## **Don Casperson**

Don Casperson is a transplanted New Englander who came to Los Alamos as a graduate student in the 1970s to earn a Ph.D. and work at the Laboratory. Until his retirement in 2008, most of his volunteer work was for the Methodist Church, where he has operated the Friday night roller skating program United Skates since 1993, and where he continues to serve with the audiovisual team. He has also been a devoted friend to several families in town, going far more than the extra mile to help wherever needed. His real efforts as a volunteer, however, came once he retired from the Lab and joined Kiwanis at the urging of his friend, Dennis Gill. He has been involved in many Kiwanis programs ever since, especially those that involve youth. He serves as a Kiwanis advisor to several K-Kids Clubs (elementary



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school), the Builders Club (middle school) and also Key Club (high school). All of these programs offer fun, useful, service-oriented activities. He is a respected and welcome leader and his homemade brownies are a real treat for the students.