

**Pat Edwardss**  
**District Governor Elect, Rotary District 7600**  
**Rotary Club of Town Center, Virginia Beach**

Pat Edwards was born and raised in Rockland ME – a small “city” in the mid-coast region. When she wasn’t swimming in the ocean or collecting seashells, she was working for her dad making ice cream. She attended Notre Dame College in Manchester NH, graduating with a BA in Advertising. During her senior year internship, she realized that working in an ad agency was not what she wanted to do when she grew up, and that helping people had to be part of the equation.



Pat received her EMT certification while working at E.I. DuPont and joined the City of Manchester NH Fire Department soon after. Several years later Pat relocated to central Vermont where she obtained her Paramedic and Critical Care Paramedic certifications while working as Training Officer for White River Valley Ambulance. She was promoted to Operations Supervisor and spent her last seven years there as Executive Director. During her years in Vermont, she was introduced to Haiti by her medical director. Pat fell in love with Haiti during that first medical clinic and has gone there a total of nine times.

Haiti is her Rotary story. Upon returning to Vermont after that first medical clinic, she was asked to share her experience with the Greater Bethel Area Rotary Club and was asked to join the club. She said yes. She served as Club President for two years. Interestingly, her district’s Pre-PETS was held in the building where Paul Harris attended school as a young boy. She would later learn from her aunt that another founder of Rotary – Hiram Shorey, who was originally from Maine, was a friend of her great-grandfather.

After moving to Virginia Beach in 2014 Pat joined the Rotary Club of Town Center Virginia Beach. She has served as President for two years, along with being the club’s Foundation Chair. Pat has also served as an Assistant Governor, Lieutenant Governor, District Membership Chair, District End Polio Now Baseball Games Co-Chair, and District Conference Co-Chair. Pat is a RLI graduate, a PHF +5 PHS member, and a Bequest Society member. She is District 7600’s HANWASH Champion and a supporter of CART.

Pat currently works as the EMS Coordinator for Bon Secours Health System Southside Hampton Roads. She lives along the Elizabeth River in Portsmouth with her partner Kim, their chocolate lab Pedey, and cat Kiko.

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