

## **Robert Heine**

1. What year did you become a resident of Lookout Mountain Water District?

Anne and I bought our house on Lookout Mountain in 1992. We rented the house until I retired in 2004, when we moved into the house as our permanent residence.

2. Your career and professional background:

I have degrees in Economics and Electrical Engineering and taught courses in International Management at the Sloan School of Management at MIT while working on a PhD. In 1982 I went to Washington DC as a corporate lobbyist for Conoco and joined the DuPont government affairs department when the 2 firms merged. I spent 22 years in Washington working on issues ranging from environmental protection to international trade and chaired various committees at the American Petroleum Institute (API), the American Chemistry Council (ACC), the National Association of Manufacturers (NAM), and the US Chamber of Commerce.

3. Family, interests, community/HOA/Lateral:

I have been married to Anne R. Heine for 30 years, and we have 2 grown children with families of their own. I joined the board of our HOA, the Panorama Estates Homeowners Association (which manages the Weller Water Line with about 75 taps), in 2006 and served as President for 5 years until I retired this past October. Our Weller Water Line averages about 2 breaks/year, so I'm very familiar with the problems faced by our aging lateral lines.

4. Why would you like to serve on the Board for the next four years?

Someone once said that "If you are lucky enough to live in the mountains, you are lucky enough." We who have access to Lookout Mountain Water are twice blessed because not only do we live in the mountains, but we have the best water in Colorado. I want to join the board so I can do my part to make sure we can continue to enjoy that benefit.

5. What do you think are the District's strong points?

The main strong points of the District are it's direct access to clean mountain water and the close connection between the District and it's customers.

6. What do you think are the District's weak points?

The main weak point of the district is it's small size. The small number of taps means that the cost of major capital improvement projects cannot be spread over a large number of users. These cost concerns place a burden on the Board to ensure that major projects are done in the most efficient way possible and that costs are minimized in both the short and long term.

7. What do you think is the District's greatest challenge, in the near term?

The greatest near term challenge facing the District is securing additional senior water rights to ensure adequate water supplies for our customers. The Jefferson County Commissioners recently approved a major building expansion in our service area that will require additional water, and the building's owners need to secure additional senior water rights so that the new water supply burden they are placing on the District will not be born by the District's current customers.

8. What do you think is the District's greatest challenge, in the far term?

The greatest far term challenge facing the District is ensuring the ability of the District to supply the water needed to fight a major wildfire in our service area. The District needs to enlarge our reservoir and ensure that emergency interconnections exist with neighboring water districts so that adequate water is available when (not if) a major wildfire threatens our customers.

9. What areas will you most focus on during your term?

I plan to focus on the two issues above should I have the good fortune to be elected to the District board.