.

His partner in all he does is his wife Joan. She managed the Docent Program at the Oakland Museum of California before retiring. They have two daughters and a son, and so far four grandchildren. Fred grew up in Baltimore, won his county's Rotary Youth Leadership Award in high school, got his B.A from Columbia University and his Ph.D. in Political Economy and Government from Harvard. He worked for a Congressman, for the President's Office of Management and Budget, and as a Senior Economist for Abt Associates.

He then taught and did research for 40 years as a professor in City and Regional Planning at the University of California at Berkeley. He is now a Professor Emeritus but served as the Planning Dept. Chair, as undergraduate Dean of the College of Environmental Design, and the Chancellor's Faculty Adviser for undergraduate community service as it tripled to over 10,000 students annually.

Off campus, he founded and managed for 24 years Berkeley Planning Associates, a national firm. He was made a Fellow of the American Institute of Certified Planners for career contributions. He served two terms as an elected Berkeley City Councilmember, served on many boards, and helped lead startups of other firms, including a manufacturing firm. He's a nerd but energetic.