INTRODUCTION - RICHARD S. LAWRENCE

Rick received Bachelor of Building Science and Bachelor of Architecture degrees from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, NY. He was a practicing architect in Manchester, CT for 46 years until his retirement in 2015.

He joined the Manchester Rotary Club in 1978 and received the first of six Paul Harris Fellow awards in 2000. For the past five years he has served as District 7890 Chair for Water & Sanitation Projects, In 2014 Rotary International presented him with the "Service Above Self" Award – Rotary's highest honor and awarded annually to a maximum of 150 individuals throughout the world.

While vacationing in Guatemala in 2006 Rick attended a meeting of the Rotary Club of La Antigua, Guatemala, making the initial connections that resulted in sixteen sustainable clean water and sanitation projects completed from 2007 through 2017. His presentation today describes the efforts to fund another three villages in the current Rotary year 2016-2017 using another Global Grant.