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Ed was born and raised In Chicago, IL. He received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Humanities from George Williams College In Downers Grove, Illinois in 1973. He then moved to Minnesota to attend the University of Minnesota and received his MBA In 1977.

Ed was a member of the Shakopee Rotary Club and the Eden Prairie Rotary Club in District 5950 from 1990 - 1996. He left Rotary due to a job change. But rejoined at the St. Paul Sunrise Club (then known as St. Paul Midway) in 2001. He served as club president there twice; in 2003 – 04 and again in 2016– 17. He has also served as International Service Chair, Rotary International Foundation Chair and Membership Co-Chair, he is currently Co-Chair for the St. Paul Sunrise Annual Community Forum.

At the district level Ed is serving on the Fast For Hope steering committee and has made 5 trips to Nicaragua. He served three years as Assistant Governor and is currently on the District Ethics committee.

The majority of Ed's professional career was spent in Nonprofit Fundraising and Management, most notably with the American Red Cross and as Executive Director of the Minnesota Environmental Fund. During his time with the Red Cross, he served on 12 national disaster assignments traveling throughout Minnesota as well as Louisiana and Missouri.

Ed has served on the boards of the Greater Minneapolis Chapter of the American Red Cross, the National Society of Fund Raising Executives, ROHMSID (Rotary Hospital Medical Supplies for International Distribution), St. Paul Vocal Forum, and the Wright County Arts Association.

Volunteer activities have included being a Den Leader, Cub Scout Roundtable Chair, Assistant Scoutmaster, District Camporee Chair, and Merit Badge Counselor for the Boy Scouts of America; CPR - First Aid Instructor Trainer, Disaster Training Instructor, HIV/AIDS Instructor and Disaster Action Team member for the American Red Cross. He was part of the team that received the 1992 American National Red Cross Healthy Innovations Award for producing a CPR training booklet for the hearing impaired community. He is currently a Skywarn Weather Spotter and a member of the Cross-Country Ski Patrol for Dakota County Parks.

Ed has been married to his best friend Sue for 38 years. A “show crush” they met in a production of Gilbert & Sullivan’s operetta *The Mikado*. Shortly after their marriage, they performed in the *Golden Age of Radio - Alive and In Color* on a USO tour of East Coast VA Hospitals. They have two children - Amanda and Steve.

In their spare time, Ed and Sue enjoy cross-country skiing, canoeing, kayaking, fishing, camping, hiking and reading together. Ed also enjoys fishing.