

Janice Payne, born in Memphis, Tennessee, lived in seven different states before moving to Fort Worth where she finished high school and attended college. She managed a secretarial service and executive suite for 12 years prior to starting her own business in 1985 in the home she shared with husband Dale and daughter, Wendy. In 2007, after selling the business and the buildings it occupied on Montgomery Street in Fort Worth's cultural district, she and Dale retired to Plainview.

Rotary became a part of Janice's life in 1987 when she was invited to join the almost 100 members of the Rotary Club of Western Fort Worth. She quickly learned the difference between being a member of a Rotary Club and being a Rotarian. In 1997 she was instrumental in organizing a dinner and auction that raised almost \$12 thousand dollars for the Western Fort Worth Rotary Foundation and was recognized with the club's Object of Rotary Award. The following year, serving as club secretary, she was named Rotarian of the Year. Janice became a Paul Harris Fellow in 1998. In 2000 as club president-elect she received the club's Service Above Self award. As club president 2000-2001, she organized a joint rummage sale with the Fort Worth South Club, which raised several thousand dollars and was publicized with 2 three minute live shots on NBC5- DFW Saturday morning news. She was recognized again with the club's Service Above Self award in 2004.

On the district level, Janice served as District (5790) Vocational Service chair 2001-2002; AG (5790) for the 7 Fort Worth Clubs in 2002-2004; and as Bi-District Conference (5790/5810) registration chair in 2004.

Janice was also very active in the Fort Worth business community having served on board of directors of the Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce 2002-2005, the Women's Center of Tarrant County 2001-2007, the Associated Businesses of the Cultural District 1999-2005, Women's Policy Forum Fort Worth 2005-2007, Funding Information Center of North Texas 2004-2007, and Advisory Council member for the City of Fort Worth Business Center 1998-2007. She currently serves on Covenant Plainview Hospital Foundation board.

Janice and her business were recognized with a number of Fort Worth community awards. Among these are the Fort Worth Chamber's Small Business of the Year Award in 2000, the Better Business Bureau's Golden Torch Award for Ethics in the Marketplace 2001, as a Fort Worth Business Press Woman of Influence in 2002, with the City of Fort Worth's Business Assistance Center Entrepreneur Expo Award in 2003, and the Fort Worth Star Telegram Community Star Volunteer Award in 2005.

She attended the Rotary International Conventions in Buenos Aires, San Antonio and Chicago and RI Presidential Conferences in Miami, Toronto and Panama City. Janice is a Paul Harris Society member and she and husband, Dale, are Bequest Society members.

In her 19 years as a Rotarian, Janice has submitted over 30 membership proposals, over 20 have joined a Rotary Club, and 10 of those are current members. She strongly believes that "just one more will make the difference". This year she will also serve as the Plainview Club's Avenue of Service Director for membership..

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