

GET TO KNOW ...

JIM SELBY



Jim Selby is a retired community college administrator with a curiosity for wine, hiking, travel and service. Having served on the board of the club as The Rotary Foundation Director, Jim is the club's longest tenured board member. He's also a Charter Member of the Rotary Club of Three Creeks, which he proudly calls his "Rotary Home" after serving in four Rotaries prior to helping start our club.

Why did you join Rotary?

I first joined Rotary in 1966 when I was the high school counselor and English teacher at Walnut High School, Walnut, Ill. I was 25 and looking for an opportunity to volunteer which turned out to be a two-fer because when I joined Rotary a member who was the Scoutmaster for the Walnut Troop recruited me to be Scoutmaster. Needless to say, Betty and I got involved in the community. It was a small club, about 25, whose members were trying to recruit several younger members. I left that club when we moved but later joined Rotary Clubs in Hillsboro and Trenton, Mo., serving as President of each, and Canton, N.C., where I was not as active because of traveling so much. Each club allowed me to connect with the community and serve in a variety of ways.

What do you like about our club?

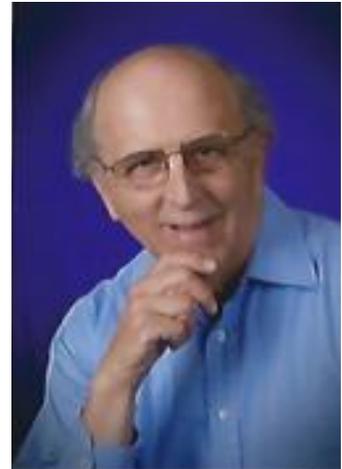
I would not have known about Rotary Club of Three Creeks if it were not for Betty. She saw a short article in The Columbian about the club forming so I began attending to find out more. I had visited several other Rotary Clubs in the area, but nothing clicked for me. I could tell right away that this club was going to be fun and productive. I am proud to be a Charter Member. We have an enthusiastic bunch who like to have a good time and work hard in Clark County. Even on Zoom we seem to click!

What Rotary activity did you find your passion in?

Our service projects have covered a wide range of needs and now that we have a good fundraiser, we can help various organizations in more impactful ways. I like our emphasis on meeting basic needs, especially food needs, something Betty and I have been doing through our church and working at Share House. It takes a variety of skills and passion to deal with service projects, but our Rotary Club has a nice mix of both passion and skills.

What's your superpower?

Encouraging a wide variety of individuals to work as a team has been something I have been able to do over my career and in my volunteer commitments. I began using a team approach to planning and execution when I became a Dean of Students at East Central Missouri College in 1971. Fortunately, my President was supportive and that carried through my career, two more Deanships and then President of North Central Missouri College. Everyone needs to carry out their assigned tasks, but everyone performs better when they work in a team environment.



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