



## **Biographies of Past Presidents**

### **Dale J. Bartizal, 61st President of Vermilion Rotary**

Dale J. Bartizal was born and raised in Glen Ellyn, IL. He met his wife, Donna in the 7th grade. After high school, Dale earned a BS degree in marketing from Indiana University in the year 1954. This same year he married his high school "sweetheart," Donna and was inducted into the U.S. Army. Dale's military occupational status was, Processing discharges at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. Dale was discharged in 1956.

At this time, Dale was hired by Clearing Machine Corp in Chicago in the sales department for both, domestic and international sales. Dale went up from Clearing Machine to Borg-Warner Corp to plant manager of Amcodyne Corp in Lorain, Ohio manufacturing swimming and sewage treatment pools. When Amcodyn was acquired, Dale acquired the Western Auto Store in Vermilion, Ohio in 1967 through 1972 where the family resided at that time. He then joined the Lorain National Bank in 1973 working as branch manager at the offices in Lorain, Avon Lake, Elyria, and finally back home in Vermilion.

Dale and Donna came to Vermilion from Avon Lake after their misfortune of having their home burn in 1970. Donna and Dale have two sons, both of whom are married. They now have been blessed with three grandsons.

The incomplete list of Dale's community activities includes being past-president of the Vermilion Rotary Club. He is also a "Paul Harris Fellow" of Rotary International. A past member of the Vermilion Chamber of Commerce, on the board of directors of the Vermilion YMCA, and the Vermilion City income tax administrator for many years. To keep his membership in the Rotary club continuity going, as he was transferred from one branch of the Lorain National Bank to another, Dale also transferred his membership to these respective towns.

Dale and Donna spend their summers in Vermilion and the rest of the year in Naples, Florida. They enjoy their retirement and really enjoy fishing and boating.