

## Global Grants In Our District

### Speaker Biographies



**Mark Grandcolas**

#### District Vocational Service Chair

Mark Grandcolas is the President-elect of the Carmel-by-the-Sea Rotary Club, where he has been a member for the past 7 years. Mark was previously a member of the Rotary Club of San Miguel de Allende Midday. He and his club partner Ric Masten spearheaded the creation of a global grant vocational training project in Salinas, the Rancho Cielo Classic and Antique Car repair course, which was featured on the cover of the February 2024 *Rotary* magazine. The program has since attracted funding from both private and public sources and is looking to expand.

Originally from the midwest, Mark attended Purdue University and the University of Texas at Austin where he graduated with a degree in engineering, with honors. He worked for NASA in Houston before moving to California to work at Rocketdyne and Lockheed. He transitioned to the computer industry with IBM, and later started his own security software company, which was acquired by Qualcomm. Mark is now retired, lives in Carmel Highlands, enjoys visiting his daughters and playing golf, but most of all, he loves making the world a better place by being a Rotarian.