

Proposed District Governor 2022-2023

Adekunle (Ade) Onayemi



Ade Onayemi has been a member of the Rotary Club of Oak Park-River Forest since 2005. A Rotarian of the Year (ROY) at his club, he served on the board and various committees, assisting with the Interact club, presiding over membership, and the annual dictionary project. In 2014, as Club President, he initiated the club's flagship event that promotes Rotary in the community and tripled fundraising.

He has served the District as an Assistant Governor and is currently a member of the board, Chair of the Youth Services Committee, and board liaison on the District Strategic Planning Task Force.

A graduate of the UIC School of Architecture, Ade is a licensed architect with over thirty-eight years of experience in the practice of architecture. He is the president of Urban Resource, Inc., Architects and Planners, an award-winning Chicago architectural firm. His firm maintains contracts with the State of Illinois, Capital Development Board, The Field Museum of Natural History, and various private enterprises throughout the Chicagoland area.

A former adjunct instructor at Triton College in River Grove, Ade has volunteered for educational organizations in the Oak Park, Austin, and neighboring communities of Chicago for many years. He is a former member and past President of the Board of Education in Oak Park Elementary School District #97. He was a Vice-Chairman of ED-RED, an Illinois school lobby organization representing 300,000 children in high school & elementary districts, and Special Ed Co-ops and ISCs in Suburban Cook, Lake, and DuPage Counties.

Within the Austin community, Ade provided mentoring opportunities for children and adults. He was a founding member and Vice-Chair on the Board of Directors for the Austin Business and Entrepreneurship Academy, located in the Austin High School Complex. He also serves as Chair Emeritus on the Board of Directors for the Austin African American Business Network, Inc., a non-profit organization responsible for pooling resources to bring about effective social and economic change in the Austin community.

Ade and his wife Kathy are both Paul Harris Fellows. They are residents of Oak Park, where Ade serves as a Township Trustee. They have two adult married children, Justin and Christine, and five grandchildren, two of whom are Interactors. The family is very supportive of the Rotary Youth Exchange program and has hosted a student from Finland.