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## BIOGRAPHY

Joe was born and educated in Detroit, Michigan. He served in Korea from 1950-51 as a Navy medical corpsman with the First Marine Division. He obtained his pre-med degree at Albion College in Albion, Michigan; and attended Wayne State University College of Medicine graduating in 1960. He interned at Los Angeles County hospital then returned to Wayne State Univ. for his residency in Orthopedic Surgery. He and his wife, Dorothy, moved to Stockton in 1966 where Joe entered private practice.

He has served as orthopedic team physician for the University of Pacific, the Milwaukee Brewers farm system, and the Stockton Ports baseball team.

Joe joined the Rotary club of Stockton in 1977; and served as President in 1990-91. He served as Governor of District 5220 from 1994-95.

He has served the Rotary Foundation as a volunteer orthopedic surgeon to Malawi, Africa on eleven tours; primarily performing surgery on polio victims called "crawlers". He has received many awards including the Service Above Self award, the Foundation PolioPlus Pioneer award, and the Distinguished Service Award of the Rotary Foundation.

He has also served his community, and was named "Stocktonian of the Year" in 1987; which he attributes to Rotary's prominent identity in his community. He has received the "Lifetime Achievement Award" from San Joaquin Medical Society; and recently "The Citizen of the Year Award from The Greater Yosemite Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

Joe and Dorothy have two sons, and four grandchildren. His favorite activities include skiing, mountaineering, travel, and giving power-point presentations about Rotary's legacy to the world---the eradication of polio.